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The RED report heads to the state Board of Education for approval on larger school districts

BY BRANDY TODT
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. - For the almost twenty years Vermont has seen a decrease in student population, the number of staff remains approximately the same. The cost of education per student has rapidly increased to where it has placed Vermont at one of the highest in the nation, resulting in voter concern and local schools working to reduce the cost. The hope is that by creating larger school districts the increasing cost-per-student can be addressed. Therefore, in June 2015 the Legislature passed Act 46, which states that school districts need to come together in order to achieve the following:

and variety of educational opportunities. Lead students to achieve or exceed the state's education quality standards. Maximize operational efficiencies through increased flexibility to manage, share and transfer resources, with the goals of increasing the district-level ration of students to full-time equivalent staff. Promote transparency and accountability. Deliver education at a cost that parents, voters and tax payers value."

The state Board of Education gave the local regions time to come together and plow a pathway that would achieve the goals; upon achieving the goals by a specific time frame, the districts will receive incentives. Negatively, if by November 2018, regions haven't developed their approach, the board will order unification with no tax incentives.

At a recent meeting held in the Chester-Andover Elementary School, the subcommittee that had been given permission to pursue a Regional Educational District (RED) in January, presented the report it had developed to the TRSU Act 46 study committee for its approval, in hopes that it would vote yes in allowing the report to be sent to the Board of Education.

At the beginning of the subcommittee meeting, consultant Steve Dale shared the results of the conversations he had with the Agency of Education about defining the meaning of a RED, and if the group that was formed would still qualify and receive the tax incentives even though Ludlow and Mount Holly have decided to pursue other options at this time. The Board of Education was concerned that any report presented will isolate any school but said that the unification of Chester, Andover, Cavendish and Baltimore would still be classified as a RED.



The Act 46 study committee discusses report and the Articles of Agreement.

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The sub committee reviews the report before presenting it to the TRSU Act 46 study committee for approval.

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While reviewing the report, there was concern from the committee members about the individual school funds held in reserve and how those funds would be handled once the schools became a Unified District. Any reserved funds will go to the RED but will still be restricted for usage

as they were previously determined before the unification. After the subcommittee reviewed the report and made any changes, they voted to present the report to the Act 46 study committee in the next hour of the meeting.

During the following hour Ludlow and Mount Holly gave a quick update on their progress. Members of their subcommittee have been given the tasks of gathering information to bring back to the committee for deliberation. The towns are still working on the best, reasonable direction; some options included joining Mill River or Quarry Valley.

However, all the pros and cons of those options have yet to be delved into by the committee. Written in Article 17 of the report was an invitational paragraph to other school districts, which are looking to improve education quality and equity, to join this Unified District, giving Ludlow and Mount Holly the option to establish a connection in the future if they cannot find a better alternative for their school districts.

The crescendo of the night's meeting was the study committee voting in favor of submitting the subcommittee's report to the Board of Education.

The next step for the committee is to submit the report to the Board of Education by March 1; the board will review the document and speak to committee members on March 21. After the state votes on the report there will be public information meetings in every town before the towns' estimated vote date on either May 2 or 9.

The Act 46 study committee, which has been working diligently on solving the goals presented to them by the Board of Education, will continue to exist until 45 days after the town's vote.

Efficiency Vermont saves Okemo thousands of dollars

BY AIYANA FORTIN
The Vermont Journal

RUTLAND, Vt. - Efficiency Vermont was created by the Vermont Legislature and the Public Service Board in 1999 to serve as the nation's first energy utility company. Its mission is to provide equitable energy efficiency services across Vermont, meet state energy goals, strengthen the economy, and protect the environment.

saving 12.7 million megawatt hours of energy. Without these education, services, and incentives, Vermonters would consume 14.5 percent more energy than they did in 2000. This reduction saves money and resources across the state because utilities spend less on energy, depend on fewer power plants, and use fewer resources for transmission and distribution. These cutbacks lower Vermonters' electric bills by 5 percent on average.

Efficiency Vermont has bases in Burlington, Barre, and Rutland. The Rutland office is run out of the down-

town Rutland Energy Innovation Center shared with Green Mountain Power and NeighborWorks of Western Vermont. Meghan Chambers and Chuck Clerici are the two main account managers for that geographic area, covering everywhere south of Middlebury.

In 2013, Clerici finished a project with Okemo Mountain Resort, who found that energy was being wasted by unnecessarily heating the ski lifts. Cold equipment is inoperable, but the heaters were being left on far longer than necessary. Efficiency Vermont, a local electrician, and Okemo decided to install automatic timers for the heaters, spending \$7,000 on equipment and labor. This investment has saved \$31,000 and 360,000 kWh each year, a fantastic investment. In most cases, \$1 invested returns \$2 or more in savings.

Efficiency Vermont offers sustainable energy solutions for electric and thermal efficiency for a range of customers, including homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes, institutions, and municipalities.

Financially, Efficiency Vermont offers standard incentives, including rebates on a wide range of products and technologies, and custom rebates for unique circumstances. Finance options are available to reduce up-front costs for customers of all types.

Home improvements often include lighting, appliances, such as washers, dryers, dehumidifiers, refrigerators and swimming pool pumps, and home heating, cooling, and water heating. New home projects may receive technical assistance and financial incentives up to \$2,000. Home Performance with Energy Star, the program for existing homes, is a contractor-driven program that can address air sealing and insulation and may also offer up to \$2,000 in financial incentives.

Businesses may receive rebates for lighting, heating, ventilation, refrigeration, commercial kitchens, industrial equipment, new construction, and compressed air. Efficiency Vermont's program for agricultural businesses, particularly dairy farms, serves farmers throughout the state.

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and 17 years of working in Vermont, Efficiency Vermont has reduced the state's environmental footprint substantially, and will continue to do so for many years to come. Its Rutland office of located at 50 Merchants Row. Call 888-921-5990 for more information.



Okemo Mountain chair lift.

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Red Bridge Dam

Repairs to the Gate House and Red Bridge Dam on Red Bridge Road, the first of five construction projects in the area, began recently. The valve and dam, which were last renovated in 1995, do not pose an immediate threat but will only deteriorate over time. The Town of Ludlow has decided that some of the parts need attention to maintain its functionality. East Lake Road will provide an alternate route for most traffic.

PHOTO BY VINCENT WEST

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Rotary District 7870 announces the Janice H. McElroy scholarship

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Ludlow Rotary Club is pleased to announce the initial offering of a new district-wide scholarship in memory of Janice H. McElroy. Jan served as Rotary District 7870 Governor in 2011-2012 and was instrumental in securing a Rotary International grant of \$412,000 to help southern Vermont rebuild after the devastation of Tropical Storm Irene. This scholarship is made possible due to donations from friends, colleagues and Rotary Clubs

throughout District 7870 (Rotary clubs located in southern Vermont and southern New Hampshire).

Prior to her death in 2012, Jan McElroy requested that any donations received in her memory be dedicated to establishing a scholarship fund for non-traditional students. It will be awarded to a person who is 21 years of age or older and has completed high school or earned a G.E.D. There must be at least a three-year gap between graduating

from high school and full-time college attendance or a record of part-time college attendance for three years after graduating from high school. The scholarship can be used for expenses at a four-year or two-year college, or for another type of accredited institution, such as a technical or vocational program. The first scholarship award will be for a minimum of \$1,000.

Applications may be obtained from David Almond at behalmond@tds.net, Scholarship Chair of the Ludlow Rotary Club. Completed applications need to be received no later than March 31, 2017. The selected recipient will be notified in April and the award will be presented at the Rotary District 7870 conference in Nashua, NH on April 28, 2017.

The 60 Rotary Clubs of District 7870 are business and professional leaders who volunteer their expertise, compassion and power to improve communities at home and abroad in more than 200 countries. Rotary International's overall goal is to help build goodwill, understanding and peace worldwide. For more information about the Ludlow Rotary Club, contact Jack Menzie, Membership Chair, at jjmenzie@gmail.com.



Ludlow Rotary announces a scholarship in memory of Janice H. McElroy. PHOTO PROVIDED

Woman collapses at Magic and transported to DHMC

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - On Friday, Feb. 24, at about 8:30 p.m., Londonderry Rescue was dispatched to the Upper Pass Lodge on the Magic Mountain Access Rd. Adrienne Hall, 47 of Londonderry, had collapsed in the lobby of the hotel. Troopers from the Westmin-

ster Barracks also responded to the hotel to assist.

Hall was transported to Springfield Hospital and later transferred to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, where she died. Detectives from the Vermont State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation were

called to investigate the incident.

The cause of death is not known at this time, but it is not considered suspicious. Hall's body was transferred to the New Hampshire Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy to determine the cause of death.

Dr. David Lord resumes private practice in Chester

CHESTER, Vt. - Dr. David Lord, clinical psychologist, has opened a practice at the Henry Office Building, 116 Main Street, Chester.

Recently retired from his position as staff psychologist at the Veterans Administration Hospital in White River Junction, Dr. Lord's wide-ranging experience includes working with men and women struggling with anxiety and depression, substance abuse, aging and PTSD, as well as problems with sexual abuse and gender dysphoria disorder. At the VA he specialized in group work with men and co-founded one of the first group treatment efforts to deal with military sexual trauma.

A native of New Hampshire, Dr. Lord earned his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee and was a postdoctoral fellow at the Austen Riggs Center in Stockbridge, Mass., before moving to New York City to become associate director of the Columbia Counseling Service and a lecturer in human development. While at Columbia, he attended the White Institute of Psychoanalysis and was appointed to a clinical professorship at Cornell Medical College and the Payne Whitney Clinic. Later, he entered full-time private practice in Manhattan and Greenwich, Conn., before settling

in Chester in 1998. Awarded a diploma in clinical psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology, Dr. Lord also holds a certificate of proficiency in the treatment of substance abuse.

More recently, his academic experience includes an adjunct clinical professorship of psychiatry at the Geisel Medical School at Dartmouth, where he taught and supervised third-year psychiatric residents.

Dr. Lord sums up his long experience and varied interests as "making an effort to help people overcome their problems in living." His orientation is essentially positive, rather than pathological, and his therapeutic approach stresses the power of relationships in daily life, love and work. His training spans psychodynamic and cognitive-behavioral methods which are applied in the treatment of individuals, couples and in group work.

Though recently absent from "ci-



Dr. David Lord.

PHOTO PROVIDED

vilian" practice, he will be resuming membership in some insurance provider panels, including Blue Cross and Medicare. Until such affiliations are completed, his fee for service will follow a sliding scale.

Dr. Lord may be contacted at 802-875-1492.

James Newhall named January Employee of the Month at Mt. Ascutney Hospital

ASCUTNEY, Vt. - Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) has named James Newhall, who works in the Hospital's Housekeeping Department, as Employee of the Month for January, 2017.

"James is great at his job," says John Frisbee, II, Multi-Service General Manager for Mt. Ascutney Hospital. "He's kind, enthusiastic and is always ready to help. James is a great addition to our team, ensuring our buildings are always clean, well stocked, and ready to serve the MAHHC staff and public. His posi-

tive attitude is known by all and his quick response to housekeeping needs is a welcome relief. We're so pleased to see him recognized as the first Employee of the Month for 2017. This recognition seems long overdue."

Newhall, who lives in Springfield, Vermont, joined the staff of MAHHC in January, 2016.



James Newhall is January employee of the month. PHOTO PROVIDED

Recent burglaries at Cuttingsville post office and local businesses

CUTTINGSVILLE, Vt. - On Tuesday, February 28, at approximately 7:40 a.m. the Vermont State Police responded to a burglary at the Cuttingsville Post Office located at 5446 Vt. Route 103.

During the course of investigation, Troopers found The Rustic

Rooster restaurant located adjacent to the post office had also been burglarized. In speaking with the restaurant's owner and the postal clerk, it was determined that small monetary valued items had been taken from within both establishments.

At approximately 8:00 a.m. they also responded to John C Stewart & Son Inc. located at 5227 Vt. Route 103 regarding another burglary. In speaking with employees, it was determined that a customer's vehicle had been stolen from within

the parking lot. The car stolen was a Vermont registered black 2008 four door Ford Focus. The vehicle was described as also having a green 802 sticker and a white golden retriever sticker on the rear windshield.

Anyone with information regarding these burglaries or has seen the stolen car are encouraged to contact the Vermont State Police at 802-773-9101 or submit an anonymous tip text "CRIMES" to keyword "VTIPS" or utilize Vtips. Info in order to submit anonymous information.

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Chester Rotary helps defray cost of stage lighting upgrade at GMUHS

CHESTER, Vt. - Cynthia Austin and Christine Saul, Green Mountain Union High School teachers, spoke to Rotarians and interact students at the Rotary breakfast on Thursday, February 16, 2017. Austin has been

teaching music at the high school for eighteen years and Saul is new to GMUHS in charge of the drama department and band.

Austin spoke about The Young Americans program coming to the

school, the upcoming production of the Wizard of Oz and the need to upgrade the auditorium stage lights.

For the first time, the GMUHS drama and music departments will be presenting the Wizard of Oz for their spring production. What has become apparent as they practice for the performance is that the lighting system is woefully inadequate and needs to be upgraded. At the conclusion of the meeting, Rotarian Malcolm Summers gave Austin and Saul a check for \$2,862.07 to help defray the cost of the basic upgrade.

The Young Americans are coming to Chester the last week of September 2017 to perform and work with the students at the school and Austin is looking for twenty-five host families. To reach Cynthia Austin email Cynthia.austin@trsu.org or call 802-875-2146 ext. 220 / 802-875-2108



Left to Right Malcolm Summers, Christine Saul and Cynthia Austin. PHOTO PROVIDED

Motor vehicle crash on Vt. Rte. 100

PLYMOUTH, Vt. - On Feb. 26, Vermont State Police received a call in regard to a motor vehicle crash on VT Route 100. Troopers responded to the scene and did not locate any persons. Troopers then responded to the address of the registered owner and

spoke with Rebecca Colwell Holland, age 43, who stated that she had totaled her 2005 Subaru Outback. Holland had a few minor scrapes. Further investigation revealed that Holland was under the influence of intoxicants. She was arrested and transported

to Ludlow Police Department for processing and later transported by Ludlow Ambulance to Springfield Hospital for evaluation. Holland will appear in court on March 14 to answer to the charges of DUI - Refusal and Resisting Arrest.

Website & online marketing workshop

CHESTER, Vt. - "Online Business Done Right The First Time" is the title for an upcoming workshop geared towards small businesses in the region. It will be held on Thursday, March 9, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Newsbank Conference Center in Chester Vermont. The session is co-sponsored by the Vermont Small Business Development Center and Springfield Regional Development Corporation.

Establishing a robust online presence is essential to a company's successful future. Today's custom-

ers expect to find your business quickly and easily when they look online. If they don't, there are plenty of other options available to take your place. But with various website building tools and options, social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and more, it can be a challenge to determine where to focus your energy. That, coupled with time and budgeting constraints, make it easy to make a wrong turn when it comes to decisions regarding your overall online business strategy.

This workshop will help you learn the options, costs and risks associated with various digital platforms and website building strategies, as well as what online marketing tools to consider once your online presence has been established. The session will cover website building, social media, paid online marketing, analytics and more.

The cost of the event is per person and you can register online at <https://vtsbdc.centerdynamics.com/reg.aspx?mode=event&event=30370011>. For more informa-

First Baptist Church given a matching gift donation for their rebuilding project

SO. LONDONDERRY, Vt. - As First Baptist Church of South Londonderry has been continuing to rebuild after their previous building was destroyed by fire in 2010, they are excited to announce that they have been given a matching gift donation of \$100,000 for their rebuilding project. The donor will match the first \$50,000 with 2 for 1 matching, which means for every dollar the church raises they will receive another two dollars. The donor will match the second \$50,000 with 1 for 1 matching, which means for every dollar the church raises they will receive another dollar. First Baptist Church has already received an anonymous \$10,000 donation to kick it off. If they raise the entire amount, they will be able to move in and use the whole building!

In order to be cost effective, First Baptist Church is now working directly with volunteers and construction workers to complete the building project. They are continuing to raise funds for the added expense of meeting current commercial building codes. Donations towards the rebuilding project can be made online at gofundme.com/vt-church-rebuilds-after-fire or mailed to First Baptist Church, PO Box 278 South Londonderry, Vt. 05155 with "building fund" in the memo.



South Londonderry First Baptist Church after the fire in 2010. PHOTO PROVIDED

For more information about the building, volunteering opportunities, and fundraising efforts take a look at their website firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org or call 802-856-7266.



Medical access & health care protest

A demonstration in Rutland on Feb 25, protesting attempts to diminish medical access.

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Candidates – Town Meeting Day Tuesday, March 7, 2017

REGION - This is a partial candidate listing. Our apologies if your town was not included. Londonderry, Vt., Weston, Vt., and Andover, Vt. do not use the Australian ballot. All nominations and votes will be taken from the floor.

CAVENDISH, Vt. -
 Town School Moderator: Michael J. Ripley, 1-yr term
 Auditor: Peter LaBelle, 1-yr term
 GMUHS Director: Bruce Pollard, 2-yr term
 Town Clerk/Treasurer: Diane McNamara, 3-yr term
 1st Constable: Seth Perry, 1-yr term
 Select Board:
 Jillian Flinn, 1-yr term
 Mark A. Huntley, 1-yr term
 Larry Wilfong, 1-yr term
 Robert W. Glidden, 3-yr term
 Library Trustee:
 John C. White, 4-yr term
 Gloria Leven, 5-yr term
 Town Grand Juror: Theresa H. McNamara, 1-yr term
 Trustee of Public Funds:
 Cheryl Leiner, 3-year term
 Daniel W. Churchill, 2-yr term
 Town School Director:
 Katie Hamlin, 3-yr term
 Barbara Dickey, 1-yr term
 Doug McBride, 1-yr term
 Lister: Claire Walker, 1-yr term

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. -
 Town Clerk/Tax Collector:
 Patricia Chaffee, 3-yr term

Kelly J. Stoddard, 3-yr term
 Select Board: Steven Neill, 3-yr term
 Cemetery Trustee: Rose Smith-Hull, 3-yr term
 Trustee of Trust Funds:
 Barbara Bruno, 3-yr term
 James Fowler, 3-yr term
 Planning Board: Rose Smith-Hull, 3-yr term
 Supervisor of the Checklist: Emily St. Pierre, 3-yr term
 Finance Committee:
 Robert L. Davis, 3-yr term
 Patricia Royce, 3-yr term
 Library Trustee: Marie Weller, 2-yr term

CHESTER, Vt. -
 Town Moderator: William E. Dakin Jr., 1-yr term
 Town School District Moderator: William E. Dakin Jr., 1-yr term
 Town Clerk/Treasurer: Deborah J. Aldrich, 3-yr term
 Select Board:
 Kelly Arrison, 1-yr term
 A. Lee Gustafson, 1-yr term
 Ben Whalen, 1-yr term
 Arne Jonyas, 3-yr term
 Trustee of Public Funds: Sandra K. Walker, 3-yr term
 Lister: Sarah Purdy, unexpired 2-yr term
 Chester-Andover Elementary School Union #29 Director:
 Dan Deslauriers, 3-yr term
 Brian T. Heyburne, unexpired 2-yr term
 Gary King, unexpired 2-yr term
 Michael Studin, unexpired

2-yr term
 Trustees of Whiting Library:
 Jessica Buchanan, 3-yr term
 Kathy Pellett, 3-yr term

GRAFTON, Vt. -
 Moderator: David Ross, 1-yr term
 Grafton Town School District Director: Jack Bryar, 2-yr term
 Auditor: Debe Plummer, 3-yr term
 Town Clerk/Treasurer: Kimberley Record, 3-yr term
 Town Agent: Kimberley Record, 1-yr term
 Select Board:
 John Turner, 2-yr term
 Stan Mack, 2-yr term
 Joseph Pollio Jr., 3-yr term
 Noralee Hall, 3-yr term
 Trustee of Public Library:
 Andrea Dunmire, 2-yr term
 Deborah Toomey, 2-yr term
 Lucia Corwin, 2-yr term

Town Grand Juror: Kent Armstrong, 1-yr term
 Trustee of Public Funds: Ronald Carey, 3-yr term
 Lister: Hardy Merrill, 3-yr term

LUDLOW, Vt. -
 Town Clerk: Ulla P. Cook, 1-yr term
 1st Constable: Jeffrey P. Billings, 1-yr term
 Select Board:
 Bruce Schmidt, 3-yr term
 John Neal, 1-yr term
 Logan Nicoll, 1-yr term
 Trustee of Public Funds: Rosemary Goings, 3-yr term
 Ludlow School Director:
 Paul Orzechowski, balance of 2-yr term
 Donna Parker, 3-yr term
 Cemetery Commissioner: Herbert B. Vanguilder, 5-yr term
 Lister: Mark Gauthier, 3-yr term

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. -
 Town & School Moderator: Andrew Tanger, 1-yr term
 Town & School District Clerk: Susan Covalla, 1-yr term
 Town & School District Treasurer: David H. Johnson, 1-yr term
 Selectman: Ronald Tarbell, 3-yr term
 Lister: David H. Johnson, 3-yr term
 Auditor: Lori L. Norton, 3-yr term
 1st Constable: Paul Faenza, 1-yr term
 Delinquent Tax Collector: Peter Perrino, 1-yr term
 Town Agent: Kristopher A. Covalla, 1-yr term
 Town Grand Juror: Paul Faenza, 1-yr term
 Trustee of Public Funds: David H. Johnson, 1-yr term
 Cemetery Commissioner: Daniel Connor, 3-yr term
 School Director: David Venter, 3-yr term
 School Director:
 Brigid E. Faenza, 1-yr term
 Sebastian Frank, 1-yr term

PLYMOUTH, Vt. -
 Town Moderator: Thomas Harris, 1-yr term
 Selectperson:
 Larry Lynds, 3-yr term
 Justus L. Pingree, 3-yr term
 Town clerk/Treasurer: Sandie Small, 1-yr term
 Grand Juror: Margaret H. Tucker, 1-yr term
 Lister:
 Carol Ackley, 3-yr term
 Richard B. North, 3-yr term
 Town Agent: Margaret H. Tucker, 1-yr term
 Trustee of Public Funds: Tom Marone, 3-yr term

Cemetery Commissioner: Andrew M. Crossman, 1-yr term
 School District Clerk: Sandie Small, 1-yr term
 Collector of Delinquent Taxes: Kathleen Billings, 1-yr term
 School Moderator: Thomas Harris, 1-yr term
 School Director: Susan Mordecai, 1-yr term

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. -
 Town Moderator: Michael P. Harty, 1-yr term
 Selectboard:
 Susan Hammond, 3-yr term
 Ann C. DiBernardo, 1-yr term
 Gaetano Putignano, 1-yr term
 Cass Wright, 1-yr term
 Stefan A. Golec, remainder of unexpired term
 Lister: Paul Noble, 3-yr term
 Town Grand Juror: George M. Kuusela, 1-yr term
 Town Agent: L. Raymond Massucco, 1-yr term
 Trustee of Public Funds: Patricia Fowler, 3-yr term
 Trustee of Public Library:
 Kate Guild Kane, 3-yr term
 Susan S. Spaulding, 3-yr term
 Brady R. Weinstock, 3-yr term
 Rockingham School Moderator: Michael P. Harty
 Rockingham Town School District Director: Margo Ghia, 2-yr term
 School Director, Union High School District #27:
 Jim "Jiggs" McAuliffe, 3-yr term
 Deborah Wright, 3-yr term



Two Rivers Indivisible

On Sunday, February 26, a group of concerned citizens from Rockingham, Chester, Springfield, Cavendish, and Saxtons River rallied in front of Chester's First Universalist Church to express their unease with policies of the current administration in Washington. The group, called Two Rivers Indivisible, plans protests and acts to counter many of the administration's positions on immigration, the Affordable Care Act, environmental protections, and threats to free speech. Those who would like to participate can contact tworivers2017@gmail.com for more information.

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Students are creating a 2016 time capsule

CHESTER, Vt. - The Chester 250th celebrations were huge successes! The CAES Student Council is asking for the communities help to create a 2016 time capsule. They will be gathering

materials at the Monday, March 6, 2017 Town Meeting. We suggest photos with names, dated notices, promotional materials, annual reports, or anything else folks wish to contribute. The materials will not be returned until 2066. Further information is available by contacting CAES Student Council advisor, Frank Kelley, at frank.kelley@trsu.org or call 802-875-2108. Thanks for helping preserve memories of Chester's 250th year!



CAES Student Council will be collecting items for their time capsule that will be opened in 2066!

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I-91 bridges update

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - The following is the update of the construction to take place on the I-91 Rockingham bridges 24S and 24N over the Williams River.

All preliminary work has been completed until March 22, 2017 when work will begin on building the crossover roadway to prepare for the closure of the northbound lanes over the bridge. Stay tuned; the next update will follow the March 22 construction date.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

Winter ice safety

I've seen on the local news lately that a number of snowmobilers had fallen through the ice on area lakes and ponds with some deaths resulting. This is a tragedy that can be avoided by both snowmobilers and ice-fishermen.

I grew up ice-fishing at an early age. I'm not sure it's true, but we were always told that "first ice," as it was called, was the best conditions for ice-fishing. I can remember "first ice" fishing with my brother Brian down at White's Cove, now known as Hoyt's Landing by the toll bridge in Springfield. The ice would be just over an inch thick. We would shuffle out on this thin ice and fish. As we walked the ice acted like rubber flexing in front of us.

When I was about 21, I went down to White's Cove to ice-fish. I had already been fishing on the cove where there were about 6 inches of ice that early winter. On this day I wanted to fish for walleyes so instead of going out on the cove I headed across the ice where the Black River comes in. I would walk a few feet and test the ice with my chisel to check thickness.

I consistently found about 2 inches of ice and was comfortable about proceeding across the river to the "point," as it was called. As I approached where the current in the Black River started to flow, I broke through the ice.

The water was over my head and I was completely submerged. The only reason I'm alive to tell this story today was pure luck. When I broke through I lost my chisel and all of my ice-fishing equipment. The hole I broke through was about 3 feet in a jagged diameter, and the current was slowly taking me downstream under the ice. I have never been more scared in my entire life.

You can't imagine how cold I was. I struggled to swim toward the open hole and made it to the surface. I grabbed the edge of the ice and tried to pull myself out of the icy water. Now I had another problem. As most know, a heavy rock weighs less in water until you start to raise it above the water level. I was now the rock.

I was wearing woolen pants, wool coat and heavy winter boots. When I broke through the ice I probably weighed 150 pounds. The woolen

clothes acted like a sponge and absorbed a lot of water. I now probably weighed 200 pounds. As I used my forearms to try and pull myself up out of the water the ice kept breaking in front of me.

The thin ice that had supported my 150 pounds couldn't support my new weight of 200 pounds. I kept breaking the ice in front of me hoping to get to thicker ice that would support me. As I got colder I became weaker. I thought I was going to die that day.

Eventually, after breaking the ice for 12 feet or so, I finally found ice thick enough to pull myself out of the water. I have never been so cold. I made it back to my 1967 Chevelle, opened the driver's door, sat down and lifted my legs to pour the water out of my boots. The car had only been turned off a few minutes so the heater immediately worked. I drove

home uncontrollably shaking, with my teeth chattering. I immediately took my wet clothes off. I was blue all over. I filled the bathtub with hot water and climbed in and just sat there shivering. I was cold right to the bone for several hours after this experience.

The reason I wrote this story is because I am saddened by the needless loss of life on area lakes and ponds this winter. The recent warm weather, combined with the not-too-thick ice we have this winter, is a formula for disaster.

Young people like I was at 21 think they are immune from accidents and will live forever. If you go out on the ice be very careful. Don't take any chances. There isn't a fish large enough to surrender your life for.

Some will remember my brother Brian. Brian has been "baptized" three times. He always was a slow learner.

The photo with this article is my son Shawn, taken on Lake Rescue 35 years ago. It illustrates the woolen clothing I mention.

This week's old saying: "Money can't buy happiness but it sure can make misery more tolerable."

The March 12 Roundtable event has been cancelled.



Shawn Patch on Lake Rescue near boy scout camp.

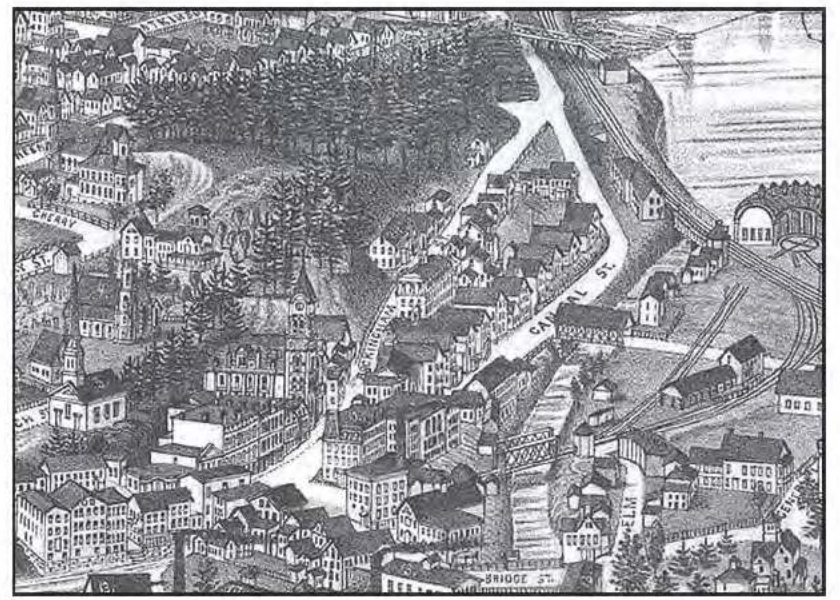
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Two educational events with the Bellows Falls Historical Society

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - On Wednesday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m., Chris Glennon of the Bellows Falls Historical Society will give a presentation at Rockingham Library on the power of water, the historical aspects pertaining to the Connecticut River and the establishment of Bellows Falls. Specifically focusing on the time period from 1750 - 1850, Glennon will explore the development of the Bellows Falls Canal and its industries. An exhibit about the former mills of Bellows Falls will be on display as well.

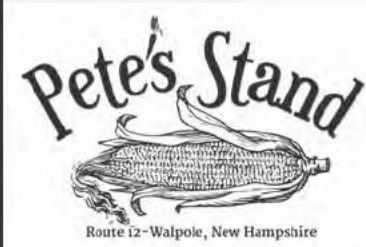
The second event will be held at the Windham Antiques Center, located at 5 in the Square, in Bellows Falls on Thursday, March 9 at 7 p.m., The Bellows Falls Historical Society will be presenting several perspectives of the Bellows Falls area. Larry Clark will begin the program with an update of the project digitizing historical pictures and negatives in the Historical Society's collection. The project of digitizing the Society's collection of negatives has provided over 200 images, many from glass plate negatives of the early 1900's.

Following this presentation, the video "The View from Table Rock" will be shown. This film is the project of part-time Rockingham resident Lyle Sorensen, and not only explains the process used in producing the "bird's-eye" view lithographs of the



Old line drawing of Bellows Falls.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fake news and a free press

For the first time in decades, direct involvement by citizens is at an all-time high. Citizen involvement requires being informed, and a free press is essential to that process.

President Trump makes no secret of the fact that he is at war with most of the mainstream press. At the CPAC convention last weekend, he once again flayed the press, this time for not naming sources and consequently putting out "fake news." "Fake news," he repeated, is "the enemy of the people."

But while we could argue over what he means by "fake news," should it be shut down? Or is it more an issue of "buyer beware?" It could be argued - strongly - that even so-called "fake news" should not be shut down, any more than authentic news should be. But beyond the obvious ("Woman gives birth to three-headed alligator child"), how do we decide what's fake and what isn't, without a side-by-side comparison? Some "fake news" might even turn out to be true.

In any case, muzzling the press is a form of censorship: anathema in a free society like the United States of America. You and I have our preferred news outlets - it is not government's job to decide for us, or to discourage us.

What remains more worrisome than fake news is government control of the press. We ourselves oppose this wherever it occurs in other countries. Yet CNN publishes a list of reporters and news organizations that have been cut off by the White House. And late last week several highly-regarded newspapers were excluded when an open White House press gathering was abruptly and without explanation switched to invitation-only, prompting some invitees to boycott in solidarity.

That kind of tit-for-tat comes with the territory, sordid as it may be. But in a Meet the Press interview two weeks ago, Sen. McCain (R-Arizona) said, "when you look at history, the first thing that dictators do is shut down the press. And I'm not saying that President Trump is trying to be a dictator. I'm just saying we need to learn the lessons of history."

No one ever said democracy was going to be easy. It's also not a spectator sport. Fortunately, both our democratic laws and traditions are robust. In a free, educated society, every assertion is subject to being fact-checked. Even the online trolls should be welcomed. They keep the rest of us on our toes.

-BM-

Amber Waves



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Op-Ed: Legislation to protect older workers from discrimination

Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) has joined Sen. Bob Casey (D-Pa.), Ranking Member of the Senate Special Committee on Aging; Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine), Chair of the Senate Special Committee on Aging; and Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), in introducing the Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act (POWADA).

A Supreme Court ruling in 2009 held that age discrimination claims must prove that discrimination was not just a motivating factor but the sole or overriding factor in an adverse employment decision. This put a higher burden on older workers alleging age discrimination than on those alleging discrimination based on race, sex, national origin or religion. The new bill by Leahy and other senators would level the

playing field for older workers by restoring the pre-2009 legal standards for age discrimination claims, ensuring that everyone has equal access to the courts and reinforcing the essential principle that no amount of age discrimination is acceptable in the workplace.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA). While the ADEA marked an important step in protecting older workers from discrimination and has provided essential protections to millions of workers for decades, discrimination on the basis of age remains a significant problem. An AARP study conducted in 2013 found that about two thirds of older workers say they have seen or experienced age discrimination in the

workplace.

"All Americans deserve the right to safe conditions and equal rights under the law in their workplaces," Senator Leahy said. "The Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act (POWADA) reinforces these fundamental rights for our nation's seniors in particular - rights which were severely restricted in the Supreme Court's Gross v. FBL Financial decision. I have long worked to defend the vital protections of the Civil Rights Act, and POWADA is a clearly needed extension of these protections. We must continue to remedy workplace discrimination, and that is all the more necessary when it comes to discrimination against those who are most vulnerable."

The legislation restores the ability

of older workers to take legal action when age discrimination affected their professional opportunities. It also reaffirms that workers may use any type of admissible evidence to prove their claims.

AARP has endorsed the new bill, and in a letter supporting its introduction in 2013, AARP Executive Vice President Nancy LeMond said: "Until Congress passes this bill, too many older workers who have been victims of age discrimination will be denied a fair shake in our justice system ... The persistence of age discrimination in its many forms remains a significant barrier to older Americans' retirement security."

Article provided by Sen. Leahy's office

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Nitka's notes from the State House

The Senate Judiciary Committee sits just off the main lobby of the State House and we are reminded regularly that we are working in a museum. School tours, advocacy groups and everyone else when the building is crowded congregate outside our door. There are also some fossils in the marble floor that students love to find right near the door. When the noise level gets too high and our chairman can't hear the testimony anymore, a committee member goes out to quiet the visitors. Some are better at it than others and no one really wants to squelch the enthusiasm the visitors are feeling.

On the other side of the door this week in the committee room a very serious testimony was taking place with regard to some difficult bills. S-87 speaks to sexual exploitation of students, S-7 addresses deferred

sentences and the sex offender registry, S-79 relates to freedom from compulsory collection of personal data (this is the bill proposed by the governor and the attorney general), S-61 relates to offenders with mental illness and S-3 addresses the issue of a mental health professional's duty to warn.

All of these bills passed the committee and were sent to the Senate floor for consideration by the full body. Other bills this week being considered are S-22 related to increased penalties for possession, sale and dispensation of fentanyl and S-55 related to territorial jurisdiction over regulated drugs.

The committee this week also held public hearings in the evening concerning alimony reform and some members were involved in a second hearing on Judicial Retention.

Dear Editor,

Something to write home about

Refugees-

Before I take issue with Governor Scott I want to thank him for his reason and courage in condemning the bigoted banning of refugees based on their religion. We Americans have many conflicting opinions, but the things that unite us are greater than the things that divide us. Mutual respect among people of different faiths is one of those unifying things (or should be).

I've heard from folks who object to state officials speaking out on national issues, saying we should concentrate on issues closer to home. I'm happy to report that we don't have to choose, that we can and do tend to all the issues before us. We don't neglect budget issues in order to address human rights issues. Vermont has a long and proud history of addressing national issues, most notably legislative instructions to Vermont's congressional delegation to oppose slavery. Vermonters have reason to be proud that we're continuing our tradition of defending human rights.

Respecting the Education Fund-

That said, I disagree with Governor Scott's positions on the Education fund. Increasing financial support for higher education is a worthy goal, but I disagree with tapping the Education Fund to pay for it. Twenty years after the passage of Act 60 it's important to remember that the Ed Fund was created in the first place as a tool to equalize the school tax (property tax) burden town to town. It has been derided as a Robin

Hood scheme and a "shark pool" because towns with richer grand lists relative to their student populations pay in more than they keep while property poor towns, relative to student population, are paid more than they pay in. But the end result is that in both sending towns and receiving towns X per pupil spending requires the same tax rate. This is the tax equity required by the Vermont Constitution as interpreted by the Vermont Supreme Court in the Brigham Decision.

In the debate that preceded passage of Act 60, and has continued ever since, opponents have warned that future legislatures would raid the Ed Fund thereby diverting property taxes that support the fund. "Mark my words, you guys set this thing up and you'll come after it!" The Legislature promised that the Ed fund would be used only for local public school systems. The only part of Act 60 that I wrote was the provision that lottery proceeds go into the Ed Fund, but I supported the entire law. So, as a supporter, I was personally a party to that promise.

When it was created, the Ed Fund supported K-12, the range of education for which local property taxes were directed. I support expanding K-12 systems to include preschool as it still involves local systems. But funding higher education is a separate demand. It needs a separate source of funding. The Governor has not suggested a new source. Instead he proposes we tap the Ed Fund, the

Committees this year are making a concerted effort to visit communities around the state to hear from people who don't always get to the State House. A day trip involved visiting the Southeast Correctional Facility in Springfield to meet with staff and some inmates concerning S-61, a stop at the court in White River Junction to go over programs with the State's Attorney, Judge, Probation and Parole, representatives from Diversion and other services and then on to St. Johnsbury.

In St. Johnsbury the Corrections Department Work Camp was visited and was followed by a meeting with community leaders and the public. Some of the topics there were economic development, Act 46, transportation, local roads and much more.

For those of you who do get to

visit the State House, check out the dome which was built in 1859 and originally sheathed in copper and painted red to reflect the terra-cotta roofs of Italy. In 1907, it was gilded in 24-carat gold. It's most recent gilding was 41 years ago which has lasted 21 more years than was expected. Turns out the dome on our museum needs work and new gold leaf to the tune of 1.6 million dollars. It's not in the budget for this year and may not be for a few more years. However, it still looks darn good from the sidewalk out in front!

Visit the State House, have lunch in the cafeteria and listen to testimony in the committees on many of the bills.

Contact me at home at 802-228-8432 or anitka@leg.state.vt.us

Senator Alice Nitka

very "raid" of which tax equity opponents have warned for twenty years.

The problem is not just a broken promise. Every penny diverted from the Ed Fund for purposes other than local schools is either a loss of funding for those local schools or a property tax increase. I'm not aware of a public demand for higher property taxes.

Right to Try -

I've introduced a bill, S. 37, to create a legal "Right to Try" (RTT) under which a person afflicted with a deadly and incurable illness, who is approaching his/her death, would have legal access to experimental drugs that have not completed vetting by the Federal Drug Administration. Such people already have a right to hasten death medically. This bill would expand legal end of life choices to include the right to keep fighting.

There are good arguments against

continuing the struggle; possible side effects, false hope, loss of the benefits of peaceful surrender. Similarly, there are good arguments against medically hastening death. But I don't think the issue of the best choice is the question. Rather, I think the question is who should get to make the choice.

Interestingly this bill has made for some strange bedfellows. It comes from the Goldwater Institute, a conservative/libertarian organization, and my carrying water for them has raised a few eyebrows. And my cosponsors are all Republicans. Ah well, I reason that RTT is a good idea, and that over rides any qualms about awkward alliances.

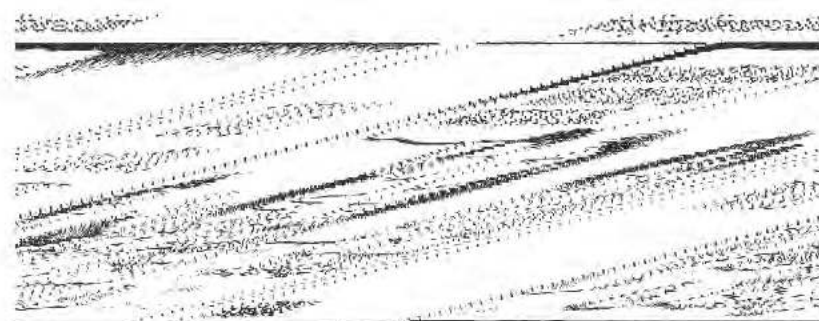
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Senator Dick McCormack

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Ann D. Hamel, 1931 - 2017

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Ann D. Hamel, 85 of River Street died Saturday, February 25 at the Springfield Health and Rehab Center.



Ann D. Hamel, 1931 - 2017 PHOTO PROVIDED

She attended school in Bellows Falls and worked at the Duck Inn, the Windham Hotel Coffee Shop, Springfield Dry Cleaners and the McGirr's Nursing Home.

On June 3, 1961 at the St. Charles Catholic Church in Bellows Falls, Vt. Ann married Charles E Hamel who survives.

There will be a funeral mass for Ann on Thursday, March 2 at 11 a.m. at the St. Charles Church in Bellows Falls, Vt.

James Irving Millay, 1938 - 2017

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - James Irving Millay, 78, of Springfield Vermont fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, February 24, 2017 following a swift illness.



James Irving Millay, 1938 - 2017 PHOTO PROVIDED

Jim was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. His surviving family includes his cherished wife Priscilla and their four sons: James and his wife Carol (Bergeron); Steve and his wife Gayle (Turton), John and Daniel Millay; and daughter-in-laws Jennifer (Zilmer) and Mia-Leigh Crandall.

Jim graduated in 1956 from Springfield High School. In his senior year, he was a member of the SHS basketball team that won the Vermont State Championship and went on to play at Boston Garden.

Emma L. Pike, 1924 - 2017

DERBY, Vt. - Emma L. Pike 92, formerly of Ludlow, Vt. passed away on Friday, Feb. 24, 2017 at the North Country Hospital in Newport, Vermont.

Pike of Mt. Holly, Vt. and Robert J. Pike of Seboeis Plantation, Maine, one daughter Sharron Raymond of Derby, Vt. three grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by grandson Jason Raymond, four brothers - John, Joseph, Paul and Levi Clokey, six sisters - Jane Turco, Helen Turco, Louise Jaird, Kate Digby, Rose Spaulding and Hazel Wright.

On September 28, 1946 she married Donald F. Pike in Jacksonville, Vermont. He predeceased her in 1981.

She resided most of her life in the Ludlow, Vt. area, residing in Arizona for a short time and most recently in Derby, Vermont. She enjoyed puzzles and crocheting.

A graveside service will be held in the spring at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow, Vt.

Arrangements are being made by Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.

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Ham Gillett explains Vt.'s universal recycling law

BY JULIA PURDY

The Vermont Journal/The Shopper

REGION - Ham Gillett, Act 146 outreach coordinator for the Greater Upper Valley and Southern Windsor/Windham solid waste management districts, His job is to inform and update the public on the requirements, protocols and deadlines of the Vermont's 2012 universal recycling law, Act 148. On Feb. 13 he briefed the regular meeting of the Cavendish Select Board.

The Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District (SWWCSWMD) serves Andover, Athens, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Grafton, Ludlow, Plymouth, Reading, Rockingham, Springfield, Weathersfield, West Windsor and Windsor. The Greater Upper Valley district covers Bridgewater, Hartland, Norwich, Pomfret, Sharon, Stratford, Thetford, Vershire, West Fairlee, and Woodstock.

Food and scrap recycling has been given some urgency by two factors: first, the sole landfill left in Vermont, owned by Casella Waste Management, is in the town of Coventry. Most solid waste is hauled either there or to Lebanon, N.H. When asked what happens when the Coventry landfill is full, Gillett responded, "I don't know."

Second, there is "hardly any market at all" now for materials such as cardboard, plastics or textiles, Gillett said. The U.S. has been de-

pendent on China to repurchase items that can be reprocessed, but China is no longer importing anything from the U.S. because that country now has its own facilities. Meanwhile, the U.S. has the opposite problem: lack of facilities to process those materials. Here, glass and tires are being ground up to use in roadbeds and sidewalks. But we throw away enough aluminum cans to build the U.S. commercial airline fleet four times over, said Gillett. Solid-waste incinerators have been under discussion and have a following, according to Gillett.

Food garbage phase-in

Buried food scraps are a big producer of methane gas as it rots anaerobically. But food scraps can be used in proper aerobic composting. The law covers groceries, institutions, schools and restaurants. One beneficiary of less-than-perfect grocery store produce is food pantries. Farmers are permitted to gather scraps for chickens but not meat for pigs because of the possible transfer of pathogens.

Meat and bones cannot be composted at home, he said, because composters don't get hot enough. Grow Compost, based in Moretown, will take bones and organ meat and collaborates with Casella Waste Management or other haulers. Grow Compost is planning a major commercial composting site in North Hartland, he said.

On July 1, 2020, recycling food

scraps will be mandatory for everyone. On July 1 this year, transfer stations and licensed commercial haulers will start accepting food scraps. The timing is positive from the point of view of gardening, Gillett commented. Homeowners can eliminate extra compostable garbage as well as use it in their gardens, making home composting a "real driver" for compliance with the law. An advantage to consumers is that, according to Gillett, about 7 percent of the weight of a 30-gallon bag of trash is food scraps. People can save on the per-bag charge.

SWWCSWMD is now selling Soilsaver composters for home use at \$40 each, or \$25 if buyers attend a composting workshop. A small subsidy is available from the Agency of Natural Resources. Composting workshops are scheduled at the public libraries in Rockingham (May 17), Windsor (June 7), Springfield (June 8) and Ludlow (June 14).

Recycling tips

Latex and oil-based housepaints, stains and varnishes, no matter how old, no longer must be mixed with kitty litter and can now be dropped off at participating stores for a nominal fee that covers the cost of running the program. Find details at paintcare.org.

The Vermont Dept. of Environmental Conservation partners with nationwide Call2Recycle for alkaline, rechargeable and cellphone

batteries. Contact call2recycle.org for program information and drop-off locations.

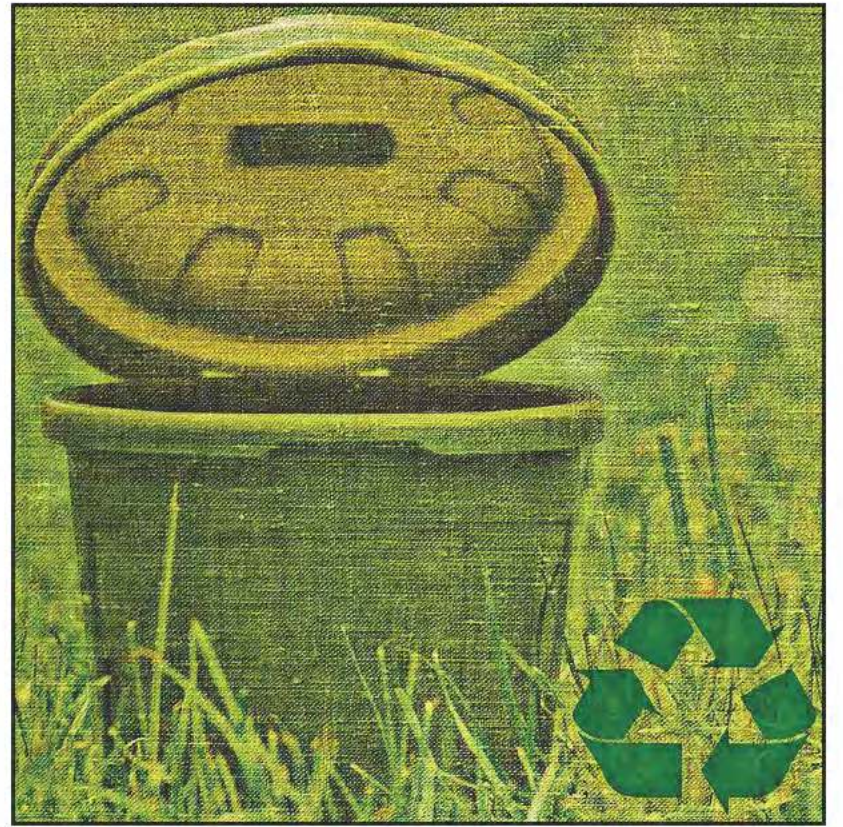
Sewing Peace, a program of Pedals for Progress of New Jersey (a bicycle recycling program), collects used portable sewing machines in working condition for donation to economically struggling countries, enabling folks there to earn a living as tailors and seamstresses.

"Vermont e-Cycles" requires transfer stations to take all computers, cell phones, peripherals and TVs at no charge. The list of dropoff sites and whether they are free (most are) is at dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/product-stewardship/electronics.

Finally, the Boston-based Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association has a program to recycle large rigid plastics, Styrofoam and pellet fuel bags. The Vermont Dept. of Environmental Conservation partners with NWMOA.

Ironically, the recycling law is something of an unfunded mandate. There is no funding from the Dept. of Environmental Conservation to assist individuals, property-owners or municipalities with the costs associated with compliance.

Gillett is working under a USDA Rural Utilities Service Solid Waste Management Grant from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture for \$43,600, which began Oct. 1, 2016, and will run to September 30, 2017, for outreach to smaller, underserved communities, he said. The grant will be



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split between the two districts. It pays for his position and composting workshops on handling food scraps, which will be mandatory July 1, 2020.

Gillett's appearance before the Cavendish Select Board is part of the job. He said a newspaper insert on recycling resources is being

prepared in time for Town Meeting and the information will also be on the town website.

He announced that hazardous waste collection will be held at transfer stations on May 13 and Sept. 9 in Springfield, May 20 in Ludlow, and Sept. 16 at the Windsor Goodyear Building.

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REGION - TDS Telecom (TDS*) will expand broadband to more than 1,000 locations in Vermont thanks to funding from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC allocated an average of \$263,655 a year for the next 10 years to reach residents in some of the hardest to serve areas in Vermont. The funding will also be used to maintain a voice and broadband network as well as building out to these locations.

Vermont residents can now visit the TDS website to find out how this



TDS Telecom plans to expand to more than 1,000 locations in Vermont! PHOTO PROVIDED

federal program may impact their location. As TDS finalizes the engineering and build-out plans, more details, including project start dates, will be added to the website.

Depending on location, most TDS customers in eligible rural areas will receive guaranteed broadband speeds of 25Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload (25/3). Under the agreement with the FCC, the remaining customers will receive broadband service at lower speeds of 10/1 and 4/1Mbps.

"We are proud to be part of this massive modernization project with the FCC," said Scott Brooks, manager - State Government Affairs at TDS. "We are eager to begin work to build faster connections to more than 1,000 locations in Vermont."

Last month it was announced that TDS elected to receive approximately \$75.1 million a year to increase broadband access in 25 states from the FCC's Alternative Connect America Cost Model, under the Connect America Fund (CAF) program. TDS will leverage the funds over the next 10 years to support the build out of rural broadband networks to nearly 160,000 locations across the country.

TDS has been doing business in Vermont since 1970 and owns three telephone companies in the state. TDS employs 22 people in Vermont.

For nearly a decade, TDS has worked with FCC Commissioners, their staff and federal trade associations to create a plan to allow for the expansion of rural networks served by rate-of-return companies, including TDS. CAF ensures more residents of rural America will have access to improved broadband service and reliable speeds.

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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

The planets appear out of whack. The Fall Mountain Girls Basketball team, our one staple to play the latest high school basketball game in our area every winter, is the first to be eliminated from post-season play this year. However, there are extenuating circumstances.

For some reason, Vermont has pushed their winter season back. For the first time – in possibly ever-, they are playing regular season games in March. Was this the only way they could get ahead of the Fall Mountain Girls?

Despite the fact, the Lady Wildcats were the first local team to be officially eliminated in a tournament game this winter, before all is said and done, they may end up being the only area team to win a post season game this winter.

Getting back to that out of whack theme ... Fall Mountain's beginning to the post season was as out of whack as you can get. They played their first round game last Thursday night at home at 9:15 p.m. Yes, that is correct - 9:15 at night. The Maroon and White hosted Interlakes and the visitor's bus broke down on the way to the 7 p.m. game. The Cats calmly waited and then came away with a 49-37 victory.

Brooke Aumand and Ella Stewart led the scoring parade in the Interlakes triumph with 15 points each and Zoey Loupa chipped in with 7 in a contest which saw FM lead 14-10, 24-20 and 31-23 at the three stopping points. Coach Boomer Aumand said that "tougher defense" was the key to pulling away in the second half.

Then came the quarterfinals, when FM traveled to Conant and fell 37-33 to a team they beat twice during the regular season and once in the Keene Holiday Tournament. The old adage, if teams are close in ability, it is difficult to defeat the same team three times. In this case, how about try to beat them four times?

Then again there is the sticking point, that the Lady Cats only played 16 regular season games and early indications were that those lost two games, cost Aumand's team the home court advantage in the quarterfinal game. Checking inside the numbers, even if the Cats had played Bellows Falls twice, the



The high point of Fall Mountain's quarterfinal game versus Conant, an elimination game loss 37-33, was when the Lady Cats surged ahead in the third quarter. Dana Dearborn, pictured here, scored 7 of her team high 9 points during that stretch, in which FM attempted to take command, but turnovers, too many fouls and missed free throws did the team in at the end.

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The clock struck 12 on the Fall Mountain Girls Basketball team on a night when they fell to Conant 37-33. Coach Boomer Aumand's team had defeated Conant in three previous match-ups, unfortunately for the Lady Cats, the fourth was the worst case scenario. Brooke Aumand, pictured here, tallied 15 points in a first round conquest of Interlakes 49-37.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

expected opponent, who chose to drop the two games, and defeated them, FM would have been a point short of catching Conant.

On the other hand, if the Cats had been able to pick up two games to replace BF, at least one of them would have had to have been against a New Hampshire Division II school and they would have had to win both games, in order to pass Conant and claim the home court.

By the way, picking up new games in New Hampshire after the original schedule is released, has always been difficult and Fall Mountain still does not have those two games on next year's schedule, because it is the second year of a two year schedule cycle. FM athletic director Gordon Danserau has tried to be creative, by calling two schools, who are not rivals, and asking "why don't you two play just once and we could play each of you once."

Thus far, there have been no takers. Danserau is now turning his focus on other Vermont schools, (Vermont is in the first year of their two year cycle next winter), in hopes of acquiring those games.

Back to the actual FM-Conant contest in the quarterfinals. Aumand points out,

"We knew this was a different team than we faced earlier in the season. It was a battle. They upped their game, but so did we. But they played a little better."

Conant led 9-6 after one and then, for the second straight FM play-off game,

both teams scored 10 points in the second quarter, making it 19-16 at intermission.

Aumand said, "We talked about momentum at the half and said it was our turn."

That was the way it played out with the Cats outscoring Conant in the third 12-7 for a 28-26 advantage entering the final stanza, a lead which eventually climbed to five, before turnovers, fouls and missed free throws, left the girls from Langdon, on the outside looking in. Dana Dearborn, who led FM in the point parade, had 7 of her 9 points in that third stanza.

Once again, with the planets out of whack, the Fall Mountain Girls have completed their season, but they could be the area team that still ends up going the furthest.

Aumand says that the ending does leave him, "disappointed, but, we had a great season just the same. I can't say enough about these kids. They worked very hard all season with big expectations coming off an almost perfect soccer season. That act was hard to follow."

That is certainly true. Championships don't grow on trees.

Can Chieftains rebound from slump?

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. - Brian Rappanotti enjoyed the start of this basketball season. His Chieftains jumped out to a 6-3 record and were looking forward to a twelve to fourteen win season and a first round home play-off game. Then somehow, a blizzard of loses, derailed that plan and now the bus is on the road to Lamoille with a play-off game with Peoples.

Rappanotti had a blend of seniors and youngsters that were expected to grow and mature together and for one reason or another, this just didn't happen. A 3-8 record down the stretch left everyone shaking their heads with a bus trip to stay alive.

"They are young, hopefully, that can be an advantage of some sort," Rappanotti said when talking about Peoples Academy, who are the Chieftains first round play-off opponent. Peoples finished 8-12, one game better than Green Mountain's 9-11, but it was good enough to accumulate more seeding points to finish ahead of the Chieftains and earn the home court. Since PA does not have a VPA approved home court, the game was played at Lamoille Union High School on Tuesday evening.

"We just haven't played the way we



James Anderson is becoming a complete player as a freshman for the Green Mountain boys basketball team. Anderson has three years of eligibility remaining and will be built around for the future.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

are capable of lately. It seems one thing or another goes wrong. It would be nice to get the breaks in this one and start something," Rappanotti mentioned.

This is the fourth year in a row, GM has finished in the 7th through 10th play-off slots, always setting the Chieftains up to meet one of the top two seeds in the quarterfinal with a victory.

Since the 6-3 start the early momentum and consistency earned, has all but evaporated. A 39-37 squeaker over Poultney in Nason Gym allowed the team to still believe they were headed



Mack Walton scoring here is a player who is going to be missed. He is a senior leader in every regard on the Green Mountain basketball team who faces Peoples Academy in the Vermont Division III Boys Basketball Tournament.

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in the right direction because of the victory in the next contest. Mack Walton with 15 led the way offensively against the Blue Devils, while Ian Kehoe and James Anderson added 9 in the Blue success. The Chieftains were on their way to success in the next game against Long Trail before they gave away a large lead. Kehoe with 14 and Anderson with 12 paced the point parade. GM went back to their winning ways versus Bellows Falls 58-46 with Kehoe with 14 and Walton and Anderson with 13 and 9 pacing the effort.

Then all of a sudden, a loss to Windsor began a slide in the opposite direction, which the team never really recovered from. Windsor prevailed as expected 66-46 and Anderson with 16 and Walton with 14 were high scorers.

"I need the team to show up for thirty-two minutes," were the words spoken by Rappanotti after a big 62-50 loss to Arlington. Walton with 18 and Anderson with 11 provided offensive support.

The team received a reprieve, follow-

ing a 60-34 thumping over Leland + Gray. Balanced scoring highlighted the victory with Kehoe's 16 the focal point, followed by 12 by Anderson and 10 each by Ryan McSally and Walton.

A trip to Twin Valley arrived at the wrong time and ended in a 61-49 loss to emphasize to one and all that competing now is to be a priority. Kehoe and McSally had good games with 19 and 11, but enough offense could not be generated.

Two games remained with Bellows Falls and West Rutland and before they were played, the thought around the Chieftain team was two wins might get a game on home court.

"It was more about how good they played, than about what we did," Rappanotti offered following a 67-45 loss to the Terriers. The coach went on to say, "they have gotten a lot better and we haven't since the first game and they really shot well, everything went in and they took it to us." Walton had 17 and Kehoe 12 in the loss.

"We dug a hole," was the way Rappanotti looks at the final game at West Rutland, a 45-43 loss, when "we got down by 18 and then had a chance to tie it at the end. Hopefully we can bring things back together versus Peoples."

That would be nice.

Upside of Springfield boys basketball

BY BILL MURPHY

The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - For the second straight winter, Springfield has not had any success chasing victories on their boys basketball schedule. I will say a similar thing this winter to what I said last winter, these athletes deserve a standing ovation. Whether it is due to lack of confidence, lack of talent or a combination of both or other factors, one thing is certain. Most anyone would be proud to be their coach. They basically don't give up.

I was in attendance when they lost their 18th game of the season at Hartford 59-19. A play early in the game, when the Cosmos were starting to take command, accentuated the character of this team. Dakota Bushey, one of the players who has grown the most on this team, drove the lane and there was contact, leading to him losing control of the ball. Bushey glanced at the official, accepted there wasn't going to be a whistle and hustled back on defense. No excuses. Just keep playing hard.

That is what the Cosmos boys basketball team is today. Players who come to play every night, do their best, and control what they can. I re-

peat; they give no excuses.

The 59-19 loss at Hartford, may or may not have been the low point of the season. There were moments that night, when the resolve of a player or two could be questioned, as it appeared they were about to hit a "is this really worth it?" moment. However, they closed out the season with two more strong efforts, while bowing to a red hot Windsor team 58-30 and Hartford at home on Senior Night 63-40, in each case, putting another "I did what I could" notch on their belt.

The Cosmos were 0-3 the last time we wrote about them coming off two straight losses by over forty points, one to Mount Saint Joseph 87-41 the other to Green Mountain 78-32. There have been competitive games since, but most of the time, they lose by 30 points or more.

In the final seventeen games, they

fell to Bellows Falls 87-54 and 39--34 with GJ Scherington 16 and Taylor Hunter 15 the top scorers in those respective encounters, were beaten by Woodstock 64-52 and 70-31 with Hunter 17 and Bushey 10 pacing the offense and fell in single games to Otter Valley 56-33 and Brattleboro 65-26 with Bushey 14 and Hunter 13 top scorers.

Single games were also played with Arlington 54-48 where the Green and

White played one of their best games down the stretch, battling back from a big deficit to challenge the Eagles, in a game in which Bushey led the way with 20 and Mill River 80-30 when Bushey sparkled with 19. The Cosmos also fell in single contests with Burr +Burton 78-28 (Chris Hopkins 8), Fall Mountain, 54-44, a game they competed well

in, (Scherington 18), Leland + Gray 53-49, in another close one. Hunter had 22 points, a team season high in that one and equaled that production against Windsor, in a 78-44 loss, the next time out. Noah Zierfac's 13 led the way in the second Windsor loss,

which was the only outing in the last seven games in which Hunter was not the leading scorer.

Springfield is expected to stay in the Marble Valley League's B Division next year, but with a modified schedule of non-league games. B Division teams are usually aligned to play each of the A Division teams once, but Springfield has been spared that burden and has the opportunity to schedule 10 non-league games of their choosing. This is a step in the right direction and will hopefully make them more competitive in the near future.

Coach Mike Ruppel can be proud that this team definitely grew as the season went along and of the six teams they played twice this winter, the score was more competitive in five of those six second meetings, a good sign.

Ruppel said "I am proud of the players for competing every day throughout the season. We will miss our seniors next year, but they have helped lay the foundation for a strong program. Now the work of becoming better players begins. We need our younger guys to put in a lot of work in the offseason and to improve their game and be ready to step up come next winter."



Young talent is what is important for the future of the Springfield High Boys Basketball program. Noah Zierfac, pictured driving here, had 13 points in a fast paced game versus Windsor near the end of the season and the development of freshmen such as him, are key to the programs future.

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Dakota Bushey with the ball returns for Springfield next winter. He has shown to have the no excuses type of attitude needed to help the program take the next step forward in 2017-18.

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arts & entertainment

Battle of the Barbers on Main Street

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - Scissors will snip and curls will be clipped as the Battle of the Barbers heats up on Main Street Friday, March 3.

The tonsorial action will take place in the lobby of the Latchis Hotel beginning at 5 p.m. and features an appearance by Sweeney Todd, the De-

mon Barber of Fleet Street, and his nemesis Signor Adolfo Pirelli.

These masters of the close shave will meet again in the Main Street Arts musical production of Sweeney Todd that opens Thursday, March 16 at the historic Bellows Falls Opera House for a two-weekend run.

"We wanted to have some fun while promoting our show," said the show's director, David Stern. "We will have real hair stylists on hand to do some speed cutting and maybe carving."

Cast member Zac Binney of Keene, N.H., who is a stylist, will be joined by Lori Brown of Boccacio's in Bellows Falls to offer free cuts. Meanwhile, other members of the cast will be on hand to provide a musical taste of the show.

Gallery walkers are invited to nip on down to the Latchis for the shear fun of it and the possibility of nicking a freebie haircut.

After the gala opening night March 16, Sweeney Todd performances continue Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March 18 and Thursday, March 23 Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices vary with special student rates at certain performances. March 17 is Steampunk Night, with prizes for best costume.

Reservations and ticketing information can be found at www.Mainstreetarts.org or by calling MSA at 802-869-2960.

The production is a collaboration between MSA and the New England Youth Theatre, New England Center for Circus Arts, Sandglass Theater, River Theater, Kimball Union Academy, Shakespeare & Co. of Lenox, Mass., and the Town of Rockingham.

Sponsors of the production are Allen Brothers, Brennan Building Contractors, Cota & Cota, Greater Falls Pharmacy, High Meadow Rovers, Kimball Union Academy, LaValley Building Supply, Rockingham Arts & Museum Project (R.A.M.P.), Ruggerio's Trash Removal, Springfield Printing and Village Square Booksellers.



Sweeney Todd will appear at the Battle of the Barbers.

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Student artwork is on display

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - The art of Saxtons River Elementary School students will be on display at Main Street Arts from Thursday, March 9 to Friday, April 21 in a show entitled "98 Works of Art."

All current students with have

pieces hung in the gallery, with an opening reception open to the public Friday, March 9 from 5-6 p.m. Members of the student council will be selling snacks to support school projects.

The exhibit provides a unique opportunity to see the developmental

process of young artists spanning five grade levels and to have a community celebration of the young artists and the value of art education.

Further information is available by contacting MSA at 802-869-2960 or online at www.mainstreetarts.org.



Art by 98 students of the Saxtons River Elementary School will be on display at Main Street Arts March 9 - April 21.

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Architectural artwork is available for viewing

CHESTER, Vt. - Whiting Library located on Main Street in Chester is pleased to present the architectural drawings of Gary Barron during the months of March and April. Mr. Barron is an architectural artist specializing in streetscapes and iconic build-

ings. His detailed drawings capture the beauty of Vermont's architectural identity. Mr. Barron is a member of American Institute of Architects-Vermont.

Please visit the library during any open hours to view these beautiful works, including a streetscape of

Chester's Common.

Whiting Library is open Monday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 802-875-2277, or email whitinglibrary@yahoo.com or visit whitinglibrary.org for more information.



Gary Barron's drawing of the Chester Common.

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"Which Way Home" to play at the Unitarian Universalist Church

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - "Which Way Home," a highly regarded film nominated for an Academy Award in 2010, will be shown at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Springfield on Friday, March 3. The story is of children from Mexico and Central America trying to get to a better life in the US, using freight trains to reach the Border.

Amazon's notes that "Many of the children in "Which Way Home," like José from El Salvador, have experienced abandonment by their parents, who left in search of income and provided little in the way of role models. A few key scenes, like that filmed in the Guatemalan

Consul where national officials interview boys before deporting them back to their home countries, and the scene showing Grupos Beta, a grassroots group that travels by van alongside the trains to provide free supplies and medical care to these children, are inspiring. Still, one comes to realize that the problem is overwhelming. While "Which Way Home" chronicles a problem that demands attention, it does so in a touching manner, leaving its star characters' dignities intact as they confess their motivations, namely devout family loyalty." -Trinie Dalton

The film is 90 minutes, the doors will open at 6:45 p.m. Beverages and popcorn will be available. Steve Crofter, who is leading our service on Sunday March 5, will lead discussion after the film. Discussion is held at the church located at 21 Fairground Rd, Springfield. Free and open to all.

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Raise the Roof concert series hosts Wanda Houston

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - On Sunday, March 5, Proctorsville's Raise the Roof winter concert series will resume with a stellar performance by Wanda Houston, known for her soulful singing of blues, funk, jazz

and dusky romantic standards. Performing since third grade and trained in opera, Houston has sung and acted her way across theater stages, on film, in cabarets, recording studios and large concert halls.

She can belt out the blues, move your spirit with gospel and stir your soul with timeless romantic standards. A critic for Time Out magazine wrote, "The mega-voiced Wanda Houston blows the roof off!"

Houston will be joined on stage by the renowned Eugene Uman on keyboard and Dave Picchi on acoustic bass. Uman is the musical director of Brattleboro's Vermont Jazz Center and Picchi teaches and performs his blend of pop, soul, jazz and rock in northern Massachusetts. The convergence of talent that Houston, Uman and Picchi bring to the stage will create a remarkable afternoon of music in a tiny church with big acoustics. Because of their huge success last year, this is the trio's return performance in the series.

The concert is at 4 p.m. at Gethsemane Church on Depot St. Mark your calendar for a memorable performance of terrific live music in an intimate venue.



Wanda Houston lifts her voice in concert.

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Video festival to feature high school talent

REGION, Vt. - Castleton University, in partnership with Vermont PBS, invites Vermont high school students to participate in the annual Castleton Videofest. High School students throughout Vermont and the surrounding area are encouraged to enter submissions in any of four categories: documentary, experimental/animation, narra-

tive fiction, and public service announcements/advertisements.

Scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded for first place in each category. Video professionals will judge the entries on creativity, content, and execution.

Submissions must be postmarked by Monday, May 1 or submitted digitally by Wednesday, May 3. A

public screening of the winning videos and an award ceremony will be held at Castleton University in the Casella Theater on Friday, May 12.

For more information and contest rules, contact Video Broadcast Technician Samantha Green at samantha.green@castleton.edu or visit castleton.edu/videofest.

Discount on early registration for 2017 LEGO contest

CHESTER, Vt. - The 2017 LEGO Contest will take place on Saturday March 18 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the NewsBank Conference Center, 352 Main Street. But those who register by March 10 will qualify for a discount on the entry fee.

This event is open to LEGOManics Pre-K through Grade 8 and their families. Students are encouraged to use snow days or inclement weather to create something unique and have enough time to fine-tune their entries.

Participants should construct their original creations (no kits allowed), with a maximum size of 24" x 36", and bring them on March 18 between 9-10 a.m. to the Conference Center. Entries will be judged in different grade categories from 10 a.m. to noon for their originality, imagination, and presentation. If a structure is a team entry, the age of the oldest member will determine the grade category. There is also a separate family team class for collaborating children and parents. Motorized LEGOs will be considered in a separate section.

At 12:30 p.m. LEGO prizes will be awarded to winners and runners-up in the different classes, with special awards for the Judges' choice for Best in Show and Most Vermont creations. The Creators' Choice Award will be given to the entry that the

contestants themselves vote as the most outstanding creation.

While the judges are looking at the entries, participants can share ideas and make an additional construction at two special LEGO stations. They will not be able to remove their creation from the special areas and won't be able to enter them in the contest, but this is a good opportunity for students to construct something different, perhaps with a friend, for additional fun.

Refreshments will be on sale to make the waiting time even more enjoyable. The Registration Form may be downloaded from Special Events at www.stlukeepiscopalvt.org or www.ourchester.org. Printed forms are available at the Whiting Library on Main Street in Chester, at Chester-Andover Elementary School, and at the library and the Elementary School in Grafton.

A check for the registration fee should be made out to "St. Luke's



Sign up for the LEGO Contest.

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Circling and Singing our Spiritual Journeys



A Lenten retreat titled Circling and Singing our Spiritual Journeys, will be taking place at the Immanuel Retreat Center. PHOTO PROVIDED

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - A Lenten retreat titled Circling and Singing our Spiritual Journeys, will be taking place at the Immanuel Retreat Center located at 12 and 14 Church St. The retreat happens March 23-25.

In this year's Lenten retreat, they will use small group process and shared singing to enhance personal discernment, purpose and calling. They will learn safe circle practice as we tell our own stories and experience the power of community.

The retreat is open to people of any faith and will be an opportunity to strengthen your spiritual journey and calling in the safe space of a small, facilitated group. Using practices based on the Clearness

Committee (Quaker tradition and Parker Palmer) and Calling the Circle (Christina Baldwin), each participant will sign up for a circle session when they will share the growing edge of their spiritual journey.

The participants in circle will listen with open hearts, asking clarifying questions to deepen understanding, but not directing the speaker toward any answers or possible way forward. Insight comes to the speakers through the process itself and the presence of the attentive, heart-felt listeners.

The time together will be enhanced by Celtic morning and evening prayer services, silence, song, chant, optional spiritual direction, informal discussion and personal time as well as the circle sessions and singing

workshops.

The retreat is limited to 11 participants and all participants must be full time. The cost is for tuition and all meals. However you can save 20 percent on early bird pricing if you register before March 10. Housing and commuter options are extra.

Liz Rogers will be sitting in on the sessions and will be available for private counsel throughout the retreat. She is a psychotherapist specializing in the ways spirituality enhances mental and emotional health.

Circling and Singing our Spiritual Journeys takes place beginning at 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 23 and ends at 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 25. Further information and registration is available at www.immanuelretreat.org or by calling 802-460-0110.

Free concert in Weston

WESTON, Vt. - A free public concert featuring selections from the 2017 New Musical Award Winner, DEATHLESS, will be held at the Weston Playhouse on Saturday, March 4 at 8 p.m. Weston Associate Artistic Director Michael Berresse will direct the concert reading.

Writer/composer Zack Zadek's DEATHLESS was chosen for the Weston Playhouse Theatre Company's 11th annual New Musical Award. Nominated by Jennifer Ashley Tepper of Feinstein's/54 Below, DEATHLESS follows the road trip of a grieving family who are asking questions about life and death in the modern age in the face of the development of a pill that can prevent natural death.

Tepper describes DEATHLESS as "an intimate, meaningful new musical driven by its original voice, moving score, and knowledge of the human heart."

Developed in part at Theatre-

Works Silicon Valley, Goodspeed Musicals, Signature Theatre, and Merry Go Round Playhouse, DEATHLESS is slated for a developmental production at Goodspeed's Norma Terris Theatre

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Join organic orchard specialist, Michael Phillips for a field intensive workshop

CHESTER, Vt. - Have you always wanted to have beautiful, healthy fruit trees, but lacked the confidence or experience to give it a shot? Michael Phillips, well-known author will be The Nature Museum's featured speaker on Friday, March 10, at 7 p.m. at the NewsBank Conference Center, 352 Main Street.

The following day Phillips will offer a two-hour workshop entitled, "Creating a Fruitful Landscape: A Field Intensive for Holistic Orchard-ing." This unique opportunity is limited to 10 people and will take

place at Soul Song Farm on Saturday, March 11, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Chester. Participants are invited for coffee and a breakfast bite starting at 9 a.m.

Phillips believes that each of us can enjoy the timeless pleasure of healthy fruit trees and berries without using expensive and harmful chemicals. Unfortunately, modern life has left most of us without the experience or in-depth knowledge to produce truly healthy fruits.

Phillips will give beginners the inspiration and knowledge they'll get

started, as well as provide deeper answers for those with experience looking for support to go organic. He'll discuss the inner-workings of the orchard ecosystem, orchard biology, and organic health management.

His presentation will include such topics as the importance of connections between home orcharding and permaculture; the importance of native pollinators; the world of understory plantings; cover crops, the newest biodiversity research; and the latest research on safe, homegrown solutions to pest and disease challenges.

Michael Phillips lives with his wife Nancy and daughter Grace on Heartsong Farm in northern New Hampshire, where they grow fruits and a variety of medicinal herbs. Phillips' Lost Nation Orchard on their farm is part of the Holistic Orchard Network; learn more at www.groworganicapples.com.

The Nature Museum is co-sponsoring these two events with Michael Phillips. To register or for more information, please go to: www.nature-museum.org or call 802-843-2111. The Nature Museum is a regional resource for nature, science and environmental education in Southern Vermont.



Join organic orchard Michael Phillips for a field workshop.

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Hike in Equinox Preservation

MANCHESTER, Vt. - On Sunday, March 5 meet at noon at the Equinox Preservation Trust Red Gate parking on West Union Street in Manchester Village. Snowshoe or hike via several EPT trails to the

Southern Vermont Arts Center. Eat lunch at the Arts Center (bring your own, they will provide a warm place inside for us to eat), view the exhibits and return the same way we came.

Bring extra layers, snack and fluids. Total mileage about 4.5 and elevation gain about 600 ft.

RSVP to Marge Fish at 802-384-3654 or marge.fish@gmail.com

Skiers and riders shine at Okemo's Light the Night rail jam

LUDLOW, Vt. - Okemo Mountain Resort will light up the night sky and a specially constructed rail garden on Bull Run, Saturday, March 4, for its Light the Night rail jam presented by Amp Energy Drink. \$5,000 in cash and prizes will go to the best skiers and riders in this jam-format competition. The Bull Run trail, located adjacent to Okemo's Clock Tower base area, makes an optimal venue for participants and spectators alike.

Okemo's Light the Night rail

jam competitors can participate in one of two divisions. The Amateur class will compete for prizes, while the Pro class will compete for the chance to win a portion of the \$5,000 purse. Included in this year's event is a best-trick contest presented by Clif Bar.

There is an entry fee. Registration is scheduled from 3-5 p.m. in the mezzanine of the Clock Tower base lodge. Competitors may also pre-register online at okemo.com. The Amateur competition starts at 5:30 p.m. and the Pro class starts at

6:30 p.m. Helmets are required for all competitors. Participants under 18 require a waiver signed by a parent or guardian.

"This after-hours jam format competition under the lights is always popular with spectators and the competitors turn it up for an electrifying contest of terrain-park skill," said Okemo Events Manager Mercedes Bolles.

For more information about Okemo Mountain Resort, please call 802-228-1600 or visit www.okemo.com.

Distant Hill Nature Trail is now open daily

WALPOLE, N.H. - Distant Hill Gardens wanted to let you all know that your 2016 donations have been put to work improving the Accessibility of Distant Hill Gardens.

This past they added another 900 feet of accessible trail to Distant Hill Nature Trail, a trailhead kiosk, and a small parking area. That makes almost a mile of gently sloping gravel trails to explore on your next visit. Hopefully they will be adding more trails in the fall.

In addition to the trail work mentioned above, they also seeded a 1/10 acre wildflower pollinator planting at the very beginning of the trail. With luck there will be some flowers for the bees and butterflies this season, with many more over the next few years.

After four years of hard work Distant Hill Nature Trail is now open to the public free of charge



The new trailhead kiosk and gate with the pollinator meadow and bat houses in the background.

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seven days a week, dawn to dusk. The entrance to Distant Hill Gardens on trailhead is located just east of the 507 March Hill Road.

Sign Up for your local Farmers Market

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Farmers Market will be holding an open meeting on Tuesday, March 7 for vendors interested in participating in the 2017 market season. The meeting will be held at the North Springfield Baptist Church on Main St. in North Springfield starting at 6:30 p.m. Vendors with agricultural and artisan products are welcome to attend this informational meeting.

Spring indoor markets are scheduled for April 1 and May 13 at the United Methodist Church at 10 Valley St. in Springfield, they are held from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The regular season will begin Saturday, June 3 and continue every Saturday through Apple Festival except for Springfield Alumni Day on June 17. The market also participates in Market Madness.

Applications and Rules can be found on the website: springfieldvtfarmersmarket.com. For more information email springfieldfarmersmarketinc@gmail.com, verdmontconst@vermont.net or call Diane at 802-885-4096.

LUDLOW, Vt. - This year's Ludlow Farmers Market will run every Friday from 4 - 7 p.m. starting May 26 through October 6 on the front lawn of the Okemo Mountain School. We welcome full season, half season, daily vendors, as well as vendors choosing to share a space. The vendor application and our market rules are available on our website. If you were a vendor last year and would like to return this season, please remember to submit an application as well.

Applications are due April 1. If you are a market-goer, thank you in advance for supporting us last season; we hope you will make us a part of your Friday afternoons again this season. We look forward to seeing you soon! www.ludlowfarmersmarket.org



MARCH ►

4 LIGHT THE NIGHT RAIL JAM

Okemo is lighting up the snow on Bull Run for skiers and riders of all ages to show off their best moves. \$5,000 in cash and prizes is up for grabs. The Amateur competition starts at 5:30 pm on Bull Run. Pro class starts at 6:30 p.m. Presented by AMP Energy Drink.

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Michael is a Vermont master gardener and raises cooking herbs, garlic, heirloom tomatoes and green beans, peppers, and squashes in the kitchen gardens, using composted eggshells and vegetable scraps.

Farm-to-table means green cuisine - "getting back to the way that everyone used to cook, you always bought locally what was in season," says Irene. "Michael makes all our jams and jellies from our Concord grape arbor at home and apple butter from neighbors' apple trees."

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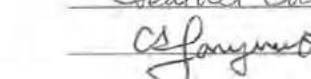
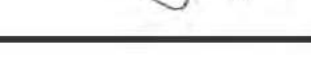

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**TOWN OF CHESTER
WARNING
NOTICE OF TOWN MEETING**

The Legal Voters of the TOWN OF CHESTER are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Chester Town Hall, Second Floor in said Town of Chester on Monday, March 6, 2017, at 6:00 pm., to act on the following Articles. Voting on Article 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be by Australian ballot on March 7, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Chester Town Hall Second Floor.

- ARTICLE 1:** To elect Town Officials for the ensuing year as provided by the Public Laws of Vermont and citizens to serve on the Budget Committee (Australian Ballot).
- ARTICLE 2:** Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Chester in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$235,000.00), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of purchasing the following capital items: \$135,000.00 to repair the large culvert on Popple Dungen Road; \$100,000.00 to make improvements to Route 35. (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 3:** Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Chester in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of purchasing a new Pumper Truck for the Fire Department. (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 4:** Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Chester in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Dollars (\$185,000.00), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of purchasing the following capital items: \$25,000.00 to replace the pumps at the town pool for the recreation department; \$110,000.00 to purchase a tractor with a roadside mower and leaf blower for the highway department; \$50,000.00 to repair the handicap access ramp at town hall. (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to eliminate the office of town auditor. The town is audited annually by a certified public accountant. (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to eliminate the office of Lister, effective January 1, 2018. This position would be replaced by a professionally qualified assessor. (Australian Ballot)
- ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to accept gifts and trust funds for perpetual care of cemetery lots in accordance with conditions of said gifts and trusts as follows: Nelson and Sherry Smith, \$1,000.00; Georgeann and Donald Turner, \$500.00; Frederick Sale, \$500.00.
- ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$2,876,502.11 to be paid to the Chester Town Treasurer on September 15, 2017, to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness.
- ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to expend from the Capital Budget Reserve Fund, \$333,100.00 to be allocated as follows: \$125,000.00 for the purchase of a new dump truck for the highway department; \$49,600.00 for the Loader lease for the highway department; \$20,000.00 for the purchase of a new pickup truck for the highway department; \$55,000.00 for the excavator loan for the highway department; \$18,500.00 for the purchase of airpaks for the fire department; \$45,000.00 for the purchase of a cruiser for the police department; \$20,000.00 for the library repairs; all as indicated on the Capital Budget Program schedule and less any grant funds that may be received
- ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to exempt from municipal and education taxes, for a period of five years, 100% of the Fair Market Value of lands and buildings occupied by the Chester Rod & Gun Club, Inc.
- ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to exempt from municipal and education taxes, for a period of five years, 100% of the Fair Market Value of lands and buildings occupied by the Green Mountain Softball League.
- ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$ 8,649.00 to the Springfield Regional Development Corporation.
- ARTICLE 13:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to Pennies for the Playground (501(c)(3) nonprofit) organization for the renewal of the Chester Community Playground at Chester Andover Elementary School in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2691.
- ARTICLE 14:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$2500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) to support the Chester Fireworks for Labor Day weekend, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2691.
- ARTICLE 15:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVEN DOLLARS (\$13,807) to help support the home health, maternal and child health, and hospice care provided in patients' homes and in community settings by the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of VT and NH. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 16:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND AND FORTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$3,044) to help support outpatient, mental health and substance abuse services by the staff of Health Care and Rehabilitation Services, Inc. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 17:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND FORTY DOLLARS (\$3,040) to Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) to assist Chester in responding to the emergency needs of the community and providing all available and applicable services to families and individuals in need. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 18:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900) to the Women's Freedom Center for general budget support to provide services to women and their children who are experiencing emotional, physical and/or sexual abuse and are residents of the Town. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 19:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,200.00) for the support of Senior Solutions (formerly Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont) for help to support seniors and their families who are trying to remain at home and not be placed in a nursing home. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 20:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$2,700 (two thousand seven hundred dollars) to assist with the cost of operating the Meals on Wheels Program of Greater Springfield that provides daily hot and cold congregate and home delivered meals and other nutritional needs to the qualified residents of Chester. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 21:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$2,250 (two thousand two hundred fifty dollars) for the support of the Current operated by Connecticut River Transit, Inc., to provide transit services to the residents of the Town of Chester. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 22:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$800 (eight hundred dollars) to support Windsor County Partners, for youth mentoring services provided to children in Windsor County. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 23:** Shall the Town of Chester appropriate the sum of \$400 (four hundred dollars) to Green Mountain RSVP & Volunteer Center of Windsor County to develop opportunities for people age 55 and older to positively impact the quality of life in the community of Chester through volunteer service. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 24:** Shall the Town appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,800.00) toward the support of the Community Cares Network of Chester and Andover, Inc, a non-profit organization which provides services to senior citizens, helping them to stay in their homes longer safely. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town of Chester will appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) to assist in the services of the Chester-Andover Family Center for individuals and families in need. This article is by petition.
- ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses and any part of the Town's indebtedness.
- ARTICLE 27:** To act on the reports of the Town Officers for the year ending December 31, 2016.
- ARTICLE 28:** To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not including the expenditures of Town Funds or other business acted upon in the preceding Articles.

Dated at Chester, Vermont on this 19th day of January, 2017.

 /s/ John DeBenedetti, Chairman
 /s/ Ben Whalen
 /s/ Daniel S. Cole
 /s/ Heather Chase
 /s/ Arne Jonynas

calendar

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

FRIDAY, MARCH 3 – SUNDAY, MARCH 5 – LUDLOW, Vt. - The Women's Center for Binge and Emotional Eating is hosting a premier retreat for women who struggle with overeating and weight. Retreat will include strategies for mindful eating, mindful

movement, self-care, and stress management.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4- KEENE, N.H. - History enthusiasts are invited to participate in a special Citizen Archivist initiative workshop hosted by Keene State College from 10:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Located in the Mason Library. Workshop attendees become acquainted with Revolutionary

War leader Meshech Weare and, using his papers, will learn to transcribe 18th century script. The workshop will also introduce 17th and 19th century script. The workshop is free. Space is limited. To register for this free workshop contact Margaret Orelup at morelup@keene.edu.

RUTLAND, Vt. - Join Rutland Area Farm and Food Link's (RAFFL) Everyday Chef program (EDC) for a four-class series on nutritious, authentic Mexican food. Located at the Grace Congregational Church from 12-1:30 p.m. Fall in love with Adobada, a luscious pork stew. We'll make a huge batch, then repurpose it into authentic enchiladas. We'll also make a batch of Horchata, a beloved Mexican beverage made from cinnamon and toasted rice. There is a fee for the class. For more information, call 802-417-1528 x5. Register at www.rutlandfarmandfood.org

WINDSOR, Vt. - Blake Hill Preserves, 60 Artisans Way, will be hosting a marmalade master classes, first one begins at 9, the other begins at 11 a.m. Learn how to make their award-winning marmalade. Open to all levels of expertise. Call 802-674-4529

TUESDAY, MARCH 7- BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The free 10-week Nurturing Parenting Program from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. The sessions will take place at the Rockingham Free Public Library's Community Room on 65 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls. Dinner and childcare will be provided. The program is a skills-based workshop that supports parents and caregivers in raising happy and healthy tweens and teens. For families of children in grades 4 - 8. You can sign up by calling Suzan Marshall at 802-498-0606 or Deb Witkus at 802-463-9927 x212. An online sign up form is available at www.facebook.com/greaterfallsconnections. Ends May 9.

MONDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - 9 - 10:30 a.m. play group at the Springfield Area Parent Child Center. Come to play and meet new friends. All parents with

young children are welcomed. Contact Celeste at 886-5242 or email at celestem@vermontel.net.

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

CHESTER, Vt. - Invigorating and uplifting kundalini yoga series suitable for all levels, from 6 - 7:15 p.m. Located at The Fullerton Inn on the green. Part 3 series: March 14, 21, 28, April 4. Sign up by March 7. Part 4 series: April 11, 18, 25, May 2. Sign up by April 4. Sign up online <http://www.buddhafulyoga.com/events>. Contact Liza Eaton at 802-875-2868

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - 2 hour art classes. BYO refreshments & appetizers. 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Art & Paint Parties: 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: 3/14- Needle felting, 4/11- Alcohol Inks. Contact Kim Roy for her Art & Paint Parties at 802-824-6555 / Kim@kimraymurs.com. Classes will take place at the Mountain Painters & Artisans Gallery at the Mountain Marketplace, 5700 Route 100.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - Practice ancient yoga that is designed to enliven and energize your body from 9:30 - 11 a.m.. Part 3 series: March 14, 21, 28, April 4. Sign up for Part 3 series by March 7. Part 4 series: April 11, 18, 25, May 2. Sign up by April 4. Suitable for all skill levels; class held at Gethsemane Church, 89 Depot Street. Sign up online <http://www.buddhafulyoga.com/events>. Contact Liza Eaton at 802-875-2868

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@myrecenter.org

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

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Wednesdays through March 15 is the Celtic Knotwork Course. There is a class fee. Held at Currier Hall, 12 Church St., Bellows Falls. Call for more information 802-460-0110 or visit <http://www.stonechurcharts.org>

CAVENDISH, Vt. - 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. There is a monthly tuition cost. To learn more about the classes, please contact Djemila at (802) 490-0225, by email: djem.translator@gmail.com or

INVITATION TO BID GRAVEL AND STONE

The Chester Highway Department is seeking bids for gravel and stone for the town's stockpile. A bid form and additional information can be obtained at the Chester Town Office, 556 Elm Street, Chester, VT during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.).

All bids must be received at the Chester Town Office no later than 12:00 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2017.

INVITATION TO BID CHESTER ACADEMY BUILDING WINDOW and DOOR RESTORATION

The Town of Chester is seeking qualified bidders who are proficient in working with historic windows and doors. The Town of Chester has been awarded a Historic Preservation Grant from the Division of Historic Preservation for the State of Vermont. These grant funds were obtained for the purpose of conserving and restoring 34 large 6 over 6 double hung windows, 2 transom windows, 6 basement windows and 2 double side doors, as well as cornice repair. Due to the use of Historic Preservation funds, all work will be done with the historic nature of the Academy Building in mind. If necessary, traditional materials should be replaced in kind with materials that match the original and are joined in the same or a similar way. In addition, all work will need to comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

Any Contractor selected must be able to provide a Certificate of Insurance for General Liability and Property Damage and must identify the State of Vermont as an additional insured. Said policy shall have limits no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$1,000,000 General Aggregate, \$1,000,000 Products/Completed Operation Aggregate and \$50,000 Fire/Legal/Liability. In addition, any Contractor selected must provide proof of Workers Compensation Insurance and Automotive Liability Insurance.

Please contact Julie Hance at the Chester Town Office for further information at (802) 875-2173 or jhchester@vermontel.net.

All bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope labeled "Academy Building Window and Door Restoration" and should be forwarded to the Town Manager's Office, 556 Elm Street (P.O. Box 370) Chester, VT 05143, on or before 12:00 noon on March 22, 2017.

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Residential Specialist(s) - Brattleboro, Bellows Falls and Springfield - Per-diem and Full time positions are currently available. Opportunity to join a dynamic team working in a therapeutic community for individuals with serious mental illness. We are looking for creative, flexible and dependable people to teach independent living skills, socialization and community integration in the area. Applicants with relevant bachelor's degree and/or residential mental health experience preferred.

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CLASSES CONT.

WEDNESDAYS CONT. - check for updates on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gemstaichi/>

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

THURSDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Edgar May 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@myrecenter.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, through 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. 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 7 p.m., open to people of all ages. Try something new, make mistakes, learn, and try again at the Art Gym on 62 Clinton Street. Visit www.facebook.com/springfieldartgym/

SATURDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Edgar May 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@myrecenter.org

SUNDAYS - WALLINGFORD, Vt. - Experience the joy of restoring movement to all areas of your body at the Wallingford Elementary School from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Classes & Workshops will include experiential anatomy and a variety of yoga practices, courtesy of 5 instructors! Dress warmly. There is a fee for participation. Call 802-446-2499 to register. 3/5, 3/19,

4/2 Weekly updates available: <https://www.facebook.com/thrivecenterofthegreenmountains>

WEEKLY - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. Come swim with a great group of adults in our Masters Swim Group at the Edgar May Center. The group meets 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.myrecenter.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.myrecenter.org

REGION - "Bone Builder" to combat osteoporosis. Free and open to 55+. Call 802-674-4547. Monday and Wednesday: Brownsville Town Hall 9 - 10 a.m.; Martin Memorial Hall in Ascutney

10 - 11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday: Cavendish Baptist Church 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday: Andover Community Church 3 - 4 p.m.

CLUBS

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

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

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

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. More info call 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 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.

COMMUNITY MEALS

SATURDAY, MARCH 4 - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The United Church located at 8 School St. will host a New England boiled dinner on from

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Property Owner & Applicant: Odd Bellows LLC
Location: 28 Rockingham Street
Date of Hearing: March 8, 2017, 7 p.m. Town Hall
Purpose: Review proposed restaurant

LUDLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Parents of all children who will be attending Kindergarten next fall are requested to register their child at the Ludlow Elementary School. Registration will take place Monday, March 13th through Friday, March 17th, at any time between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

To be eligible for Kindergarten, children must be 5 years of age on or before August 31, 2017. Please bring a birth or baptismal certificate and all immunization records to the registration. Children do not need to be present during registration. Children currently enrolled in the LES Pre-school will need to confirm the registration of their child.

Please plan on spending time filling out the registration forms. All children registered will be invited to visit the Kindergarten on a specially selected day in May.

TOWN OF CAVENDISH WARNING OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING

February 28th, 2017

The legal voters of the Town of Cavendish, in the County of Windsor, are hereby notified and warned that an informational meeting will be held at the Cavendish Town Office, 37 High Street, Cavendish, Vermont at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, February 28th, 2017.

This meeting will afford voters the opportunity to get additional information on Article 2 of the Annual Town Meeting Warning. Article 2 reads as follows:

Shall the legal voters of the Town of Cavendish approve the issuance of a municipal bond in the amount not to exceed \$790,000 for the purpose of complete replacement of the Town Wastewater Treatment Plant Aeration system.

Article 2 is included on the Warning for the Town of Cavendish 2017 Annual Town Meeting which will be voted on by Australian Ballot on March 7th, 2017 between the hours of 10:00 am and 7:00 pm at the Cavendish Town Elementary School.

Dated at Cavendish, Vermont this 3rd day of February, 2017.

Robert W. Glidden, Chairman
George Timko
Michael J. Ripley
Jillian M. Flinn

Received for record, February 3rd, 2017th at 3:45 p.m.

Attest: *Diane M. McNamara* Town Clerk

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The Deadline for ALL Advertisement Reservations is Friday by 12 noon, Approvals by 5 pm for the following Wednesday Publication



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

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King Crossword

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- 39 Bedouin
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- 44 Debt notice
- 45 Pair
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- 47 Parched

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Keep an open mind about a suggestion you see as unworkable. Give it a chance to prove itself one way or another. The results could surprise both supporters and detractors.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) News about an upcoming venture causes you to make some last-minute adjustments in your plans. But the extra work will pay off, as you come to learn more about the potential benefits opening up.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A more positive aspect grows out of your determination to reach your immediate goals. Continue to keep your focus sharp and on target by steering clear of petty quarrels and other pesky problems.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) By acting as a voice of reason, you can avoid adding to an already turbulent situation. You might have to shout over the tumult, but your words ultimately will be heard and heeded.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) The possibility of a new acquisition always makes those Leonine eyes light up. But be careful that what you see is what you want. Appearances often can be deceiving.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) No matter how much you might feel that you're in the right, resist saying anything that could reignite a still-unresolved situation. Let the matter drop, and move on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Help with a personal problem comes from an unexpected source. You also find workplace pressures easing. Use this period of calm to restore your spent energies.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might have to share the credit for that project you're working on. But there'll be enough credit to go around, and your efforts will be recognized and rewarded.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Details need to be dealt with before you can move on to another area. Make sure you don't leave any loose ends that could later cause everything to unravel.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) News about a change in the workplace carries with it a challenge you could find difficult to resist. Check it out. It could be what you've been waiting for.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Allowing your artistic nature full expression will help restore your spirits and will put you in the mood to take on that new career challenge. A Libra creates excitement.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Expect to happily plunge right into a hectic social whirl starting at week's end. Your aspects favor new friendships as well as the strengthening of old relationships.
BORN THIS WEEK: Like St. Patrick (who was also born this week), your spiritual strength is an inspiration to others.

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MEALS CONT.

SAT., MARCH 4 CONT. - 5 - 6:30 p.m. The menu will include corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potato, rolls, pickled beets, cake, and beverages. There is a cost for the meal. Take out available. For advanced reservations, call Janice Manning, 802-463-3485. The church hall is accessible to all. Please enter from the back of the building.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5 - LUDLOW, Vt. - At 5 p.m. the United Church of Ludlow, located at the corner of Pleasant Street and Elm Street in Ludlow, will host a free meal for all members of the community. It's a great time to sit down, relax and enjoy a delicious, home-cooked meal. The event is an outreach program of Black River Good Neighbor Services entitled "Our Community Cares," established for individuals and families to receive a nutritious meal within a warm, welcoming community setting.



EVENTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 2 - CHESTER, Vt. - The Rotary Club will have Alison Deslauriers at their speaker at The Fullerton Inn from 5:30-6:30 p.m. She will speak about Act 46 and the subcommittee's work in pursuing a Regional Education District. Bring your questions. Appetizers and cash bar available. Social networking begins at 5:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3 - LUDLOW, Vt. - The Black River Area Community Coalition is hosting Skating for Prevention from 6 to 8 P.M. at The Ice House at Jackson Gore. Enjoy skating, music and refreshments courtesy of Okemo Mountain Resort. Admission is free to the event. Bring your own ice skates or rentals are available for a nominal fee. Information will be on hand about BRACC and our programs. If you have any questions, please contact BRACC at Anna.mcgee@braccvt or call 802-228-7878

SATURDAY, MARCH 4 - GASSETTS, Vt. - Gassetts Grange is having their monthly

community Breakfast, at 8 - 9:30 a.m. It is buffet style with plenty of food. There is a per person charge at the door. Eat in or take out. Gassetts Grange Hall is about 200 ft. above Jct. 10 & 103N. Any questions? Call Dave At 802-875-2637. That evening at 7 - 10 p.m. they will have Square dancing. A door donation is asked. Refreshments are on sale. 50/50 tickets are on sale at the door. Arnold Stoddard is doing the calling.

WESTON, Vt. - "Steadfast Hope: The Palestinian Quest for Just Peace" is the title of a talk at the Weston Priory, 58 Priory Hill Rd at 4 p.m. Two women, Kate Stevens and Jean Carr, will reflect on their recent experience as part of a delegation that recently went to Palestine in search of greater understanding. Following their talk, everyone is invited to participate in an optional evening prayer with the Brothers of the Weston Priory.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The North Springfield Baptist Church will be holding their annual indoor Cabin Fever sale 69 Main St in North Springfield from

9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.. A corn chowder luncheon will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Other features of the sale are a food sale, Rada cutlery, a rummage sale to include clothing and footwear, housewares, holiday items and much more. There will also be an assortment of plants, toys and books. For more information call the church at 802-886-8107.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7 - CHESTER, Vt. - The Chester-Andover Family Center is having an Election Day bake sale from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Chester town hall. Stop by after you vote. The money raised from the sale support the center's food shelf and financial assistance program. Call 802-875-3236 for more information.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9 - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - At the Windham Antique Center located at 5 in the Square The Bellows Falls Historical Society will be presenting several perspectives of the Bellows Falls area. Larry Clark will begin the program with an update of the project digitizing historical pictures and negatives in the

Historical Society's collection. The project of digitizing the Society's collection of negatives has provided over 200 images, many from glass plate negatives of the early 1900's. Following this, the video "The View from Table Rock" will be shown. This film is the project of part-time Rockingham resident Lyle Sorensen, and not only explains the process used in producing the "bird's-eye" view lithographs of the 1800's, but also explores our community in a unique way. Event starts at 7 p.m.,

FRIDAY, MARCH 10 & SATURDAY, MARCH 11 - CHESTER, Vt. - Organic orchardist Michael Phillips will present, Growing Healthy Fruit Trees and Berries the Biological Way. This program will take place at 7 p.m. at Newsbank Conference Center, 352 Main Street. The following morning Phillips will offer a workshop entitled, Creating a Fruitful Landscape: A Field Intensive, for a maximum of ten people. The field workshop will take place at Soul Song Farm on Saturday, March 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Chester, Vt. For more information call 802-843-2111

FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS - BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - Ukulele players are invited to six open jams to be held from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Latchis Theater, 4 Gallery on Main Street. The dates are March 6, 20; April 3, 17; May 1, 15. Come to one jam or all six. Jams are free of charge. For more information contact Gail Nunziata at gnunziata@comcast.net

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS - LUDLOW, Vt. - Pickup ice hockey is running every Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Ice House at Jackson Gore. It's just pickup, no stress, and no worry about skill level - just have fun. Please join us! Questions? Contact 802-228-1406

WEDNESDAYS - WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Scottish Country Dance class, friendly, informal, and free. Meets during the school year, 7:30-9:00 p.m., Westminster Center

School. Contact Jessie Haas: (802)387-2601 or email kjh@sover.net.

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.

SATURDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Internet Saturday at the Flat Iron Exchange. No cover charge, just a tip jar to listen to some great jazz music. Enjoy a coffee and relax. 5 - 7 p.m.

WEEKLY - CHESTER, Vt. - Whiting Library, will host a new pop-up exhibition from the National Archives, The Bill of Rights and You, commemorating the 225th anniversary of the ratification of this landmark document. This exhibit runs through March 2017. Please call the Library for more information at 802-875-2277, whitinglibrary@yahoo.com or visit us Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

CHESTER, Vt. - Come to Expo + Artisans + Craftsmen = A cure for cabin fever exhibit at 103 Artisans Marketplace, 7 Pineview Rd & RT 103 South 05143. Visit www.103artisansmarketplace.com or call 802-875-7400. Exhibit ends Sunday, March 19.

LIBRARIES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8 - CHESTER, Vt. - At the Whiting Library at 3 p.m. join in on the book discussion of "Brown Girl Dreaming."

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - At 6:30 p.m., Chris Glennon will give

a presentation at Rockingham Library on the power of water, the historical aspects pertaining to the Connecticut River and the establishment of Bellows Falls. Specifically focusing on the time period from 1750 - 1850, Glennon will explore the development of the Bellows Falls Canal and its industries. An exhibit about the former mills of Bellows Falls will be on display as well. This free program is the first in a two part series on The Power of Water. The second part of the series is scheduled for Monday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Rockingham Library. For more information, call 802-463-4270 visit www.rockinghamlibrary.org. The library is at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls

LONDONDERY, Vt. - Do you have questions about how your computer or tablet works or want to know more about its capabilities? Marc Fontaine, will be on hand to help you solve the mysteries on at 7 p.m. at the South Londonderry Free Library. There will be instruction on writing with Word, making a spreadsheet with Excel, and emails. Please list what specifically that is and bring your laptop, digital device, or tablet with you. Signup is required. Please call the 824-3371 or email southlondonderryfreelibrary@yahoo.com.

TUESDAYS - 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.

LUDLOW, Vt. - Fletcher Memorial Library off Main St. for "Crafty Tuesdays," from 3 to 4 p.m. for kindergarten through grade six age children. Weekly theme. Call for more information 802-228-3517.

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

WEDNESDAYS - 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

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WEDNESDAYS CONT. - LUDLOW, Vt. - Weekly toddler and pre-school story time with a weekly theme, music, and activity. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Fletcher Memorial Library. 802-228-3517. Best suited for ages five and younger.

THURSDAYS - ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Join genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard on a quest to discover your family roots 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, or visit www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

FRIDAYS - CHESTER, Vt. - Story Time at Whiting Library from 10:30 - 11 a.m. Come and listen to a story every Friday with your children. Call 802-875-2277.

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Minecraft Club at the Rockingham Library every Friday from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. A limited number of library computers are available. Registration is recommended if you will need to use a library computer. If you are joining the club with your own laptop and Minecraft account, you do not need to sign up.

MEETINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 2 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - At 7 p.m. the Union/Park Neighborhood Association will hold a meeting at Union Street School. They will be discussing how they can be involved in two important projects in the neighborhood. After the blue apartment building in front of Union Street School is torn down this summer, the yard will need work. The house at 42-44 Union Street was recently taken over by the town and the town is open to ideas about what to do with it and how to accomplish that. For further information contact Lori at 802-885-6388.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - From 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the cafeteria in the Union Street School will be the meeting of Union/Park Neighborhood Association. They will be discussing actions we can take to make our

neighborhood a safe and vibrant place to live. Free and open to the public Contact: Lori Claffee 802-885-6388

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

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

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Westminster Fire & Rescue Department monthly meeting on the first Tuesday at 7 p.m. Rescue training is on the second Tuesday and combined drill on the third Tuesday. More information found at www.westminsterfireandrescue.org

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

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

TUESDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Breast Feeding Support Group

2nd and 4th Tuesday at the Springfield Hospital Library Level D. 12 - 2 p.m. It is free and no registration is required. For more information call Erin at 885-7511.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Just Us Moms Program (JUMP). Come with your children. Have dinner with other moms in the area, learn about resources, and have fun while your children play, and eat dinner. 5 - 7

p.m. at Cherry Hill School Contact Michelle 275-7871

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

WEDNESDAYS - LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Weekly

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

THURSDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Mental health peer support group from 2 - 3:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 77 Main St. The group's goal will be to provide a safe and

healthy environment for people to give and receive support around mental health issues. The group is free and open to the public. Call Diana Slade at: 802-289-1982.

FIRST SUNDAY - BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - Brattleboro Area Jewish Community, located at 151 Greenleaf St., offers a Jewish-based drop-in playgroup for parents/caregivers and their

infants and toddlers (0-5 years). Our next playgroup is March 5 from 1-3 p.m. Join us for a Purim party! Come in costume or use our play clothes for dress up! Bagels and Blocks is a facilitated parenting group as well as an activity group for babies and toddlers. These fun and friendly gatherings feature songs, stories, crafts, snacks, and free play. Playgroups are free and open to all. 802-257-1959

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Rylee Ewald named to Dean's List

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Mountain Union High School. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have completed at least four courses and have an academic average of 30.6 based on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

Green Mountain Union High School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Seventh Grade
Principal's List: Liam Benoit, Kimberly Cummings, Maya Farrar, Miles Garvin, Clara Gignoux, Jordan Harper, Benjamin Hart, Maxwell Hooke, Makenna Milbauer, Everett Mosher, Hannah Robinson, Eva Svec, Lily Vullo
High Honors: James Birmingham, Ryan Colburn, Caroline

Donovan-Atwood, Evan Hayes, Charles Macko, Mitchell Rounds
Honors: Zoe Chaves, Aiden Farrar, Kagan Hance, Reid Hryckiewicz, Dylan McCarthy, Jeb Monier, Brandon Rose, Royce Schultz, Aliza Allen, Meghan Call, Mary Cameron

Eighth Grade
Principal's List: Erik Heitsmith,

Alexandra Hutchins, Ty Merrill, Claire Tyrrell, Keegan Wilbur, Olivia Wright
High Honors: Kyleigh Moses, Tierney O'Brien
Honors: Aliza Allen, Meghan Call, Mary Cameron, Mary Churchill, Nicolas Houghton, Gwendylan Kedic, Skyler Klezos, Johannah Parker, Rosie Saccardo

Merrill, Jeffrey Parker
High Honors: Carissa Bailey, Jillian Hale, Anne Lamson, Jenner Lyman, Caitlin McCoy, Delenn Moore, Cassandra Spaulding
Honors: Grace Johnson, Deirdre Moore, Chase Ordway-Smith

Eleventh Grade
Principal's List: David Charlton, Skylar Dailey, Noelle Gignoux, Sierra Kehoe, Clara Martorano, Sadie Wood

High Honors: Ben Haseltine, Casey Richardson, Eliza Rounds, Alexia White, Shiloh Yake
Honors: Lydia Churchill, Adam Landry, Briana Luman, Evan Otis, Rachel Parent, Wyatt Wilbur

Twelfth Grade
Principal's List: Sean Kenney, Artem Shevtsov

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Honors: Ian Kehoe, Kimball Schultz, Hanna Veysey, Rebekah Washburn, Skylar White

Ninth Grade
Principal's List: Kameron Cummings, Meekah Hance, Ozzie Jewett, Laurel King, Erin Otis, Jackie Parker-Jennings, Kamryn Ravlin, Alyssa Ripley, Anna Solzhenitsyn, Magali Stowell Aleman, Zoe Svec, Jacob Thomas, Rileigh Thomas, Madison Wilson, Angela Wunderle

High Honors: Alexander Beshay, Tobyn Charlton, Chase Rawson
Honors: James Anderson, Austin Chaves, Alexis Palmer, David Reiss, Isaiah Tyrrell, Maizy White, Abigail Williams, Cailyn Williams

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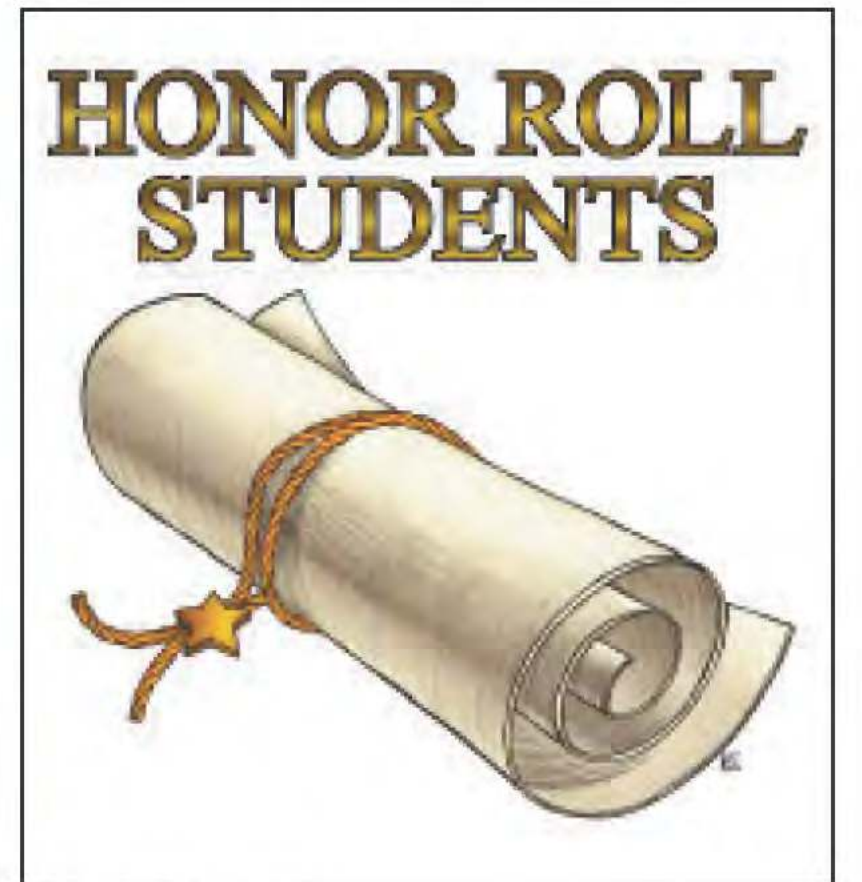
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HONORS:
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Caleb Roby, Karissa Trzesiara

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Black River High School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

HIGH HONORS:
Grade 9:
 Ashlynn Rumrill

Grade 10:
 Ryleigh Corrigan, Lukas DeArruda

Grade 11:
 Jordyn Demers

Grade 12:
 Aiyana Fortin, Holly Goodman, Dayne Greineder

HONORS:
Grade 9:
 Emily Benson, Kathryn Buckley, Juliana Comstock, Alexander Kirdzik, Christina LeTourneau,

Joshua Noble

Grade 10:
 Morgan Barton, Ryan Boyle, Heather Graham, Caleb Green, Aaron Merrill, Cassidy Niklasson

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