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# District VI Winter Music Festival welcomed students from 15 local schools



Students from the High School Concert Choir perform at the Winter Music Festival.

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BY AIYANA FORTIN  
*The Vermont Journal*

REGION - Bellows Falls Union High School welcomed 117 student musicians from fifteen different schools to the Winter Festival last weekend. The students performed in one of three ensembles, the Middle School Concert Band, High School Jazz Band on Sat., January 28.

These students auditioned for their respective ensembles in November, waited patiently to find out if they had been selected, and then worked tediously to prepare their music for the two-day festival. After arriving at the festival, the students were directed by a guest conductor as they worked to polish the pieces in preparation for the concert.

The concert began with the Middle School Concert Band, directed by Glenn Giles, a professor at Castleton University. He received a B.S. in Music Education from Castleton University and an M.M. in Instrumental Conducting from the University of Maine. He is a guest conductor and clinician in Northern New England and a member of the Vermont Music Educators' Association. He's taught in the Rutland area for 44 years.

The concert band, which included four members of the Black River Middle School, performed "At the Crossroads," a dedicatory fanfare for Band by Robert W. Smith, "Country Wildflowers" by Larry Daehn, and "The Forge of Vulcan" by Michael Sweeney.

The conductor, Prof. Giles, asked

the audience to sing with the band on their last piece, a patriotic "Let Freedom Ring!" by Ed Huckeby. The conductor acknowledged and thanked the families and teachers of the students in the Band, and exited after explaining the importance of a quality music education to both the student and the world around them.

With drastic shifts and changes being made in education, it is even more important that students receive a well-rounded education and the opportunity to pursue their passions.

The High School Concert Choir performed next, although their original guest conductor did not direct them. Stephen A. Paparo, professor at the University of Massachusetts - Amherst, was only able to direct half of the rehearsals. He fell sick Friday evening and was not able to come to rehearsals Saturday morning.

Miraculously, Andrea Nardone, Choral conductor and educator at Hartford High School, stepped in to conduct the District Choir, polishing the pieces and directing the Chorus in the concert.

The Concert Choir, which included four members of Black River Middle School and pianist Patty Meyer from Brattleboro, began with a traditional piece, "With a Voice of Singing" by Martin Shaw, and "Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind" by John Rutter. Their next piece, "Hine Ma Tov" arranged by Allan E. Naplan, featured a clarinet soloist Elijah Taylor from Brattleboro Union High School. Next, they performed "Sing Me To Heaven" by Daniel Gawthrop, a beautiful lyrical tale of life and

love. They concluded their portion of the concert with "Son de Camaguey," by Stephen Hatfield, which was incredibly fun, light-hearted, and rhythmically accompanied by music directors.

The Jazz Band brought an end to the concert and festival. John Mastroianni, who currently works in public schools in Connecticut, but has performed, toured, and recorded with many jazz and pop artists, including Mel Lewis, Smokey Robinson, Gerry Mulligan, and Aretha Franklin, conducted them. He studied at the University of Bridgeport, New York University, and privately with Phil Woods, Jim McNeely, and others.

The Jazz Band began with "Don't Get Sassy," written by Thad Jones and arranged by Carubia, "Crescent City Stomp" by Eric Richards, and Work Song by Nat Adderley, arranged by Mastroianni. Each of the seventeen members of this select ensemble had the opportunity to solo, creating a beautiful, musical, art for everyone to enjoy.

All in all, it is the work done behind the scenes by music educators, students, parents, and the host school that support musical opportunities for middle and high school students. These music festivals are incredible opportunities for young musicians to cultivate, explore, and develop their passion for music and make lifelong friends and memories.

# Please join the Mount Holly Alternative Energy Committee

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# New Voices event shines a light on promising first authors

BY TERRI J. HUCK  
*The Vermont Journal*

CHESTER, Vt. - Phoenix Books Misty Valley's 23rd annual New Voices event brought five promising writers to Chester to discuss and read from their work on Jan. 28, at the First Universalist Church. Although the stories varied widely in style and content, they shared some common themes, including the power of love, the mysteries of language and the compelling need for connection.

Kaitlyn Greenidge's "We Love You, Charlie Freeman" is about a black family that agrees to live with a chimp and teach him sign language as part of an experiment. Greenidge said she was inspired by a 1931 experiment in which a couple raised their son alongside a chimpanzee. Stunned by the public outcry, the couple sought to distance themselves from the experiment, and the son later killed himself. Greenidge said she was intrigued by the "hubris and folly of trying to shape the natural world." Her previous jobs at the Weeksville Heritage Center in Brooklyn and for the National Park Service in Boston involved talking with people about race in American history, which is another theme of her book.

A young Lithuanian woman named Magdalena sees the truth about people written on their skin in Adelia Saunders' book "Indelible." The idea was sparked by archival research Saunders conducted in Lithuania. As she sifted through personnel files that might contain a handful of documents - a birth certificate, a photo with a cryptic note on the back - she wondered what it would be like if that information were visible on our skin. Saunders grew up in Durango, Colo., and currently lives in New York City, where she works for an international think tank.

Tom McAllister said the idea for his book arose during a dinner conversation with his wife. They were jokingly discussing which one of them should die first and agreed that he should because he would be less capable of coping on his own. In the course of that dinner, they began writing notes for what would become "The Young Widower's Handbook," the story of a grief-stricken man who takes a trip across the country with his dead wife's ashes. He said he wanted to explore the idiosyncratic ways that grief manifests itself not in the immediate aftermath of a loved one's death but a year later. McAllister lives in New Jersey and teaches at Temple University.

After studying poetry at Yale University, Rebecca Dinerstein received a grant to write poetry for a year. She said she was drawn



Authors and their books from the 23rd annual New Voices event.

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to sheep and fog and the "northern dreamscape" after spending a couple of summers in Ireland and had an urge to go north. She ended up in Lofoten, Norway, 95 miles north of the Arctic Circle, where the sun doesn't rise half the year and doesn't set the other half. "The Sunlit Night" is about two people who have fled New York City for Lofoten, where "they have come to learn how to be alone." Dinerstein stayed in Norway beyond that initial year and learned Norwegian well enough to publish a bilingual English-Norwegian collection of poems.

Dan Cluchey is a former speechwriter for the Obama administration. He describes "The Life of the World to Come" as the story of a man who has a "sudden and unwelcome break with the status quo" when his longtime relationship ends. He is also a lawyer who is trying to prevent a client from being executed under the death penalty. Cluchey said that ever since he was 5 years old, he has struggled to com-

prehend the fact that someday he will be dead. Although the speeches he has written had many purposes, the main goal was to persuade, and his book "is a 70,000-word speech meant to persuade myself that someday I will be gone." The Portland, Maine, native now lives in New Haven, Conn.

Misty Valley's former owners Bill and Lynn Reed launched New Voices in 1994 and still organize the event, which also includes cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, and a reception and dinner with the authors. In another unusual twist, local readers introduce each author and book at the reading.

Past honorees have gone on to considerable fame, including Dennis Lehane, Colum McCann, Arthur Golden, Gregory Maguire, Jennifer Egan and Alex Berenson. The First Universalist Church in Chester has hosted the event since the beginning, and the store donates a portion of the proceeds to the church's building fund.



# Ludlow Rotary's 90th

In a rather rare instance of international good will, the Ukraine Rotary Club wished the Ludlow Rotary Club a Happy Birthday via Facebook. The Ludlow Rotary Club is celebrating its 90 anniversary this month! While it had publicized this historic birthday regionally through the Rotary District, members of the Ludlow organization had not anticipated any such global recognition. Per Ludlow Rotary Club President Tesha Buss, "Boy this really makes you realize how international Rotary International is!"

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# Salon 2000 celebrates 25 years in business

BY SHAWN TAE STILLWELL  
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – On Thursday, February 1, Sarah Yake, owner of Salon 2000, will celebrate 25 years in business. Yake, a life-long resident of Chester, and only 22 years old at the time, opened up shop in a small location on Main Street. There, with the addition of her sister, Hannah Monier, Salon 2000 quickly established itself as a high-end, full service salon. After being in business for 13 years, Yake moved her salon to its current location in the depot. With a great deal of renovations needed, “a team of great people” was assembled to do the work. The additional space, which includes a reception area with

a working fireplace, provides clients with the relaxing atmosphere they deserve. “Sometimes they just want to stay for a while,” Yake said, sitting next to her snug fireplace, and she and her staff love the company. Recently joining the Salon 2000 team is creative stylist Stephanie Gramling, who came aboard this past fall with nine years of professional experience between California and Vermont. Yake and her team are “cohesive, and dedicated to providing excellent service and an excellent product” that keeps their customers coming back. After their 25-year celebration on February 1, the ladies will be attending the three day “International Beauty Show” at the Javits in NYC on March 12-14. The show has repre-

sented the industry for 100 years, and features renowned artists from across the globe. “It’s the equivalent of fashion week for hair-dressers,” Yake explained with excitement. “It’s inspiring and innovative.” Yake and the entire staff at Salon 2000 thank the community for 25 years of support and invite everyone to their anniversary celebration on the first.



Salon 2000 celebrates 25 years in business.

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Sarah Yake sits by her cozy wood burning fireplace.

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## Endless Creations Pottery studio

Marji Graf, CEO of Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, welcomes owner Melissa Howe and daughter Brie Howe-Lynch to the Chamber and to their new location at 23 Maple Street in Chester. Endless Creations Pottery Studio specializes in a creative outlet for all ages, from pottery to canvas, sip ‘n paint nights, and birthday parties. View their calendar of events on their website at [www.endlesscreationspottery.com](http://www.endlesscreationspottery.com), or call Melissa at 875-2008.

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# Okemo Community Challenge marks 21 years serving the community

LUDLOW, Vt. – On Saturday, Jan. 21, the Okemo Community Challenge held its annual fundraiser, Flannel with Flair, at Okemo Mountain Resort’s Roundhouse at Jackson Gore. Guests shed their ski gear and donned their best flannel for an evening of dining, dancing and a combination of live and silent auctions. Dinner was prepared by Okemo Executive Chef Scot Emerson and staff. The Josh Panda Band provided the music. The “Fund A Need” component of the event raised money to bring back Ludlow’s Fourth of July fireworks. The fireworks will be held on July 2, 2017, at the West Hill Recreation Area. The Okemo Community Challenge (OCC), founded in 1996, has raised close to \$2 million through the generous support of local businesses, homeowners and visitors to fund challenge grants for our local

non-profits. OCC actively supports our schools, whose declining budgets make

it difficult to provide students with state-of-the-art technology and enrichment programs. OCC has funded Streetscapes and the Ludlow Garden Club, organizations that brighten up our Main Street. Fletcher Memorial Library, Black River Academy Museum, LPCTV, Friends of Ludlow Auditorium, Black River Area Community Coalition, Windsor County Youth Services and the Gill Odd Fellows Home have all received support from OCC. The OCC board (Diane Mueller, Kathy Burns, Lisa Schmidt, Joyce Washburn, Leslie Stuart and Kevin Barnes) thanks everyone who donated, volunteered and attended Flannel with Flair. Your support helps us to continue our efforts to help make the Ludlow community stronger and more vibrant ... a better place to live, work and play.



Okemo Community Challenge members gather for Flannel with Flair.

PHOTO BY DONALD DILL

# Robyn Davis engaged to Greg Morrison

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Al and Roxie Davis of Proctorsville have

announced the engagement of their daughter Robyn Davis to Greg Morrison, the son of Les and Melody Morrison of Peacham. Robyn is a graduate of Green Mountain Union High School and St. Michael’s College with a major in Elementary Education and Psychology. She is a Behavior Interventionist in Johnson, Vt., and is studying to become a health coach. Greg is a graduate of Danville

High School and State University of New York-Cobleskill, where he earned a Bachelor of Technology in Agricultural Business. He works at the family-owned business, Morrison’s Custom Feeds, in Barre, Vt. A fall wedding is being planned.



Robyn Davis and Greg Morrison.

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# Okemo Mountain School winter festival fundraiser Feb. 18

LUDLOW, Vt. – Okemo Mountain School is having its 25th anniversary Winter Festival on February 18 at Willie Dunn’s restaurant located at the Okemo Valley Gold club from 7 – 10 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance as OMS, Okemo Mountain Resort, or at the Wine and Cheese Depot. The night will include wine and

cheese tasting, beer and cider tasting, and a sample of delicious food from local restaurants. Participate in the silent auction that will have a plethora of phenomenal trips, experiences and gifts for you to enjoy. OMS will be raffling off a quilt. Sue and Dick McCostis, to support kids that would be left out of a competitive mountain program due to high costs, established the McCostis Scholarship. The following scholarships are awarded in their memory: Dick and Susan McCostis, Pete Noyes, George Shaw, Than Durgin, Sarah Jean Helter-

line, Kevin Stillwell. For more information contact Joan Noyes at [jnoyes1485@cox.net](mailto:jnoyes1485@cox.net)



Colorful quilt to be raffled at festival.

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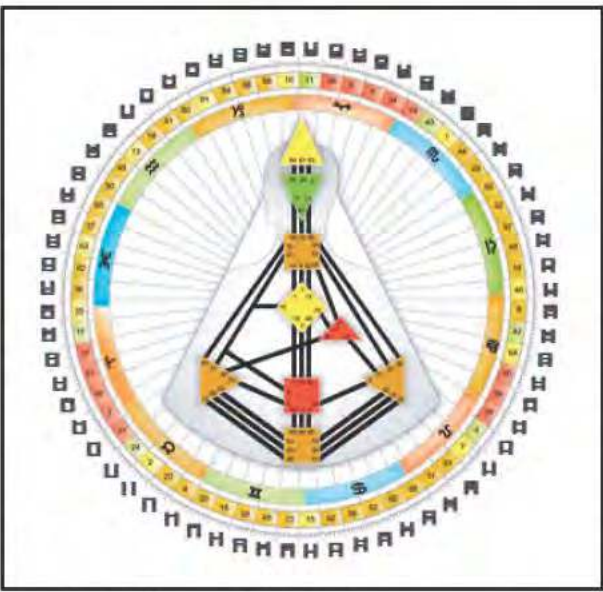
# Human Design: develop your personal user's manual

CHESTER, Vt. - Have you ever used astrology to inform your decisions? Or to learn more about who you are? Then you may be interested in attending a workshop on Human Design on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Dream Barn Hollow in Chester, Vt.

If someone gave you a user's manual for you, would you use it or would it stay unopened on a bedside table?

Human Design is that user's manual. Human Design combines and synthesizes the ancient wisdom of astrology, I Ching, chakras and Kabbalah with the modern sciences of astrophysics, biochemistry and genetics. Human Design is often called the "new astrology" and the "intersection of science and spirituality."

A personal Human Design chart offers an astonishingly accurate guide to your personality and reflects our unique design and specific purpose to fulfill while on Earth. When you register, you can provide information to receive your own free personalized chart. Then, during the



Example of a Human Design chart.

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workshop, Dan Arseneau will explain Human Design concepts, a basic interpretation and understanding of your individual Human Design.

This workshop will transform the complex into understandable basic elements, as well as the deeper nuances it offers. It will bless you with profound insights on lifelong tendencies. It will help you prepare for the repetitive difficulties you en-

counter throughout life and help you on your path to identify, embrace and grow the opportunities life offers. You will recognize strengths, challenges and above all, your full potential.

Then you can begin to understand who you are and who you are not, and allow your life purpose to unfold naturally and discover true dynamics of authentic relationships.

Human Design is not a belief system; it does not require that you believe in anything. It is a concrete road map that opens the door of Actualization, Self-Love, Love of Life and Love of Others through Understanding.

So ... are you curious? This workshop, brought to you by SPACE, Inc. is led by Dan Arseneau and includes handouts and a light vegetarian lunch. To learn more or to register, call 802-875-1717 or email: dreambarnhol-

# Okemo named among best places to work in Vermont

LUDLOW, Vt. - Okemo Mountain Resort has been named one of the 2017 Best Places to Work in Vermont. The annual list of the Best Places to Work in Vermont was created by Vermont Business Magazine, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, the Vermont Department of Economic Development, the Vermont Department of Labor, Society for Human Resource Management - Vermont State Council and Best Companies Group.

"At Okemo everything we do as a family business reflects our desire to support our employees in what they do to create 'The Okemo Difference' for our guests," said Okemo Mountain Resort Co-owner and Vice President Diane Mueller. "Each day the Okemo team takes on challenges and opportunities with a work ethic that is second to none."

Their desire to succeed is mixed with smiles, laughter and the friendships we cherish. Every one of us, in what we call "The Okemo Family," is honored to receive this award for the third consecutive year."

This statewide survey and awards program, now in its 11th year, is designed to identify, recognize and honor the best places of employment in Vermont, benefiting the State's economy, its workforce and businesses. Okemo has been a Best Places to Work in Vermont honoree since 2014 and was the first ski resort to make the prestigious list. The 2017 Best Places to Work in

Vermont list is made up of 45 companies.

The final rankings for each category will be announced at a special awards presentation on March

22, 2017.

For more information on the Best Places to Work in Vermont program, visit [www.BestPlacesToWorkInVT.com](http://www.BestPlacesToWorkInVT.com).

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# Networking gets creative in Killington

KILLINGTON, Vt. - The Killington Pico Area Association strives to provide regular networking opportunities to our community. KPAA members have the opportunity to host monthly mixers, taking place on the first Tuesday of each month. These mixers allow our members to showcase their businesses in a unique way. The next KPAA mixer is taking place on Tuesday, February 7 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Killington ART Garage.

"Last year, we were excited to see the turn out for our KPAA Mixer," Traci Templeton, owner of the Killington ART Garage, explained about last year's ART Garage mixer, which boasted an attendance of 70 KPAA and community members. "I believe people were curious about seeing what we have to offer and it was a great success!"

If you're interested in experiencing what the Killington ART Garage has to offer, if you want to meet new people in the area, or if you simply need to brush up



Killington Pico Area Association hosts an art garage mixer.

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on your networking skills, we invite you to join us.

"We will have various stations of 'Art making,' food and beverage for you to enjoy," Templeton said.

The Killington ART Garage is lo-

cated at 2841 Killington Rd. This is a family-friendly event and is open to the public. For more information, call the KPAA offices at (802) 773-4181 or email us at [admin@killingtonpico.org](mailto:admin@killingtonpico.org).

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# Merger Committee schedules informational Act 46 forums

REGION - The Northshire Merger Study Committee has scheduled a slate of forums to inform the voting public on the details of the proposed school district merger to be voted on by Australian Ballot on March 7, 2017.

In two subsequent votes late last year, the committee and the State Board of Education unanimously agreed that it is advisable that the Danby, Dorset, Manchester, Mountain Towns RED (comprised of Londonderry, Peru, Weston and Landgrove), Mt. Tabor and Sunderland school districts merge into one Regional Education District.

The name of the proposed unified governing entity is The Taconic and Green Regional School District. Chair of the committee Jon Wilson

(Manchester) is looking forward to further connecting with community members.

He said, "During town meeting time, we typically have to focus on matters strictly germane to our town and school district. This merger proposal will push all of us to expand our thinking to consider a potential long-term relationship with our neighbors. Having grown up here, I know firsthand the natural bond we share with the communities involved in this proposed merger. While this year's Town Meeting will be a unique experience for us all, I am confident that in the coming months the voters will reflect the thoughtful, open-minded, and inquisitive attitude that has been the trademark of our 17-member com-

mittee."

Vice-chair Richard Grip added to Wilson's sentiment, "I moved from Newfane to Dorset five years ago so my daughters could attend BBA. As a demographer, I work with many school districts in the Northeast who are conducting feasibility studies on merging, or in some cases, de-regionalizing. When I moved to this area, I realized how invested people are in exploring opportunities that enhance our education system. I think we will see more of the same in these upcoming forums."

To get the details of the proposed merger, Wilson recommends voters read the merger report, which was approved by the State Board of Education. You can read this document, along with many more, at the following website: <https://sites.google.com/site/northshireremergestudy/>. He also recommends voters follow the committee on Facebook @northshireremergestudy.

Wilson added, "The primary reason

we explored a merger is Act 46. This is not to say that a merger would be unwise without the existence of this school governance reform legislation. Before Act 46, in 2012, the Landgrove, Peru, Weston, and Londonderry school districts voluntarily and successfully merged into the Mountain Towns RED."

**The upcoming forums are:**

January 31, 6:30 p.m. - Currier School in Danby

February 4, 3:00 p.m. - Currier School in Danby

February 9 or snow date of March 3, 6:30 p.m. - Flood Brook School

February 28 or snow date of March 1, 6:30 p.m. - Sunderland Elementary

March 2 or snow date of March 3, 6:30 p.m. - Manchester Community Library

Community members are encouraged to reach out to Jon Wilson if they have questions [jon.wilson@brsu.org](mailto:jon.wilson@brsu.org) / 802-379-8472

# I-91 Rockingham bridges update and public meeting of construction team

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 northbound travel lane only (right lane) and the northbound Exit 6 on-ramp remain closed until approximately 2/03/17. Traffic needing to use the Exit 6 on-ramp will be detoured to Route 5 north to I-91 Exit 7 on-ramp.

A public meeting has been scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at the Bellows

Falls Opera House. This meeting will allow the general public to meet the team involved in the replacement of the bridges, learn about the construction plan and ask questions.

We ask motorists to use extreme caution as the safety of the workers along with themselves is of the utmost importance.

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/>

# Vendor spots available for Chester Fall Festival on the Green

CHESTER, Vt. - Applications for the annual Fall Festival on the Green held on September 16 - 17, 2017 are now available! High quality artists and craftspeople creating handmade work in New England are encouraged to participate. Applications are due by April 1, 2017. Download an application and guidelines at [www.chesterfallfestival.org](http://www.chesterfallfestival.org).

Participating vendors will be

listed on the Fall Festival website. If your Chester business or organization is planning a special event for that weekend, please let the Fall Festival Committee of Rotary Club of Chester, know and we will do our best to include it in our publicity. The Vermont Chamber of Commerce has designated this as a "Top 10 Fall Event" in 2017. Contact [chesterfallfestival@gmail.com](mailto:chesterfallfestival@gmail.com) with any questions.

# Seeking submissions for PoemTown, a celebration of poetry

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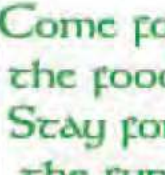








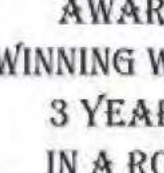




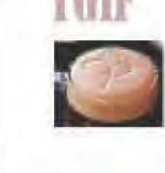








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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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## The Big Cheese

Recently I was researching the 1871 Vermont Journal in the collection of the Springfield Art & Historical Society. While I didn't find what I was looking for I did make an interesting discovery.

In the April 29, 1871, Vermont Journal I found mention of a cheese factory to be built on North Street in Chester and scheduled to open later that summer. In the October 9, 1871, issue I found the opening dedication. I have copied it below as printed.

"The dedication of the new cheese factory took place at Chester on Tuesday of last week. Everything but the clouds appeared to favor one of the largest gatherings of people ever known in town. Inauspicious as were the signs of the morning, however great crowds flocked to the place from every direction. A procession of more than a mile in length began to move at 10 o'clock, in the following order: Grafton Brass Band; the mammoth cheese drawn by six horses; a cow in a wagon; the fire department with their engine, splendidly trimmed; a town team drawn by 105 pairs of oxen in one string; company of antiques and horrors mounted and on foot, under the command of J.B. Cram; invited guests and 'citizens generally.' About 11 o'clock it began raining, which dampened the ardor of all, but they kept on till the end of the route. Leander Wetherell of Boston arrived on the noon train and began his address on 'dairy husbandry,' but was interrupted and obliged to wait until evening, when he finished it in the town hall. It is estimated that over three thousand people were present. A delegation consisting of 100 teams started from Charlestown, N.H., and turned back on account of the rain. The mammoth cheese, weighing 732 pounds, was given away to the crowd, who stood in the rain while eating it. A banner carried on the wagon with the cheese was inscribed, 'weighty but not mitey.'"

I know a little about the Antiques and the Horrors. They were a local marching band that dressed in ex-



Chester cheese factory on North Street.

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aggerated costumes. One account I found described them this way:

"They were led by Jim Cram. Over his shoulder he carried a tin sword more than six feet long. He wore an enormous artificial nose, and had a 'fair ground belly' stuffed with straw,

the Boston Cultivator, an agriculture magazine distributed throughout New England. Wetherell also addressed the New York State assembly in 1889 regarding dairy practices.

The cheese factory was located on the upper end of North Street near

the cemetery and on that side of the street. It shows up on the 1905 Sanborn Insurance map but is not present on the 1925 map.

Chester Town Hall was built in 1884 so it was not the site of Wetherell's speech. He would have spoken at either the Baptist Church or the Stone Church on North Street, as both served for town meetings prior to 1884.

The photo with this article is in the collection of the Chester Historical Society. I have not seen any photos of the parade. Do you have one?

One hundred and five pair of oxen would be close to 1,000 feet in length. A 732-pound cheese divided among 3,000 people would be about four ounces per person.

The Feb. 19 Antiques Roundtable will feature horses, including: work horses, show horses or riding horses. We are looking for exhibitors to show saddles, spurs, bridles, photos, etc. I will show an antique 1860s McClellan Civil War saddle and part of my Dan Patch collection. The historical society will show our WW1 McClellan saddle along with old photos of horses. This is your chance to show off your horses.

The March 12 Roundtable will feature musicians who make, repair and play their own instruments. Erik Johansson has already signed up. Each musician will show and talk about their instruments and each will be given a few minutes to play on the stage at Chester Town Hall. Later all will play together on the stage for as long as they like. This is a unique opportunity to show visitors what you do and jam a little.

This week's old saying: "You can lead your son to college but you can't make him think."



1871 Vermont Journal in Springfield..

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and he was sweating profusely. Behind him came every conceivable kind of hobo. What they lacked in musical ability they made up for with volume and enthusiasm."

In a separate document I found that in 1888 the cheese factory produced 100,000 pounds of cheese. Not bad for a seasonal operation. They closed for the winter months. All of the milk they used came from local farms.

Leander Wetherell was a writer for

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The discussion will be held on Thursday, Feb. 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the Springfield Town Library. The discussion will focus on ensuring continuation of government, open and fact-based at the local level through citizen participation. Hot chocolate and marshmallows will be provided. For more information, contact rrtl@sover.net.



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# editorial

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Vermont bill could extend more freedom to student publications

Many of us can remember working on student newspapers when we were in high school.

It was a lot of fun, loads of work, and sometimes what we wrote never made it past the principal/censor at the school.

All sorts of reasons were used to keep stories out of the paper, some valid, some with the “because I can” answer we all loved hearing as kids.

That could change in Vermont, where a bill has been introduced in the legislature to extend more freedom to student publications.

Considering the current political climate in our nation, it’s probably coming at just the right time.

Senate Bill 18 of 2017 would do away with the authority of school officials to block the publication of student media content unless it is libelous or slanderous, violates the law, invades privacy, or “materially and substantially” incites school disruption.

That should cover the time-worn excuse that something printed in a school newspaper might disrupt the school. Anything printed in any publication might disrupt something somewhere, so school administrators used that one to censor whatever they wanted to.

The Students Rights Freedom of Expression Bill is modeled after one in Arizona, and seven other states have passed versions of the legislation.

The legislation would apply to both public and private schools, as well as colleges and universities in the state.

As a local example, the Burlington High School newspaper, the Register, printed an article about harassment and a student supporter of Donald Trump. As a result, the school administration announced it will review all articles before publication.

At a legislative hearing, Kelsey Neubauer, student editor in chief of The Vermont Cynic, the student-run newspaper at UVM, said the university’s hands-off policy toward the publication has allowed the staff to write stories that might not have ever been seen if prior review was mandated.

She said they published an investigative article about the university’s food service contractor and its labor practices that led the university to improve things. The article earned a second place award for the 2015 Story of the Year from the Associated Collegiate Press.

School administrators can censor student speech under a 1988 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that said “ungrammatical, poorly written, inadequately researched, biased or prejudiced, vulgar or profane, or unsuitable for immature audiences.”

That pretty much covers everything, so since then, some of the most innocuous and also some of the best stories have been stopped from publication using that ruling.

Some school districts are probably already thinking of reasons this bill is a bad idea, so who knows if it will ever become law.

But it is a good step in the right direction. We hope it or a version of it does eventually become law.

~BM~

### Op-Ed: Millennials to the rescue in Vermont’s demographics crisis

Vermont’s dirty little secret is out in the open. The Green Mountain State is the victim of a demographic shift. The state needs more young people and middle-class families – that is, more people paying taxes and fees.

The election of Gov. Phil Scott helped bring the secret out of the shadows.

With the rise of news stories about Vermont’s young people leaving the state in search of better-paying jobs, so, too, has its middle class begun to shrink. For example, 64 percent of Vermont’s high school graduates go out of state for college, and many never return.

“We must acknowledge ... our demographic and workforce challenges,” Scott said during his inauguration address. “It’s a complex problem and it will not be solved overnight. ... We literally cannot afford to ignore this issue anymore.”

#### Shrinking workforce

Between 2000 and 2010 – during the governorships of Democrat Howard Dean and Republican Jim Douglas – Vermonters between the ages of 25 and 45 declined by 30,000.

Things didn’t improve much under Democrat Gov. Peter Shumlin.

“Since 2010, we’ve lost 16,000 workers ... and that downward trend continues,” Scott said. “We are losing 2,300 more every year, which means, by tomorrow, we’ll have six fewer workers than we have today.”

As Scott also warned while lieutenant governor when his statewide “Everyday Jobs Initiative” hit the road, such losses erode the state’s tax base and scare away new businesses. “Those losses [are] making Vermont less and less affordable for those who remain,” he said.

#### Middle class blues

Between 1980 and 2015, Vermont’s middle class shrank 12 percent, according to a 2016 report by the left-leaning Public Assets Institute of Vermont. Meanwhile, job growth has flattened.

During the 2016 campaign, Scott said he’d like to see Vermont’s population expand from 625,000 to 700,000 over the next decade.

“This is a pretty tall order – maybe unattainable,” said Rob Roper, president of the Ethan Allen Institute, a right-leaning free-markets think tank. “Our state’s population is stagnant, and if we want to be able to continue paying for government services, we need to find a way to increase the number of citizens paying taxes into the treasury.”

During his budget address earlier in the week, Scott said \$750,000 will be earmarked for outreach marketing that targets young people, working families and new businesses.

#### Local action

Business leaders in Rutland and surrounding communities aren’t waiting for Scott or legislators to wave a magic wand. Their aim is to start taking action now.

Rutland’s shifting demographics are a microcosm of the rest of Vermont. As Mary Cohen of the Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce sees it, stopping and reversing Rutland County’s population declines is critical to the economic health of the Rutland and Killington resort region and beyond.

Cohen said a new, multi-tiered marketing campaign aimed at young people and others is set to start within six months. It’s the opening salvo of a decade-long blitz.

Rutland’s target audiences are Millennials and mid-career professionals looking to get something more



Millennials can help the Vermont population expand in the next 10 years. PHOTO PROVIDED

out of life. There’s also a tourist component. “If we can get them here to visit, we know many will want to live here, too,” Cohen said.

#### Skill sets

Cohen said Rutland-area employers have jobs, but not enough individuals with the right set of skills locally.

For example, health-care employers need trained people with med-tech and nursing degrees, and manufacturers, like G.E. Aviation in Rutland, are looking for electronics and mechanical engineering candidates.

With a first-year budget of \$200,000, Cohen said her partnership received funding from local businesses. Rutland City government kicked in \$50,000 for the first year.

The campaign team includes the Chamber and the Rutland Economic Development Corporation, as well as local boosters, advertising and media experts, and other key professionals.

“While Rutland City and the re-

gion have made significant strides toward revitalization, growing our population and visitation are vital,” Cohen said.

Roper agrees about growth, but he believes a free-market approach will work best to solve the demographic crisis in the long run.

“Vermont has a reputation for being a hard place to make a living. It only makes sense that we make it easy for recent graduates to, for example, ski during the day, work a part-time job in the evenings, supplement their incomes driving for Uber and rent out the spare room over the garage through Airbnb,” Roper said.

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

Article written by Lou Varicchio, from Vermont Watchdog.

### Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

#### Nitka’s notes from the State House

The governor presented his budget address this week to a joint assembly of the House and Senate. He received enthusiastic applause as he entered the chamber and in the Hall of Flags outside the chamber, where there was a gauntlet of state police and wellwishers. Inside, agency heads and commissioners were present sitting in the balcony. They are Governor Scott’s team and looked ready to tackle their new jobs. Most are new appointees and others were previously employed by the Shumlin administration. They have a wide range of experience and will work at agencies with vastly different missions, from the Fish and Wildlife Department to Corrections.

There was enthusiastic clapping for many of the governor’s initiatives and looks of puzzlement by some members regarding others. Since the time of the address, we have been receiving emails asking how certain proposals will work and from where will the funding come. The majority

of the contacts are about the education changes, renegotiating teacher contracts that are already in place, moving the school budget vote date from Town Meeting Day to May 23, and moving child care and retired teachers’ health care to the Ed Fund, which comes from property taxes. No one mentions the money that will be transferred from other funds to support some of these changes and what will not be funded or receive additional support.

The proposed closing of the Windsor Prison Work Camp will require thoughtful planning for the prisoners and the town of Windsor. The closure will reportedly save four million dollars. There is more money for higher education and for the Vermont Training Fund to focus on the trades. Four more counselors will be hired to work in the Small Business Development Centers, while additional funding will be used to promote Vermont as a jobs destination. The budget appropri-

ates \$800,000 to the opiate treatment hub in St. Albans and makes \$1,300,000 in investments into the criminal justice system for the opiate crisis.

There is a great deal in the new budget to figure out at this point and a lot of work to be done in many sectors around the state to be able to accomplish some of the goals.

Related to the opiate problem is a new bill in the Senate Judiciary Committee, S. 22, which has to do with fentanyl, the substance that is taking the lives of many of our Vermont citizens and is frequently combined with heroin. It is a synthetic opioid that is reported to be 50 to 100 times more powerful than morphine. Fentanyl has legitimate uses in the medical field but it is its unlawful use that is dangerous to users. The bill proposes to increase the penalties for possessing, selling, dispensing or trafficking fentanyl.

A welcome relief this week was the appearance of the Vermont National

Guard 40th Army Band for Farmers’ Night in the State House. The selection, “Armed Forces-The Pride of America,” is a favorite of mine and the attendees. It contains the music of each of the service branches and members of the audience are asked to stand and be recognized during the playing of the music from their service branch. Quite a few older women are present who served as nurses, including in the Marines.

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. I am able to read all of your e-mails and appreciate you sending them – however, the volume received makes it impossible to respond to all of them.

Senator Alice Nitka,  
D-Windsor

Dear Editor,

Greater Falls Connections would like to thank the local businesses that participated in the Responsible Beverage Sales and Service Trainings held during 2016, which were co-sponsored by the Brattleboro Area Prevention Coalition and the Department of Liquor Control. Thank you to Allen Brothers, Donovan’s, Leslie’s Tavern at Rockingham, and Pierce Lawton

American Legion Post 37 from the Greater Falls area for participating in the trainings. Greater Falls Connections recognizes the important role that local retailers, bars, and restaurants play in preventing underage drinking and tobacco use.

By taking part in the trainings, these businesses are demonstrating their commitment to making our commu-

nity a better place to live, work, and play. Responsible Beverage Service Trainings are part of an approach that increases collaborations with local retailers to reduce and prevent underage use of alcohol and tobacco and to prevent sales to intoxicated customers in our community.

We welcome all businesses to partner with us to promote wellness in the

community and to prevent the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Feel free to stop by our office at Parks Place and be part of the solution.

Sincerely,  
Scott Sharland  
Program Specialist at Greater Falls Connections  
Brattleboro, Vt.

Dear Editor,

To Craig Averill

Before telling Dick McCormack to read the Constitution, you should have picked up a dictionary. A “Republic” and a “Democracy” are not opposites. A republic is a form of democracy. So our country is indeed a democracy, and as such it has some basic principles.

One principle is: one voter-one vote. Not one state one vote, not one city one vote, not one county one vote, not one state 5 votes and another 40, but one voter-one vote.

Another principle is majority rule, with extensive protections for minorities. Not minority rule, ever.

The Electoral College, twice in the last 5 elections, has given us minority rule. This was never the intent of the founders and is a great danger to our

democracy.

Also, the founders understood that their constitution was not perfect, and in that knowledge they provided for it to be amended. Which it has been an average of once every 9 years. I don’t know of any other elections that don’t rely on the popular vote- town, state, or what-have you.

If there are more voters in New York City than in North Dakota, so be it. Why shouldn’t those votes be counted one-on-one? There is no LOGICAL reason not to, and certainly no reason for a true democracy not to do so.

Sincerely,  
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Obituaries

Beula W. Baldwin, 1927 - 2017

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Beula W. Baldwin 89, passed away on Friday evening January 20, 2017 at the Springfield Health & Rehab. Center in Springfield, Vt. surrounded by her family. She was born September 10, 1927 in Springfield, Vt. the daughter of George and Charlotte (Martin) Snide. She attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School class of 1946.

She was a lifelong resident of Springfield, Vermont.

On March 18, 1961 she married S. Raymond Baldwin in Springfield. He predeceased her on September 11, 1984.

She was employed as an Estate Manager and Supervisor for many families in Springfield, working for the E.R. Fellows Family, J.T. Slack Family, and the Woolson Family. She also worked at the Paddock Restaurant for several years and was employed with Planned Parenthood and Seveca in Springfield for a period of time.

She was a former member of the Alturian Club in Springfield. She

enjoyed knitting and crocheting and loved to cook.

Her sons Theodore Goodrich and his wife Gert of Springfield, and George Goodrich of Springfield, stepdaughter Linda Rae Baldwin of Winter Park, FL. two sisters: Marion Munson, of Springfield, and Olive Lebrun of Chester along with 8 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and 4 step-great grandchildren and by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins survive her.

Her parents, stepson David Baldwin, brothers Herbert Snide and Paul Snide, sister Clara Woodard as well as several other siblings predeceased her.

Friends called at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield on Wednesday evening January 25, 2017 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The funeral service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday January 26, 2017 at the Davis Memorial Chapel. Reverend Susan Webster-Toleno officiated.

Burial will be in the Pine Grove Cemetery in North Springfield, Vt. in the spring.

Jeffery Alan Lawrence, 1947 - 2017

LUDLOW, Vt. - Jeffrey Alan Lawrence, Master Carpenter, born May 11, 1947 at Springfield Hospital, in Springfield, Vt., passed away on January 14, 2017 in Green Valley, AZ.

He was the son of Harold F. Lawrence and Doris Baker Lawrence of Ludlow, Vt. He was a proud graduate of Black River High School in 1965.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army and was sent to Vietnam from April 1966 to April 1967 where he was stationed at An Khe in charge of a construction crew and awarded with a Commendation Medal for Excellence.

His last tour of duty was in Fairbanks, Alaska. He drove home down the Alaskan Highway, in a 1959 Chevrolet. He loved classic cars and attended and won many car shows with his Mazda Miata.

In February, 1969 he married Lucinda S. Twine in Ludlow, Vt. where they lived and worked for many years. While in Ludlow he was a member of the Baptist Church and Captain in the Ludlow Fire Department.

Jeff learned Master Carpentry from his father and was truly gifted. He was employed by ER Wiggins, Green Mountain Lumber, Belknap's and All Seasons Construction.



Jeffery Alan Lawrence, 1947 - 2017  
PHOTO PROVIDED

After his move to Green Valley, AZ, he worked on many projects even designing and building a tiny house. His beautiful work can be found in buildings from the Green Mountains to the Sonoran Desert.

Survivors include his daughter Aprille Rae Hillock, her husband Douglas, and grandchildren Newton Jeffrey Rose and Bailey Matteson, a son Justin Jeffrey Lawrence and his wife Erin, and grandchildren Chelsea, Tucker Jeffrey and Katie. Jeff has a surviving sister Susan, a nephew Peter and family. There are also nu-

merous cousins, cherished friends, high school classmates and his famous MacDonalds Gang.

In recent years, after moving to Green Valley, Jeff met his love Cyrel Bandy, with whom he has shared his life, making new memories and having wonderful adventures. Jeff and all those who loved him have treasured Cyrel's care and support.

A celebration of life in Green Valley, and a gathering in Vermont will be announced at a later date.

Donations in his name can be sent to the veteran's organization of your choice.

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George E. Scarborough, 1965 - 2017

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - George E. Scarborough, 51, of Old Terrace died Friday, January 20, 2017. George was born in Gilsom, N.H. on May 3, 1965 the son of Robert and Rita (Dubruel) Scarborough. He was loved and will be missed very much.

He is survived by his compan-

ion of 25 years and wife of 12 years, Wendy Smith; his sister Sharon Dubruel; his brothers Robert and John Scarborough; his step children Ashleigh Sara and Corey Smith; and grandchildren Kyleen Regina and Mykah Berry.

Services will be private at the convenience of the family.

Tanner Edward Gasco-Wiggin, 2017

CHESTER, Vt. - Tanner Edward Gasco-Wiggin, age 26 passed away Thursday January 26, 2017 at his home in Chester. His family will make arrangements for a memorial service to be announced for a later

date. A complete obituary will be published in a future edition of this paper.

Adams Funeral Home located in Chester is assisting the family with arrangements.

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# sports



## THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

A little bit of this and a little bit of that while waiting for the kick-off of the Super Bowl:

Patriots legacy- How old are you? I'm not getting personal; I just wondered what your perspective of the Patriots was? You see I remember the Friday Night when the Patriots were born. I listened to the game from Boston University's Nickerson Field on WBZ Radio. There was no TV. The Patriots coach was Lou Saban. It would be a great story if I could tell you he is Nick Saban's father, but it appears they were not related, despite the fact Lou's wife said they might be second cousins when Lou died.

You have had to be around from the beginning to fully appreciate what this team has accomplished. The Pats are looking for their fifth Super Bowl title Sunday night and they have all come in the new century. The franchise has an opportunity to join the Dallas Cowboys and San Francisco 49ers as five time winners trailing only the Pittsburgh Steelers, who have captured six Super Bowls.

The Pats finished 5-9 in that birth year and that Friday night game was a 13-10 loss to the Denver Broncos. It took them years to find a home field, until finally owner Billy Sullivan built one. Their problems went downhill from there.

There were many obstacles, which hindered this franchise before super fan Bob Kraft took control. Those obstacles began with the biggest problem of all, when the bathrooms at Sullivan's new field didn't function on opening night.

It is phenomenal where the Pats have come and the heights the combination of Belichick and Brady have led the franchise too. A victory Sunday would bring the northeast of America one step closer to leaving others in the dust. It really is an amazing story.

The missing Hanna Simpkins- Through no fault of her own, Hanna Simpkins was left off the list of area athletes presented last week, who have gone on to compete at the college level. Simpkins played both basketball and volleyball at Fall Mountain, but it was the sport of volleyball she took to the next level and is still hard at work.

Simpkins is a 2016 graduate of Fall Mountain and was a mainstay in different phases of their volleyball program. The Wildcats have the only volleyball program in our reporting area. A couple of years back, Simpkins was a part of a team, which was the best in Fall Mountain history and made the rest of the state know, the Lady Cats knew a thing or two about the sport.

Volleyball coach Michelle Swift let us know the bottom line of the sport at the school. Volleyball took the fall slot of field hockey for the Wildcats. Interest grew but due to proximity of other schools who compete in the sport and off season opportunities, camps, etc., growth with success is difficult. Simpkins has flourished nonetheless.

Simpkins played for Swift's team her first three years of high school. The pinnacle of success came her junior year when the team stood some kind of chance against good teams. Following that season, most of the talent graduated and Simpkins was left to lead and help teach the young and inexperienced.

"I don't know where to start," Swift reflected when speaking of Simpkins. She went on to say, "really, Hanna is a self taught volley ballplayer. I did what I could, but living here, it's difficult to grow in the off-season. Hanna and her family made sure she had those experiences; whether they were camps, travel teams or what. I am sure it was a lot more fun for her when we had other talented players, yet she did all she could do when she was a senior and led the way with our youngsters. Over her time here, she proved to be a solid leader, a

strong captain and a good teammate."

Simpkins is now competing at Mount Ida College in Newton, Massachusetts. Her college coach Craig Martin says he found her late and only because of her participation in the Junior Olympic program.

Martin says, "her freshman year wasn't easy. She started for us at the beginning at middle hitter, but then we thought we should move her to the outside."

Swift felt that was a good move for Simpkins at the college level, because of her size and it would allow her to use angles more efficiently.

"The transition was tough at times for Hannah," Martin said, "but she kept working. We had her coming off the bench for a while, but then she made it back to the starting line-up. She is working hard in the off season to make herself better." Swift added that if I wanted a word to describe Simpkins, it was "competitor."

During her freshman season at Mount Ida, Simpkins finished fourth on her team in scoring and in categories such as kills and kill percentage. She has three years of eligibility remaining and Martin is looking forward to her future.

"I am not surprised he says she is working hard," Swift says, "that is what she does."

Hard work has certainly paid off so far.

Fall Mountain cat paws- The Wildcat football program should have a new head coach before too long however Gordon Danserau is still accepting applications as the process moves along. Danserau says they have candidates in the pool that can make it work but because of a busy Athletic Director schedule for the next few weeks and the possibility that Nick Saban will choose to apply, it will be awhile longer before the school actually goes through the interview process.

Danserau also tells us the school will be hosting three basketball tournaments in 2017. Fall Mountain will play host to both a boys and girls Junior Varsity Tournament later in February. Then, due to the fact Keene State will no longer host a Girls Basketball Tournament around the holidays, Fall Mountain will put together one of their own at the varsity level. Schools with interest should contact Danserau at the school. If he has his way, all three tournaments would have eight team fields.

## BF girls basketball looking for winning season

BY BILL MURPHY

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Since 2003 when the Bellows Falls Girls basketball team captured the Division I Vermont State championship, results have not been kind. One winning season separates the results from twelve straight losing seasons, but this year's group is looking to break that trend. They stand 5-4 with eleven games remaining. Their stretch run begins with a game at Springfield Wednesday night.

Recently the team won three of their last five games. They defeated Black River 71-16, Long Trail 43-6, and Arlington 40-30. They bowed to Mount Saint Joseph 49-31 and Green Mountain 53-40 during the period.

Sophomore Molly Kelly was the most consistent Terrier scorer in that stretch scoring 12, 6 and 7 respectively in the winning games and 6 and 13 in the two losses. Freshman Taylor Goodell gave Kelly plenty of offensive support 10 points versus the Ludlow team and 13 versus Green Mountain and 8 points in

three of the other games.

The strongest part of the Terrier team is their depth. Coach Joe Goodhue plays ten players regularly and says, "we have depth, however I wish we could be more consistent and have less turnovers."

Seniors Hannah Kelly and Keri Ticino had strong numbers with Kelly's 19 points against Black River and 8,8 and 7 versus Long Trail, Arlington and Green Mountain respectively, while Ticino played strong defense with 18 steals over the stretch of games.



BF #12 TAYLOR GOODELL.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



BF #10 KERI TICINO.

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BF #5 ABBE CRAVINHO.

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BF #24 HANNAH KELLY.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



BF Senior Tri-Captain Murphy Hicks playing defense in a game against Windsor. She had 17 rebounds in a recent game versus Black River and averages over 10 rebounds a game

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BF #4 MICHELLE MARCHICA.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

## Springfield wrestlers hit the mats

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The excitement was high January 21 as nine high school and junior high wrestlers from Springfield hit the mats at a tournament in Bristol, Vermont.

Cardio and drills must be working, because the work put out by these kids was just excellent.

Jayson Webster battled his way through four opponents to bring home the gold; Tim Bapp-Cederholm and Brandon Bennett also earned first place in their brackets.

Mo Stettner wrangled her way to second place, and Matt Prosser brought home a silver medal also.

Third place winners were Peter Berlenbach, Gillian Guy, and Skyler Congdon; newcomer Troy Meier wrestled hard and kept his spirits and chin up through some tough matches.

Everyone worked hard, faced big challenges, and earned some respect on the mats. Congratulations, Springfield Junior high and high school wrestlers!



The Springfield Wrestling Team worked hard and won respect on the mats.

PHOTO BY KELLY STETTNER

## Black River Sports Schedule

### BRHS VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

FRIDAY, FEB. 3, 5:30 P.M.  
Away- Mid VT

TUESDAY, FEB. 7, 5:30 P.M.  
Home - Arlington

THURSDAY, FEB. 9, 5:30 P.M.  
Home - Poultney

Coach Larry Kelley

### BRHS VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

FRIDAY, FEB. 3, 7:00 P.M.  
Away - Mid VT

TUESDAY, FEB. 7, 7:00 P.M.  
Home - Long Trail

THURSDAY, FEB. 9, 7:00 P.M.  
Home - Poultney

Coach: Donald Richards  
Asst. Coach: Howard Paul

### BRHS JV BOYS BASKETBALL

TUESDAY, FEB. 7, 5:30 P.M.  
Home - Long Trail

THURSDAY, FEB. 9, 4:00P.M.  
Home - Poultney

Coach: Jake Covell

### BRMS GIRLS BASKETBALL

MONDAY, FEB. 6, 5:00 P.M.  
Home - Proctor

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8, 4:00 P.M.  
Away - Arlington

Coach Lisa Kelley

### BRHS SNOWBOARD

MONDAY, FEB. 6, 1:00 P.M.  
Okemo - Pipe

TUESDAY, FEB. 7, 1:00 P.M.  
Suicide Six - Giant Slalom

THURSDAY, FEB. 9, 1:00 P.M.  
Mt. Snow - Pipe

Coach: Bob Fortuna

### BRHS ROCK CLIMBING CLUB

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

Coach Bonnie Allen



# arts & entertainment

## Springfield community snowman competition

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - In the weeks leading up to Springfield Winter Carnival, there will be a local snowman competition. Bundle up with your family, head outside, and work together to build the best darn snowman Springfield has ever seen! There will also be a business category this year, so grab your mittens and your co-workers and get creative!

The winning business will receive a "Community Spirit Award" and a photo of their snowman on the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce's website homepage. A third category will feature snowmen built on site at Crown Point Country Club. Incorporate some rock 'n' roll elements to impress the judges and coordinate with this year's cardboard sled contest theme. Anything goes!

To enter, build a masterpiece, snap a photo and email it to [springfieldrec@hotmail.com](mailto:springfieldrec@hotmail.com) or call 802-885-2727 to have Parks and Rec Director Andy Bladyka stop by your site to view your submission.

DJ Mike Brehme will announce winners on Saturday evening before the fireworks, with awards for all three categories. Get in on this new community tradition and show your Springfield snowman pride!



Rock N Roll snowman.

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## "Bridge of Spies" is next FOLA movie

LUDLOW, Vt. - "Bridge of Spies," an exiting spy drama set in Cold War Berlin; will be FOLA's (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) next feature film in the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium on Saturday, February 4 at 7 p.m.

"Bridge of Spies" is a 2015 historical drama legal thriller film directed and co-produced by Steven Spielberg, written by Matt Charman, Ethan and Joel Coen and stars Tom Hanks, Mark Rylance, Amy Ryan and Alan Alda. Based on the 1960 U-2 incident during the Cold War, the film tells the story of lawyer James B. Donovan, who is entrusted with negotiating the release of Francis Gary Powers - a pilot whose U-2 spy plane was shot down over the Soviet Union - in exchange for Rudolf Abel, a captive and convicted Soviet KGB spy held under the custody of the United



Scene from "Bridge of Spies."

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States, whom he represented at trial. The name of the film refers to the Glienicke Bridge, which connects Potsdam with Berlin, where the spy exchange took place.

As with all FOLA movies, the

film is open to everyone and free; donates are appreciated. Berkshire Bank will supply popcorn while FOLA will provide water. For information, call (802) 228-7239 or visit the FOLA web site at [www.fola.us](http://www.fola.us).

## Apron Theater Co. presents Title and Deed—

PUTNEY, Vt. - "We all have a funny little map in our head that divides the world into home and away." So we are told in award-winning playwright Will Eno's one-character drama Title and Deed. The character speaking is a recent arrival on our shores, disoriented from culture shock and homesickness, and he is struggling to illuminate both sides of that map with a torrent of words: absurd, tragic, stinging, hilarious words.

The original New York production of Title and Deed was on "ten best

plays" lists for 2012 in both the New York Times and The New Yorker. Now this unusual theater experience comes to Putney, Vermont in a new production from the Apron Theater Company in association with Next Stage Arts Project.

It features Michael Fox Kennedy as the unnamed exile. Christopher Emily Coutant is director. Performances are at Next Stage, Friday and Saturday, February 17-18 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, February 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Michael and Christopher have

worked together as actors and directors in Vermont community theater for a dozen years. They acted in the Apron Theater productions of Other Desert Cities and The Cripple of Inishmaan and at Actors Theatre Playhouse in Michael Frayn's Copenhagen. They originally met when cast as a couple in a play.

"One thing led to another," Mr. Kennedy says, "And we became a couple in real life as well. But we still love to do theater together, and when we didn't have a play to work on last summer, I found Will Eno's brilliant piece and asked Christopher to direct me."

It will be his second one-man show. He has presented his own play, assembled from the words of Abraham Lincoln, at many venues around New England.

The New York Times described Title and Deed as "a haunting and often fiercely funny meditation on life as a state of permanent exile."

John Lahr in The New Yorker wrote, "Eno's joking seems to me a great act of courage: a way of facing loss and learning to live with it. His voice is unique; his play is stage poetry of a high order.... In this tale's brilliant telling, it is not the narrator



Go see Title and Deed in Putney!

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who proves unreliable but life itself."

The newly renovated Next Stage is at 15 Kimball Hill, Putney, Vt. It is fully accessible. Tickets can be reserved at 802-387-0071. Title and Deed is presented through special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

For more information contact [nextstagearts@gmail.com](mailto:nextstagearts@gmail.com)

## Make adorable penguins

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Make adorable felted penguins with Sue Carey on Saturday, February 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Gallery at the VAULT. You have a choice of your favorite penguin including Gentoo, Rockhopper, King, Emperor and

Chinstrap.

In this workshop you will make a 3 to 5 inch tall penguin ornament out of wool by needle felting and wet felting, which involves the matting and compressing of wool fibers. Student will go home with their own penguin sculpture, whether it is a favorite breed or a generic penguin.

Students should bring scissors and an old towel. Sue's classes are always fun, laughter and good spirits abound! All levels welcome.

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Sue Carey will be offering a felted penguin workshop.

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# arts & entertainment

## Five local artists exhibit series works at Landmark College

PUTNEY, Vt. - An art exhibition titled "Series," curated by Landmark College art faculty member Christie Herbert, will open at the Landmark College Fine Arts Gallery with a reception on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2 to 4 p.m. "Series" features five artists who live and work in Windham County, Vt. - Ricia Gordon, Stephen Procter, Michael Poster, Elizabeth Ungerleider, and Susan Wilson. The exhibit will be open daily through April 14. Admission is free.

In March and April, each artist will give a free talk about his or her work in the Fine Arts Gallery on Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., as follows:

- March 2: Ricia Gordon
- March 9: Elizabeth Ungerleider
- March 23: Susan Wilson
- March 30: Steve Procter
- April 6: Michael Poster

What is a series? "A series can hark back to a romanticized time when

stories were released in print as a serial," Herbert wrote in the catalog that will accompany the show. "We like to think that each new installment was eagerly awaited, discussed and watched in lives marked by fewer choices. More recently, a television series can be watched in weekly increments or binge-watched in one sitting. ... In any case, the tension lies in the unfolding, the waiting to see the next installment in a series, noting the telling detail or unexpected plot twist."

Ricia Gordon's series of paintings explores how the artistic process itself unfolds, including the layering over of surfaces as a kind of modern exorcising ritual in her series, "I Cannot Fathom." Gordon is a Brattleboro resident with an M.F.A. in writing. Since retiring from Landmark College, she has shifted from doing creative writing to developing a serious painting practice. Gordon has shown her work in numerous

local and regional galleries and venues.

Michael Poster's series in this show documents a theme over time as he immerses himself in a particular community. In this case, he shares his experience with a women's roller derby team. His series is at once a documentation of raw, feminist energy and a nod to the tender and unguarded moments captured outside the rink. Poster moved to Dummerston in 2011 from Pennsylvania, and has a studio at the Cotton Mill.

Stephen Procter's series of monumental ceramic vases invites the human body to stand and note how each vase differs, referencing a kind of navigation of encounters over time in a contemporary setting. Procter is a trained musician and ceramic artist whose sense of form is influenced by music. He has a studio at the Cotton Mill.

Elizabeth Ungerleider has been photographing her surroundings

since she received her first Kodak Instamatic camera at age 10. Via long-term daily photographic documentation on Facebook, Ungerleider explores what happens when those sequences are juxtaposed over a period of years—a modern day visual diary delivered via modern technology and social media.

Susan Wilson's large-scale sculptures capture series of emotions and personalities. The large-scale faces seem both familiar and alien, evoking the sense of how distinct each is, while also asking the viewer to find kinship and community among them. After teaching art for 30 years, Wilson retired to Putney, finding the communities of southeast Vermont an inspiration for her new figurative ceramic sculpture.

The Landmark College Fine Arts Gallery is open to the public daily from 10 to 6. Landmark College is at



Susan Wilson creates large scale sculptures capturing emotions and personalities. PHOTO PROVIDED

19 River Road South in Putney, Vt. The Fine Arts Gallery is located in the Fine Arts Building on the cam-

pus's quad. Contact Christie Herbert at cherbert@landmark.edu with any questions.

## Pasta dinner and game of human chess at chess and chow night

CLAREMONT, N.H. - If you're looking for a night out this winter that's fun for the whole family, New England Classical Academy is hosting the first chess and chow night on February 10 featuring a pasta dinner and human game of chess!

The dinner will feature a pasta bar with choice of meat, alfredo or tomato sauce, salad, bread, drinks and dessert, and gluten free options will be available too. Following the dinner, the floor will be cleared and spectators will take their places in the stands to watch the first NECA human chess game! The four academic houses will compete in semifinals and then a final game to crown the Chess Champions with much ceremony! Students will don appropriate costumes to help the audience

identify their playing piece and a strategy team will call out the moves.

This fundraiser benefits the school and Headmaster Heidi Fagan came up with the idea on vacation this past summer with her family.

"Actually, my son Camden, thought of it, as we saw a place that had a huge outdoor lawn chess set. That's when I thought we should combine the fun of a human chess battle with a dinner that families could enjoy."

NECA is in its eighth year in the former St. Mary's school building and has 150 students between Pre-K and 12th grade. An independent school, NECA seeks to form and educate young people according to the ancient and traditional understanding of education as the pursuit of wisdom. Rooted in the Catholic

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Chess and Chow Night is sure to be an evening of lively and enjoyable entertainment and dining for all ages and is open to the public. Tickets are either per person or for a family of four. Email [neca\\_office@yahoo.com](mailto:neca_office@yahoo.com) to order tickets. The dinner has seats available for 250 people and NECA anticipates a sell out event, so order early!



Students will wear chess costumes to coordinate with their chess piece. PHOTO PROVIDED

## Family movie night

CAVENDISH, Vt. - Family fun movie night on Friday, Feb. 3 in the multipurpose room of the Cavendish Town Elementary School, complete with popcorn and beverages. 6 p.m. Come casual or in your PJs to watch a fun family movie. Bring a beanbag, lawn chair, or a teddy bear!

## Kids movie production

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - SAPA TV and Springfield Town Library are teaming up to offer a fun, three-day video production class series for kids 10 and up. We will learn how to navigate a camera, how to set up video equipment, and learn about the basics of audio recording.

If you are interested, please e-mail [asah@sapatv.org](mailto:asah@sapatv.org) or call (802) 885-3108 for more information or to sign up. This class is free will be held at Springfield Town Library located at 43 Main Street, Springfield Vt. Class time is Tuesday, Feb. 21 - Wednesday, Feb. 23, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day - with breaks for snacks!

## Monty Python's SPAMALOT at BUHS

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - The Brattleboro Union High School Music Department will present the hit musical Monty Python's SPAMALOT on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Feb. 16, 17 and 18 in the BUHS Auditorium. Tickets will be available in the front office of the high school, or at the door. Further information is available from the BUHS Ticket Desk at 802-451-3407.

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outdoor news

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Full moon snowshoe hike

CHESTER, Vt. - The public is invited to join members of the Chester Conservation Committee on Saturday, February 11, 2017 for a guided full moon snowshoe hike starting at 7 p.m. The CCC is sponsoring this event to introduce hikers to our organization and to share the beauty of the Green Mountain Union HS Nature Trail. Last spring we sponsored a guided hike on this town treasure and now it's time to break out the

snowshoes for a full moon snowshoe hiking experience. Whether you are new to snowshoes or an experienced hiker, this guided hike experience is sure to be interesting and fun.

The GMUHS Nature Trail is located behind Green Mountain Union High School. Traveling from the town green, head southeast on Main Street. Main Street turns into Route 103 South continue for 0.7 miles. The High School will be on your

right. Once on the high school driveway, bear left to reach the rear of the school.

The Trail Head is accessed by crossing a narrow, wooden footbridge near the lower soccer field looking left into the woods and is clearly marked.

Trail length is 1.8 miles, of moderate difficulty, and depending on conditions, will take about one hour to hike.

Depending upon the snow condi-

tions, snowshoes or boots with traction cleats (yaktraxs) would be appropriate for this hike. A headlamp or flashlight is also recommended but not required.

The Chester Conservation Com-

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Vermont's spring snow goose hunting opportunity

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Eight states in the Atlantic Flyway included Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Vermont, will hold a similar Spring Snow Goose Conservation Order from March 11 through April 28, 2017.

The Vermont 2017 Spring Snow

Goose Conservation Order will occur statewide. The daily bag limit is 15 snow geese, and there is no possession limit. Waterfowl hunting regulations in effect last fall will apply during the 2017 Spring Snow Goose Conservation Order with the exception that unplugged shotguns and electronic calls may be used, and shooting hours will be extended until one half hour after sunset.

A 2017 Spring Snow Goose Harvest Permit is required and is available at no charge on the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department's website [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com) under "Hunt-Waterfowl-Spring Snow Goose Hunt." Hunters may also call the Essex Junction Office at 802-

878-1564 to request a permit.

Hunters will also need a 2017 Vermont hunting license, a 2017 Harvest Information Program (HIP) number, a 2016 federal migratory hunting stamp, and a 2017 Vermont migratory waterfowl stamp.

Hunters can register with the Harvest Information Program by going to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department website or by calling toll free 1-877-306-709.

Hunters who obtain a permit will be required to complete an online survey after April 28 and prior to May 16, 2017, whether they hunted or not. Hunters without access to the Internet may obtain a copy of the survey by calling 802-878-1564.

Women's Discovery Camps at Sugarbush return in late January and early March

WARREN, Vt. - Sugarbush's internationally-recognized Women's

Discovery Camp is scheduled to occur this winter. The camp will be

held Monday to Wednesday, March 6-8.



Fresh winter snow blankets the town

Fresh power snow fell recently in the Ludlow area. What a beautiful site to see the white snow sit atop the trees. Mother nature paints a beautiful picture!



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"Our theme this year is Movements and Sensations," said Terry Barbour, Ski & Ride School director. "Skiing is a dance with gravity, the mountain, and the snow. To dance well, we need to move. This year, we'll explore what those movements are and what they feel like. Of course, we'll have to be careful - some of those sensations may get people addicted to the sport!"

The camps were recognized last year by Departures magazine in an article entitled, "Top-Notch Women's Ski Camps." Sugarbush's Women's Ski Discovery Camp was the only northeastern resort women's camp mentioned among a group that included top-tier resorts such as Vail, Alta, Chamonix, and Whistler.

Sugarbush's camp has been offered for a number of years and takes advantage of the resort's excellent veteran coaches such as SKI magazine-ranked instructor M.A. Raymond, as well as celebrated coach Paté Weston.

The resort has also offered incentives to assist working women and mothers to attend the camps. Each participant in Women's Discovery may receive either a half-price full-day kids program in The Schoolhouse children's center, or a half-price companion adult lift ticket for each day of the camp.

Along with on-hill instruction, the camp includes video analysis, group meals, après ski socials, and optional ski demos.

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ON THE SNOW

SNOW REPORT

|                              | Lifts   | Snow Depth | Snowfall  |
|------------------------------|---------|------------|-----------|
| <u>Sugarbush</u>             | 12 / 16 | 36"        | 2" (1/30) |
| <u>Killington Resort</u>     | 13 / 21 | 32"        | 0" (1/30) |
| <u>Magic Mountain</u>        | 3 / 4   | 26"        | 0" (1/30) |
| <u>Okemo Mountain Resort</u> | 12 / 20 | 34"        | 0" (1/30) |
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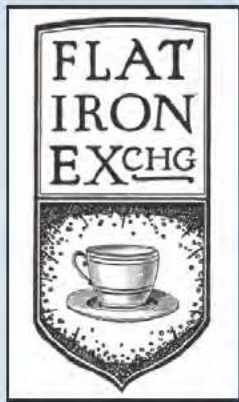
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TOWN OF WESTMINSTER

WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING

TOWN FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER 3, TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TOWN OF WESTMINSTER - 2017

The legal voters of the Town Fire District Number 3, Westminster Town School District and the Town of Westminster are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Bellows Falls Union High School Auditorium in Westminster, Vermont on Saturday March 4, 2017 at ten o'clock in the morning (10:00A.M.) to take action on the Articles following Article 1.

The meeting will be recessed to the Westminster Institute, East Parish, Westminster, Vermont to meet at eight o'clock in the forenoon (8:00 A.M.) on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 for the consideration of Article 1, 12 and 13 by Australian Ballot. The polls shall remain open until seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 P.M.) at which time the meeting will recess to meet at the Bellows Falls Union High School Auditorium at eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 P.M.) on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 to consider any remaining articles, if necessary.

**Article 1:** To choose all Town Officers, Town Fire District Number 3 Officers, Town School District Officers by Australian ballot, Tuesday, March 7, 2017 from eight o'clock in the forenoon (8:00 A.M.) until seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 P.M.).

**Article 2:** To hear the reports of the Town Fire District Number 3 and to take action thereupon.

**Article 3:** To see whether Town Fire District Number 3 shall authorize and instruct its Prudential Committee and Treasurer to borrow money, if necessary, to meet current expenses, on the credit of the District, in anticipation of the collection of taxes and/or the receipt of any State or Federal Funds.

**Article 4:** To see if Town Fire District Number 3 shall raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred Fifty dollars (\$252,350) to pay the indebtedness and other general expenses of the District for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

**Article 5:** To transact any other business proper to be brought before the Town Fire District Number 3 meeting.

**Article 6:** To hear the reports of the Westminster Town School District Officers for the last year and to take action thereon.

**Article 7:** To see if the Westminster Town School District will vote to pay its District Officers compensation in the following amounts: Town School District Board Chair, \$1,100.00 per year; other Town School District Board members, \$800.00 per year; and; the Town School District Clerk, \$125.00 per district meeting.

**Article 8:** To see if the Westminster Town School District will apply the sum of fifty-seven thousand, eight hundred forty-three dollars and forty-five cents (\$57,843.45) from the fiscal year 2016 fund balance to create a reserve fund to be used for grades 7 and 8 tuition payments to Vermont public and approved independent schools and authorize the board to expend said funds.

**Article 9:** To see if the Westminster Town School District will apply the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) from the fiscal year 2016 fund balance to create a reserve fund to be used for capital improvements at the Westminster Schools and authorize the board to expend said funds.

**Article 10:** To see if the Westminster Town School District will apply the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) from the fiscal year 2016 fund balance to create a reserve fund to offset expenditures in fiscal year 2019 in order to reduce taxes.

**Article 11:** Shall the voters of the Westminster Town School District approve the school board to expend four million, four hundred twenty-four thousand, nine hundred fourteen dollars and fifty-seven cents (\$4,424,914.57), 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 fifteen thousand, two hundred eighty-three dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$15,283.68) per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.40% lower than spending for the current year.

**Article 12:** Shall the voters of the Westminster Town School District vote to form the Windham Northeast Unified School District ("Unified School District") on the following terms:

1. The districts listed below (referred to herein as Member Districts) shall all be identified as "necessary" for the formation of the New Unified School District:

Athens School District

Grafton School District

Rockingham School District

Westminster School District

The Bellows Falls Union High School District shall also be considered necessary for the formation of the new Unified School District but it shall not be referred to as a Town School District and its interests are represented by the voters of each of the Town School Districts.

2. The Windham Northeast Unified School District will offer education to pre-kindergarten through Grade 12.

3. The Windham Northeast Unified School District Board of Directors will be comprised of ten (10) board members who shall have equal votes and whose initial representation will mirror that of Union High School District #27 (Bellows Falls High School) on March 7, 2017. This ratio will be reviewed upon the issuance of each U.S. Census and may be reviewed more frequently to reformulate its membership in accordance with existing state law at that time. Formulation of the initial membership on the board of school directors as detailed below:

| Number of Board Members by District |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Athens                              | 1 |
| Grafton                             | 1 |
| Rockingham                          | 5 |
| Westminster                         | 3 |

The Windham Northeast Unified School District Board Directors will be nominated from the legal voters of each Town School District (and after formation of the Unified School District, each member town), and will be elected by Australian ballot for three-year terms, except for those initially elected at the time of the formation of the Windham Northeast Unified School District. Candidates will be elected by an at-large vote of the electorate in the Town School Districts.

4.A. The use of the Windham Northeast Unified School District schools and related facilities and property will be determined by the Windham Northeast Unified School District Board of Directors in a manner that most effectively and efficiently attains quality and equitable education for all students. However, the Windham Northeast Unified School District Board of Directors will continue to use all school facilities operating as elementary/middle public schools on July 1, 2018 for Windham Northeast Unified School District programs and activities unless a majority vote of the electorate of the municipality in which the school is located approves a plan to close a school facility. Decisions regarding the use of schools for pre-kindergarten programs will be determined by the Windham Northeast Unified School District Board of Directors.

4.B. No later than June 30, 2018, the Forming Entities will convey to the Windham Northeast Unified School District all of their school-related real property and personal property, including all land, buildings and contents for One Dollar subject to all encumbrances of record and the Windham Northeast Unified School District will assume all capital associated therewith.

4.C. In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the Windham Northeast Unified School District determines that any of the real property, including buildings and land, conveyed to it by the Forming Entities other than the Union High School District is or are unnecessary to the continued operation of the Windham Northeast Unified School District and its educational programs, the Windham Northeast Unified School District shall convey such real prop-

erty, for the sum of one dollar, and subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or repayment of all outstanding bonds and notes and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants as required by Vermont law, to the municipality in which it is located.

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

4.D. For at least the first year that the Windham Northeast Unified School District is fully operational and providing educational services, students will attend elementary school and middle school according to their town/district of residence.

5.A. Capital Debt:  
The Windham Northeast Unified School District will assume all capital debt of Forming Entities, including both principal and interest, as may exist at the close of business on June 30, 2018.

5.B. Operating Fund Deficits and Balances:  
The Windham Northeast Unified School District will assume any and all general operating deficits and/or surpluses and fund balances of the Forming Entities that may exist at the close of business on June 30, 2018. Those Forming Entities with surpluses, fund balances or remaining reserve funds at the close of business on June 30, 2018, will transfer all such funds to the Windham Northeast Unified School District. In addition, reserve funds identified for specific purposes will be transferred to the Windham Northeast Unified School District and will be applied for said purpose unless otherwise determined through appropriate legal process.

5 C. Specified Funds:  
The Forming Schools will transfer to the Windham Northeast Unified School District any pre-existing school district specific endowments or other restricted accounts that may exist on June 30, 2018. Scholarship funds or like accounts held by school districts on June 30, 2018 that have specified conditions of use will be used in accordance with said provisions.

6. The provisions of the Report and Formation Plan approved by the State Board of Education on December 20, 2016, which is on file at the offices of the Windham Northeast Supervisory Union shall govern the Unified School District. (Voted by Australian Ballot)

**Article 13:** To elect the following directors to the initial Board of Directors of the Windham Northeast Unified School District:

- Athens: 1 Director for a one-year term expiring in March of 2019

Grafton: 1 Director for a two-year term expiring in March of 2020

Rockingham: 5 Directors

2 for one year terms expiring in March of 2019

1 for a two-year term expiring in March of 2020

2 for three year terms expiring in March of 2021
- Westminster: 3 Directors

- 1 for a one-year term expiring in March of 2019

1 for a two-year term expiring in March of 2020

1 for a three-year term expiring in March of 2021
- (Voted by Australian Ballot)

**Article 14:** To transact any other proper business to be brought before the Town School District Meeting.

**Article 15:** To hear the reports of the Town Officers and to take action thereupon.

**Article 16:** To see if the voters of the Town of Westminster will raise and appropriate the sum of \$130,000 for the Town Highway Equipment Reserve Fund.

**Article 17:** To see if the voters of the Town of Westminster will raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the Bridge Rehabilitation Reserve Fund.

**Article 18:** To see if the voters of the Town of Westminster will raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,200 in addition to the sum (\$4,200) included in the budget proposed by the Selectboard making the total \$8,400, for the support of the Westminster West Public Library.

**Article 19:** To see if the voters of the Town of Westminster will raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,534 for the support of Southeastern Vermont Economic Development Strategies to provide workforce and economic coordination services to residents of the Town.

**Article 20:** To see if the voters of the Town of Westminster will create a reserve fund for the proposed needed upgrades to the Town Highway Garage and place \$63,000 in this fund from the FY 16 budget surplus.

**Article 21:** To see if the voters of the Town of Westminster will approve the placement of \$100,000 in the Capital Improvement Fund for the purpose of the approved renovation to the Town Hall with the money coming from the FY16 surplus.

**Article 22:** To see if the voters of the Town of Westminster will the placement of \$140,000 in its Rainy Day Reserve Fund for the purpose of any and all emergency expenses that the Town may face due to unplanned circumstances, with the money coming from the FY16 surplus.

**Article 23:** To see if the voters of the Town of Westminster will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,901,185 to pay the indebtedness of the Town, repair highways and pay general expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

**Article 24:** To transact any other proper business to be brought before the Town of Westminster Meeting.

TOWN OF WESTMINSTER - WESTMINSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

SELECTBOARD

Sheldon Beebe, Chair

Craig Allen, Vice Chair

Nancy Dalzell, Clerk

Susan Harlow

Toby Young

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

David Major, Chair

Rick Gordon, Clerk

Elise Manning-Sterling

Cheryl Charles

Tim Young

**PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE**  
Christopher J. Hackett, Chair  
Robert J. Haas  
Daniel Green

Copies of the Town Report will be available on or before February 15, 2017 at the Westminster Town Hall, Westminster West and/or Westminster Center Schools, Butterfield and/or Westminster West Libraries. The Town will mail or distribute a copy of the report to any voter or resident upon request. To do so please contact the Town office at 802.722.4255 NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 10, 2017.

As authorized by 24 VSA § 1682, copies of the July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 Financial Audits are now available at the Westminster Town Hall, Westminster West Library, Butterfield Library, and on the Westminster website at [www.westministervt.org](http://www.westministervt.org)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**TUESDAY, FEB. 7 -**  
**BRATTLEBORO, Vt.** - Nestled within 48 acres of beautiful countryside with stunning views of the meadows, forest land, and the distant mountains, Hillside Village in Keene, New Hampshire, will offer a retirement lifestyle unlike any other in the region. We invite you to join us for lunch and learn more about Hillside Village at The Tavern Restaurant at the Colonial Motel, 889 Putney Rd. 11 a.m.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 18-**  
**BRATTLEBORO, Vt.** - Past Lives, Dreams and Soul Travel from 2 - 3 p.m. Discover your true purpose, and learn how to find greater love and spiritual freedom through an understanding of the unique opportunities available to each of us today. Brooks Memorial Library, 224 Main St. More info: [www.eckankar-vt.org](http://www.eckankar-vt.org), 800-772-9390.

**CHESTER, Vt.** - Have you ever wanted to learn the art of Bookmaking? Intro to Codex Binding on Saturday, February 18th. Both classes run from 12 – 3 p.m. All materials are included in the cost. These workshops are best suited for ages 8+. For more information, contact Emily Burkland at Community Art Garden [theartgardenvt@gmail.com](mailto:theartgardenvt@gmail.com) or (802) 289-3071 or check their website to enroll in one of the classes or get more information about Chester, VT's own little community ART studio! [www.communityartgarden.com](http://www.communityartgarden.com)

**TUESDAY, FEB. 21 – WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23-**  
**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - SAPA TV and Springfield Town Library are teaming up to offer a fun, three-day video production class series for kids 10 and up.

We will learn how to navigate a camera, how to set up video equipment and learn about the basics of audio recording. If you are interested, please e-mail [asah@sapatv.org](mailto:asah@sapatv.org) or call (802) 885-3108 for more information or to sign up. This class is free will be held at Springfield Town Library located at 43 Main Street, Springfield Vt. Class time is 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day – with breaks for snacks!

**MONDAY & WEDNESDAY-**  
**WALPOLE, N.H.** - Pam Bernard announces the beginning 8-week sessions of writing and reading memoir workshops at her home in Walpole, NH. Folks are coming together who have never before considered their lives worthy of exploration, finding new meaning in the act of harnessing memory and imagination. Please email [pam@pambernard.com](mailto:pam@pambernard.com), or visit [www.pambernard.com](http://www.pambernard.com) or call for more information. 603.756.4177. February 27, 12 - 3 p.m. Wednesdays: January 11 - March 1, 1 - 4 p.m.

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

**PROCTORSVILLE, Vt.** – Kundalini yoga with Liza Eaton KRI at 89 Depot Street from 9:30 - 11 a.m. is a safe & empowering practice. This is a gentle yoga class suitable for beginners with no previous yoga experience. Yoga mats, blankets, pillows & chairs provided. Part 2: February 7, 14, 21, 28 Sign up by Jan. 31 for Part 2. Liza Eaton (802) 875-2868 [eaton.liza@gmail.com](mailto:eaton.liza@gmail.com). For full details, prices and to sign up online visit [www.buddhafulyoga.com](http://www.buddhafulyoga.com)



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Selectboard

WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL

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Notice of Public Hearing

TOWN HALL RENNOVATION PLANS

The Westminster Selectboard will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at the Town Hall, 3651 US Route 5, Westminster, VT, to take comments on the Town Hall Renovation Plans.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed plans designed by Arnold & Scangas Architects for the Town Hall Renovation Project.

Plans may be examined and/or obtained at the Town Office during regular business hours or viewed on the Town's website, [www.westministervt.org](http://www.westministervt.org).

Dated at Westminster, Vermont, this 25th of January, 2017.  
Westminster Planning Commission



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Planning Commission

WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL

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Notice of Public Hearing

Supplement to the Town Plan Version 6.2

The Westminster Planning Commission will hold a second public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at the Town Hall, 3651 US Route 5, Westminster, VT, to take comments on the supplement to the Westminster "Town Plan Version 6.2." for approval.

With assistance from the Windham Regional Commission and general public participation, the Planning Commission have determined the Westminster Town Plan Supplement, as proposed, is consistent with the goals established in Section 4385 of title 24 V.S.A.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comments on the supplement and to discuss any comments provided by the public.

The full text of the Supplement to the Town Plan Version 6.2 may be examined and/or obtained at the Town Office during regular business hours or viewed on the Town's website, [www.westministervt.org](http://www.westministervt.org).

Dated at Westminster, Vermont, this 25th of January, 2017.  
Westminster Planning Commission



LEGAL NOTICES

CLASSES CONT.

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

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

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

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 -** BELLOW 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.

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

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

**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.

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

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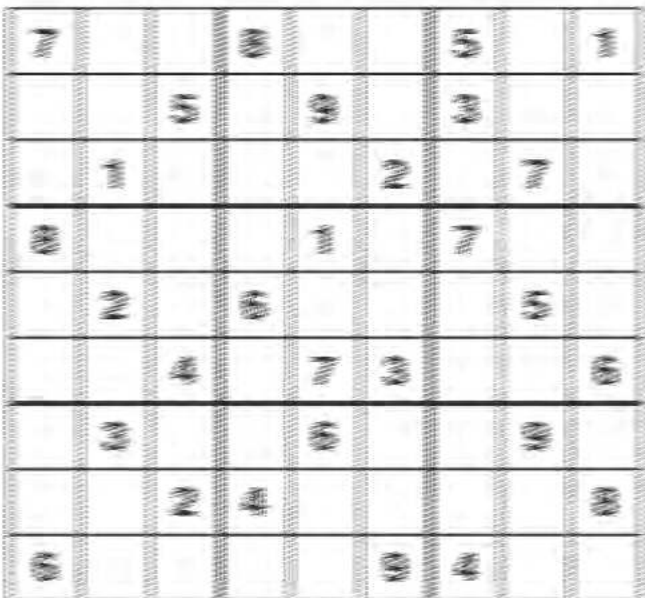
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TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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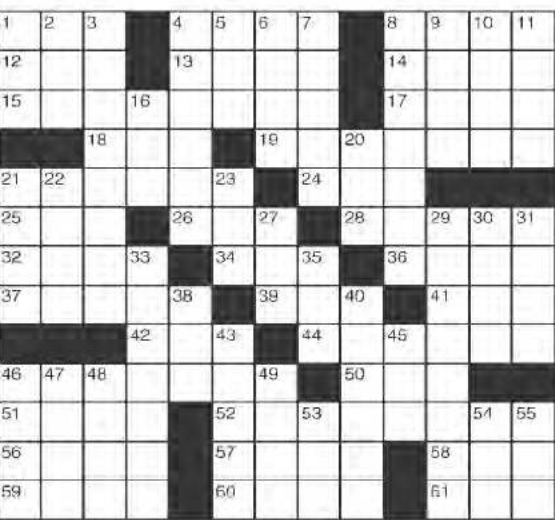
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- 1 Tavern
- 4 Tosses in
- 8 Slays, "Sopranos" style
- 12 Altar affirmative
- 13 Voice in an iPhone
- 14 Law office aide, for short
- 15 "Sinkers"
- 17 Caspian feeder
- 18 Teut.
- 19 Financial rescue
- 21 Decapitate
- 24 Fish eggs
- 25 Greek vowel
- 26 Coffee holder
- 28 Family member
- 32 Tatters
- 34 Physique
- 36 Grabbed
- 37 Astronaut John
- 39 Speck
- 41 Work with
- 42 Wet wriggler
- 44 Persistent attacks
- 46 Bug
- 50 To the — degree
- 51 Smell
- 52 Bafflers
- 56 Otherwise
- 57 Throw
- 58 "To be or — ..."



- 59 Start a garden
- 60 — Stanley Gardner
- 61 Wildebeest
- DOWN
- 1 Auction
- 2 Commotion
- 3 Fiber
- 4 Religious retreat
- 5 Cacophony
- 6 Defeat
- 7 Shankar's instrument
- 8 Rich
- 9 Gambling game
- 10 Herr's wife
- 11 Shaker contents
- 16 "Golly!"
- 20 Debtor's letters
- 21 Ice mass
- 22 List-ending abbr.
- 23 Fix the sound-track
- 27 Deity
- 29 Cold symptom
- 30 Misplace
- 31 Stretches (out)
- 33 Showed disdain
- 35 Two, in



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You don't like rejection. But instead of trying to "ram" your ideas through to an unresponsive audience, stand back and wait for a more favorable environment later this month.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Job commitments call for the tidy Taurus to charge into those problem-plagued projects and get them into shape. Then go ahead and enjoy the fun and friendships of your expanding social life.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) The pressures of the workplace are beginning to ease. While you still need to stay connected to your ongoing commitments, you'll be able to take more time to relax with family and friends.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You might feel that you need to prove how much you can do. But be careful not to take on more than you can handle, or you risk being bogged down. An Aries has a message for you.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Financially it could be a little tight for a while. So resist the urge to splurge on things you don't really need. There will be time enough to indulge yourself when the money squeeze eases later this month.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You demand trust from others. But someone is creating a situation that could put your own trustworthiness in question. Be sure to keep all lines of communication open.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A problem delays the recognition that you hoped to receive for your hard work. But all will soon be resolved. Remember to make patience your watchword this week.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Those wonderful ideas could expand your workplace prospects and ultimately lead you on a new career path. Your personal life also opens up new vistas.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) So much seems to be swirling around you these days that you might find it hard to focus on priorities. Best advice: Take things one at a time, and you'll get through them all.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Work out situations with what you have, and avoid the temptation to create complications where they don't exist. This applies both at home and in the workplace.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Keep your keen senses open to possible changes in personal and/or professional situations. Knowing what might lie ahead gives you an edge on how to handle it.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Personal pressures at work could create a problem with your performance. Best advice: Focus on the job ahead of you. If necessary, you can deal with the other issue later.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Like your fellow Aquarian Abraham Lincoln, you have a way of handling the most difficult situations with grace and conviction.

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# calendar

## 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, Tessa 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 1 1/2 miles west of the Woodstock village. For more information on league play, drop-in games, or clinics please e-mail upervalleycurling@gmail.com or visit www.upervalleycurling.org.

## COMMUNITY MEALS

**FRIDAY, FEB. 3 –**  
NORTH SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The North Springfield Baptist Church will be hosting a free community dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Dishes served are usually salads, casseroles, beans, soups, breads, desserts and beverages. Everyone is welcome to attend. The church is located at 69 Main St. in North Springfield and is handicap assessable. For more information call 802-886-8107.

**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

**FEB. 1 – 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 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

**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.

**FRIDAY, FEB. 3 –**  
CAVENDISH, Vt. – Family fun movie night in the multipurpose room of the CITES, complete with popcorn and beverages. 6 p.m. Come casual or in PJ to watch a fun family movie. Bring a beanbag, lawn chair, or a teddy bear!

**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

**FRIDAY, FEB. 10 –**  
WALPOLE, N.H. – 12,000 years in the Granite State is the topic for the Walpole Historical Society speaker series event. Held at the Walpole Town Hall at 7 p.m.

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Come out for a night of family friendly fun and support the Mt. Holly PTSA at the Mt. Holly school gym from 6 – 8 p.m. Prizes will include tickets and gift certificates from local businesses including: The Downtown Grocery, The Paramount Theater, Green Mountain Rock Climbing Center, Wonderfeet, The Downtown Grocery, Darkside and more. 50/50 raffle and a concession stand.

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22 –**  
CAVENDISH, Vt. – Sue Morse of Keeping Track is giving a presentation at 7 – 9 p.m. at the Cavendish Elementary School. Talk entitled, "Animals of The North – What Will Global Climate Change Mean for Them?" Her program will enlighten the audience about the ways in which northern wildlife species are already

being affected by climate change. Showcasing these animals' incredible beauty and strength with her cache of stunning photography. The program will be appealing for all ages, children and adults. Suggested donation.

**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.

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

**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. The Bill of Rights and You invites visitors to connect directly with the people, places, and events that mark this historic document's evolution. This exhibit runs through March 2017. Please call the Library for more information at 802-875-2277, whitinglibrary@yahoo and visit us Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

document's evolution. This exhibit runs through February 28, 2017.

## LIBRARIES

**THURSDAY, FEB. 9 –**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – With the advent of a presidency and a presidential Cabinet hallmarked by men (and a few women) of great wealth, no political experience and unused to accountability to voters or taxpayers, the Springfield Peace and Justice Group invites the public to discuss "How to Ensure Local Democracy in Times of National Plutocracy," at 6:00 p.m. at the Springfield Town Library. The discussion will focus on ensuring continuation of government, open and fact-based at the local level through citizen participation. Hot chocolate and marshmallows will be provided. For more information, contact rrt1@sover.net.

**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. These counselors will be available at the Library on from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. Please bring 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 month's 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.

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## pet of the week

Hi my name is Duke! I am a 3-4 year old Texan boy although I am pretty glad to be in Vermont though, as my final days in Texas were not so wonderful. Long story short, I had gotten my leg caught in a trap and chewed my leg off to save myself! My owner didn't really pay much attention to my injury, so when this lady saw me, she took me straight to the vet.

I am just a loveable guy who is in search of his forever home! I am very loveable and just adore cuddling; I would be the perfect lap dog for cold, stormy nights. I am unsure how I would be with another dog in the home. I have had a couple introductions here at the shelter

that have not went the best, but I am still willing to try meeting other dogs!



I am not going to be cat friendly, I just can't do it; they are strange. I love walks, but please be patient with me as I am still learning how to get around with my 3 legs. I sometimes fall while going potty or just if I get too excited. I would be fine with kids that are experienced with dogs, so probably 6+ to play it safe. My adoption fee has been paid for already by a loving donor.

Please come meet me Wed. – Sat. from 12 – 4:30 p.m. at the Springfield Humane Society at 401 Skitchewaug Trail, 802-885-3997



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vermont rail

Vermonters speak out regarding the impacts of rail

REGION - The Vermont Transportation Board released its Annual Report, which documents the comments the Board received during a recent series of public forums that focused on state transportation policy associated with trains, both passenger and freight.

After researching past and present railroad trends, the Board conducted a series of seven public forums held during the fall of 2016. The report documents Vermonters' support for, as well as concerns about, the expansion of passenger rail, future property development associated with railroad activity, and the various quality-of-life issues that come with living close to trains.

"The State of Vermont has several irons in the fire that it hopes will lead to significant expansion of how we use our railroads," said Vanessa Kittell, Chair of the Transportation Board. "Given this, the Board attempted to find out more about our community's interest and experience with rail. We asked about everything from the advantages that expanded rail use can bring to a community to the challenges that living close to the tracks may create."

The report, which can be downloaded from the Board's website at [www.tbboard.vermont.gov](http://www.tbboard.vermont.gov), addresses six topics associated with rail, and details what Vermonters had to say about each.

**The six topics are:**

- Expanding passenger rail.
- Establishing commuter rail.
- Living with the railroad as a neighbor.
- The impacts of downtown truck traffic.
- Railside economic development.
- Railroad safety.

"It should come as no surprise that Vermonters have strong feelings about rail," Ms. Kittell said. "It's their stories and observations of everyday experience here in

Vermont that must be considered by our policymakers as the future of Vermont's infrastructure takes shape."

Each fall, the Transportation Board conducts a series of public forums to take comment about important transportation issues.

For more information about the report contact the Board's Executive Secretary John Zicconi at [john.zicconi@vermont.gov](mailto:john.zicconi@vermont.gov) or by calling 802-828-2942.



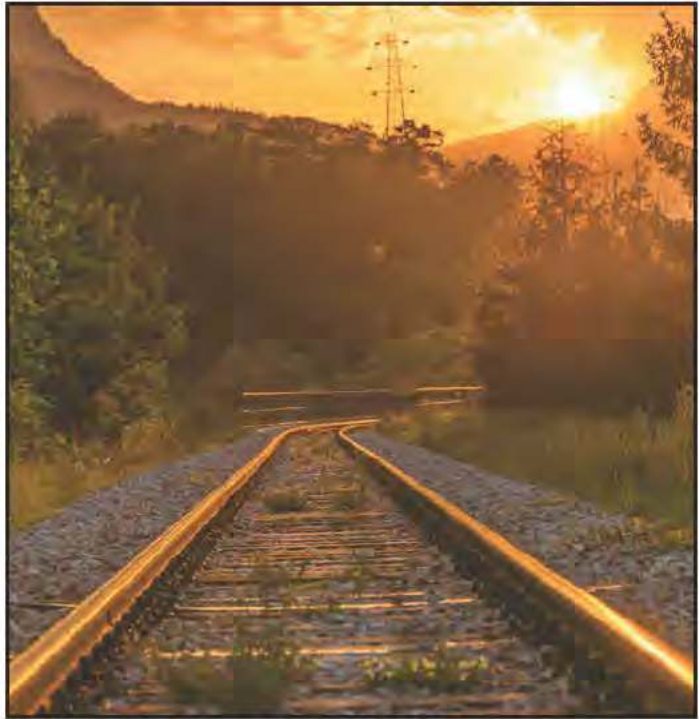
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## Think sunshine! Host a Fresh Air child

REGION - Fresh Air summers are filled with children running barefoot through the grass, gazing at star-filled skies and swimming for the first time. This summer, join volunteer host families in Central Vermont and open your heart and home to a Fresh Air child. Each summer, thousands of low-income children from New York City visit suburban, rural and small town communities along the East Coast and southern Canada through the Fresh Air Fund's Friendly Towns Program.

Harlen, age 9, has visited the Tornatore family for two summers. Host dad Albert shared: "Harlen has definitely learned to try new things. I remember our first summer. He was nervous but by the end of the first week, Harlen and my son were having adventures and having so much fun. We went to the aquarium, amusement park, and the kids love the beach."

"My kids get so excited when they get to see Harlen," host mom Allyson added. "This summer we went to a drive-in movie, and we were all in the backseat with blankets, pillows and popcorn, snuggled together. Harlen is simply part of our family."

The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit agency, has provided free summer experiences to more than 1.8 million New York City children from low-income communities since 1877. Fresh Air children are boys and girls from 7 to 18 years old. Children who are reinvented by host families may continue with the Fresh Air Fund through age 18 and can enjoy extended trips.

For more information about hosting a Fresh Air child this summer, please contact Michelle Abajian at 802-760-7462 or visit [www.freshair.org](http://www.freshair.org).

Alexa, A.J., Harlen, and Amanda have fun playing together in the Tornatores' family backyard.

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