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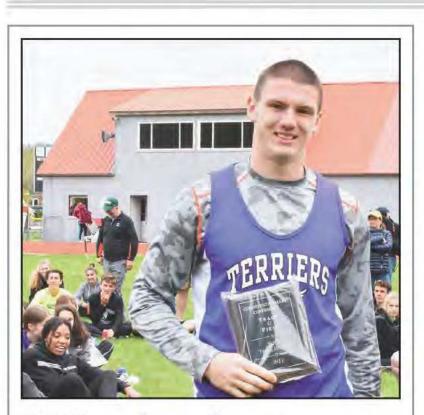
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### **BF Trackmeister**

Bellows Falls' D J Snide was named as the Boys Trackmeister in the 2017 Connecticut Valley Conference Track Meet. Snide won both hurdle events and was third in the Long Jump and 6th in the 100 meters as he led the Terriers to a strong third-place finish.

A full round up of the 2017 CVC's and how area teams fared can be found on our sports page on 1B.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

## Saxtons River fishing derby-

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - Youthful anglers gathered Saturday, May 6 in spite of the rain for the annual Saxtons River Recreation Area fishing derby. Prizes sponsored by J & H Sporting Goods in Bellows Falls were awarded as follows:

Ages 4 to 6: first fish caught, Calvin Sargent; largest Breanna Podwin; first five caught, Bobby George.

Ages 7 to 10: first, Peter Sai largest and first five, Madison Duby.

Ages 11 -14: first, Gabriela Beayon; largest, Trenton Fletcher; first five, Patrick Barber.

The law office of Raymond Massucco was also a sponsor. This year's derby was directed by Samantha Fletcher and overseen by Linda Holmes Furgat and Sherri Arvin Mallan. The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's Bennington hatchery stocked the



Fishing derby winners, left to right, Gabriela Beayon, Peter Sargent, Calvin Sargent, Bobby George, Breanna Podwin, Madison Duby and Patrick Barber. Not pictured: Trenton Fletcher.





## **Apple Blossom Cotillion**

LEFT: Katherine Moulton was crowned as the 61st Apple Blossom Queen.

RIGHT: Katherine is pictured with her court and their escorts.

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## Condition of village sidewalks discussed

BY JOEL SLUTSKY

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The deterioration of sidewalks in the Village of Bellows Falls continues to be a major point of concern among select and trustee boards and area residents. The issue was broached again at a May 9 trustee meeting. Interim Municipal Manager Shane O'Keefe stated that the cost of a concrete sidewalk with granite curbing for Oak Street is \$22,600, and the Select Board members will visit the site and consider this at the next meeting June 6. O'Keefe stated that should the Select Board approve the Oak Street sidewalk, the cost of Hadley and Oak street renovations will be over half of the budgeted amount for sidewalks.

Trustee member Evelyn Weeks asked if the town submitted a grant application for sidewalks as had been discussed at a previous meeting. O'Keefe disclosed that the grant application was put in for the stairs leading to the square but was not successful.

Select Board Chair Lamont Barnett stated that at a budget meeting November 19, 2016, the Select Board increased the sidewalk budget line item from \$20,000 to \$50,000, adding that "this is not nearly enough.

Two agreements in particular relegated the responsibility of village sidewalks to the Town of Rockingham. In September 1981, a joint board agreement facilitated the orderly transfer of Village

streets and bridge maintenance to the Town of Rockingham. Additionally an agreement at a January 16, 2007, joint board meeting stated, in part, "The maintenance and replacement of sidewalks in the Town of Rockingham Falls, Vermont, will become the responsibility of the Town of Rockingham until the year 2050 when further negotiations may be indicated."

Villager Deborah Wright stated that the sidewalks should be an item on the joint board agenda for May 30 and maintained that the Select Board is not taking care of the sidewalks in Bellows Falls. Wright stated the \$50,000 budgeted for the sidewalks and with the costs noted for just Hadley and Oak streets, the Board can see how much these cost are and nection. The Route 5 North project \$50,000 is not enough. Wright continued, "For years the Select Board in place. Pipe bursting is scheduled has not taken care of the Bellows Falls sidewalks. The cost of just doing Oak Street indicates what it will take to make the village walkable again. The budget for sidewalks is \$50,000 and will be the same for next year adding that the Select Board has a significant fund balance." Wright added that wheel chairs and walkers can't get through the broken concrete. At a previous meeting village resident Andrew Smith noted that there are a significant number of sidewalks that are now considered hazardous adding that this issue has been "kicked down the road for years" and it costs more each year. O'Keefe responded by noting that the Select Board had doubled to \$50,000 a previously budgeted amount of \$25,000 a year for sidewalks. O'Keefe stated that the Se-

lect Board's heart is in the right place when it comes to sidewalks and pedestrian concerns.

Manager's Report: The water/ wastewater project on Chase, Hadley and Oak streets has been awarded to Nott's Excavating and will start on June 1. O'Keefe stated that a letter is being distributed to all homes informing them of the start date. He related that the letter also is informing homeowners that should they wish to upgrade their own connections at the same time as this construction is going on, this could save them a considerable amount of money due to the fact that the road would be opened up. The letter states that the homeowner is responsible for all costs from the curb to their conhas started and a temporary pipe is to begin next week and the board members will be invited to view this process at some point. O'Keefe read a certificate awarded to the Bellows Falls Water Department from Vermont Rural Water Association for 25 years of continuous membership with this association.

Finance Office Fund Balance: O'Keefe stated that there was a prediction of a \$240,000 fund balance in March, 2016. However, the audit for FY2016 showed a fund balance of \$139,000. The trustees included a \$58,000 deficit in the FY2017 budget that was approved by the voters at the 2016 annual village meeting. O'Keefe clarified that this budgeted deficit along with the change in municipal manager expenses, overtime in the police department and other

pre-paid expenses left very little in the fund balance.

FY2017 YTD Budget Status: O'Keefe noted that being 83.4 percent through the fiscal year; over 100 percent of revenues were received. Expenses are at 89 percent in the General Fund, 84 percent in the Fire Department, and 88 percent in the police department. O'Keefe reported that the water and wastewater funds were in good shape. Wright asked O'Keefe if he had an estimate of any funds that would be left over that could go toward the fund balance. O'Keefe continued that no matter what funds remain, there is still the \$58,000 budgeted deficit to consider and that all village departments are holding back on spending wherever they can. Wright stated that she believes this question will be asked at Village Meeting and whether the 2-cent increase being requested to replenish the fund balance could be dropped back to 1 cent. O'Keefe noted that the fund balance should be over \$300,000 and the Village is in a tough spot and will do his best to answer all questions.

Other Business: Trustee member Colin James reminded everyone that the annual village meeting is Monday, May 15, at 7 p.m. to vote on the budget, and Tuesday, May 16, to elect Village officials at the Masonic Temple, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. James extended his thanks to outgoing board member Evelyn Weeks. Weeks stated that she has enjoyed her time on the

board and found it very rewarding. The complete minutes of the meeting can be found at www.rockbf.org and watched at www.fact8.com.

## "Grow a row" for community members in need

BY MARY ELLEN CANNON

The Shopper

LANGDON, N.H. - Mary Lou Huffling, director of Fall Mountain Food Shelf and Friendly Meals, asks home gardeners to grow an extra row of vegetables or fruit to help supply folks in need with fresh food. She appreciates the wonderful contributions of commercial growers in the area. In July 2016 she posted to Facebook: "We're beginning to get fresh produce from local farmers and we're so grateful! People love it and it's so good and healthy for people. Pete's Stand in Walpole has been very generous this year as in years past..."

She hopes for fresh food this season. Produce can be brought to Fall Mountain Food Shelf at 122 Route 12A, beside the Langdon town offices, on Wednesday, Friday, or Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or to the Friendly Meal site at the Alstead, N.H., fire station Tuesday or Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Container gardening or joining a community garden effort are options when yard space doesn't fit for a garden. Working people use the food shelf, as low-paying jobs may not suffice to feed family. Elderly citizens who find it hard to stretch their budget as prices rise use the

food shelf. The Feeding America organization posts statistics on food insecurity. Its statistics show in Windham County, Vt., 43,858 people are 12.7 percent food insecure; in Windsor County, Vt., 56,150 people are 12 percent food insecure; in Cheshire County, N.H., 76,430 people are 10.5 percent food insecure; and in Sullivan County, N.H., 43,135 people are 9.6 percent food insecure. Food insecurity is the concept that at times there may not be enough food in a home.

Orchard Hill Breadworks at 121 Settlers Road in Alstead sponsors fundraising pizza nights on Tuesdays starting at 5 p.m. in the sum-

mer. The profits from Pizza Night on June 20 go to the Fall Mountain Food Shelf. Pizza dough, sauce, and cheese are provided. You bring your own toppings. Gluten free dough is an option. Noah Elbers, Orchard Hill Breadworks owner, bakes pizzas in a wood-fired oven.

Volunteers run Fall Mountain Food Shelf and Friendly Meals. No admin-



Fall Mountain Food Shelf.

PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN CANNON

istrative costs are incurred. Fall Mountain Food Shelf arose out of a request in the late 1970s from a child wellness clinic in Charlestown, N.H.

Check the New Hampshire Food Bank at www.nhfoodbank. org and the Vermont Food Bank at www.vtfoodbank.org for information on other food pantries. Dial 211 to connect with trained information and referral specialists.

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## BF Village voters pass budget

BY JOEL SLUTSKY

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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Approximately 60 voters of the Village of Bellow Falls passed the major budget article at a May 15 Bellows Falls Cor-

lin James, Evelyn Weeks.

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poration Annual Meeting at the Bellows Falls Opera House. The Village of Bellows Falls currently has 1,852 registered voters. The vote for the budget was conducted by a standing count and narrowly passed by a

crease to villagers. 30 to 26 margin. The budget amount

Interim Municipal Manager Shane O'Keefe, Trustees Steve Adams, Stefan Golec, Co-PHOTO BY JOEL SLUTSKY particularly the overtime amount accrued and the hiring of a tenth police officer. A tenth police officer for the Bellows Falls Police Department is an effort to have two officers on duty at all times and to increase the safety in the village.

> could stop the crime in the village Lake continued, "If we ignore the

> ciation awards to retiring trustee member Evelyn Weeks and Town Attorney Ray Massucco for their service to the town.

affirmed was \$1,998.070 with \$1,941,290 to be raised by taxes. The vote result takes effect beginning July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017 will result in a 6 cent tax in-

A second budget article to replenish the unrestricted fund balance, which would have raised taxes by 2 additional cents for the general fund, was defeated, again by a standing vote by a 43-6 margin. Interim Municipal Manager Shane O'Keefe explained that the unrestricted balance request was partially due to the village's obligation to make payment to Trans-

A major point of contention voiced by some voters at the meeting was the budget of the police department,

Police Chief Ron Lake stated, "I have been here nine years, if I I would; just last Friday we took 200 hits of heroin off the streets." drug issue it'll really break loose."

The meeting featured appre-

## Springfield Farmers Market found new location

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The for the Vermont Apple Festival. Springfield Farmers Market will be opening for the 2017 season Saturday June 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in a new location. The market has been in the People's United Bank parking lot in downtown Springfield for several years, but will now be setting up on a grassy area between the Robert S. Jones building and Nortrax on lower Clinton St. in Springfield. This is also near the trailhead of the Toonerville Trail. The Springfield Farmers Market will be at this new location every Saturday except for Alumni Day June 17, the market will also go to the downtown area for Market Madness and to Riverside Middle School

The market has had many customers mention they would like to see us on grass and vendors had been hoping to find a location that would have grass and plenty of parking for customers. This location has both. The entrance to the parking lot is on the south end of the Robert S. Jones building and has plenty of room for market customers and people using the trail. There are benches for folks to relax and visit, the market will also have canopy covered table and chairs where customers can set and enjoy food items the have purchased at the market or just relax.

Vendors will be offering a wide range of local farm fresh products including pork and grass fed beef products, fresh maple syrup, honey, eggs, roasting chickens, old fashioned sour cream doughnuts, a variety of baked goods including artisan breads, maple scones, pies and cookies, catered foods. There will also be an assortment of specialty pickles and preserves including Quince jam and jelly. Other offerings will be perennials, garden art, and an assortment of hand-crafted items including kitchen helpers such as aprons for children and adults, pot holders and crotched dish cloths.

As the summer goes on some vendors will be having a large assortment of local produce including peas, large scallions, cucumbers, blueberries and much more.

## Building integrity through service

BROWNSVILLE, Vt. - American Heritage Girls & Trail Life USA for boys help youth to acquire skills that will assist them in all areas of life while combining character, leadership & friendship building with outdoor adventure.

Surrounding area families have discovered a new scouting program for their daughters & sons called American Heritage Girls (AHG) and Trail Life USA (TLUSA) for boys. AHG & TLUSA are faith-based charac-

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Trail Life USA for boys helps our youth acquire skils that assist them in life.

ter development programs for girls & boys ages 5 to 18, dedicated to the mission of building women and men of integrity through service to God, family, community and coun-

The second-in-Vermont American Heritage Girls and second-in-Vermont Trail Life USA for boys will be hosting an informational meeting about AHG & TLUSA on May 20 beginning at 4 p.m. with activities followed by a barbecue at 6 p.m. at the Brownsville Community Church, West Windsor (Brownsville), VT.

With programming that puts an emphasis on service, faith and fun, girls and boys choose from more than 200 Badges, participate in service projects, and are challenged by leadership opportunities and outdoor experiences. Troops are led by Adult Volunteers who facilitate the AHG/TLUSA Programs while encouraging Girl & Boy Leadership. Organizations like churches, schools and civic organizations charter AHG & TLUSA Troops to achieve their youth ministry goals.

"Now more than ever, families are seeking faith-based activities for their daughters & sons to complement their values and instill leadership and servant hearts through service to their community," says Patti Garibay, American Heritage Girls Executive Director and Founder.

Troop Coordinators, Amanda French (AHGirls) and Scott Duffy (TLUSA), can be reached at aafrench1@gmail.com and artisans@ rockledgefarm.com.

Pastor Christian Huebner can be reached at bcchurch@myfairpoint.

The Brownsville Community Church is located on the Brownsville-Hartland Road, between Albert Bridge School and the Brownsville Town Hall. The church phone number is 802-484-5944, the email address is bcchurch@myfairpoint. net and you can visit the Brownsville Community Church at www. brownsvilleumc-vt.org.

For more information, visit American Heritage Girls at www. americanheritagegirls.org and Trail Life USA at www.traillikfeusa.com.









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## Drug awareness awards —

Springfield Elks Lodge #1560 held

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Recently, Contest" awards assembly at Union St. School with Chairman Jim Kirktheir annual "Drug Awareness Poster wood making the presentations. The



Frt. I to r; Cameron Page, Alexander Moye, Michael Coleman, Hollee Martinez, Summer Steinberg and Jaydah Rogers. In back are Elks members Gloria Gunn, Chairman Jim Kirkwood, Exalted Ruler Vicki Siliski and Eugene Siliski.

theme of this years contest was, "Just Say No" to Drugs.

Each year the Elks Club asks the students at Union St. School to make posters and the Elks make a contest out of them. Some of these posters will be published in an Elks coloring book that will be included in the Halloween bags in the fall, which the Elks present to all elementary students in Springfield. This year sixty-one students participated in the contest from grades three through five.

The winners are as follows; overall first place winner was fourth grader Michael Coleman who was awarded \$25 and a new bicycle with a helmet. For the girls the first place winner was Hollee Martinez and she was awarded \$25. There is only one bike given out each year to the top contestant. Second place for the girls was Summer Steinberg and Alexander Moye for the boys. They each received \$15 for their effort. Third place for the girls was Jaydah Rogers and Cameron Page for the boys; they received \$10 each.

## Unsung hero is Vanessa Sterns

field School Districts, 5th grade teacher, Vanessa Sterns was awarded by the Vermont Urban



Vanessa Sterns in Montpelier accepting "Unsung Hero" award with Ann Hazelrig, Chair of Urban Forestry in the background.
PHOTO PROVIDED

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Spring- as 2017 Vermont Tree Steward under the category of "Unsung Hero." Ann Hazelrig, Chair of Urban Forestry Council recognized Mrs. Sterns for her hard work and suc-

She was nominated by a school colleague, "Vanessa brings the love of tree's and the earth to her students both inside the classroom and through her outdoor science class."

At the podium as Sterns accepted her award she said, "We need to support our children, Go Green, No Screen." Sterns in her generosity of acknowledging others, recounted a time she had a class out at Muckross Park and she felt, 'the kids were getting chatty and I thought a little unruly." Vanessa apologized to Michael Quinn a former middle school science teacher (visiting with her class) when he told her, "they are enjoying them-

Stern recalled, "I remind myself of his words whenever I take my students out into the community."

Her work is inspiring, as she facilitates Union Street School in preparing the garden of raised beds for



### **BF Women's Club Tea**

The Bellows Falls Woman's Club held a high tea on May 7, transforming the lobby and anti-room of the Hotel Windham into a tearoom for the afternoon. Refreshments included select tea, punch, savories, and sweets, prepared and served by club members. Shown enjoying the event are Judy Condon, Liz Harty, Emily Lisai, Gerry Harty, Wendy Harty and Rev. Alison Andrea Jacobs. Background harp music was performed by Walden Witham. Proceeds from the tea, and a raffle of Shop and Dine Local certificates, were earmarked for the club's high school scholarship, given to a graduating student of Bellows Falls Union High School entering the field of nursing or other health care field.

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## BF American Legion installs new officers

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - American Legion Post #37, held their nominations and voted in their "new officers" for 2017-18. The American Legion is an organization of veterans and families from all walks of life, serving those that had serve our country during periods of war and peace. Bellows Falls Post #37 reaches out to our veterans from the Rockingham, Vt. and North Walpole region. Newly appointed officers include; Ernest 'SMOKEY' Aumand as Commander, Todd Novak as 1st Vice Cmdr. and Children and Youth (Halloween / Christmas), Linda Perham as Adjutant, Richard Boucher as Finance Officer, William 'TJ' Smith



L to R TJ Smith, Richie Boucher, Todd Novak and Smokey Aumand.

mand, Ernest 'Turk Aumand' - Became a member in 1947, and Ric Au-

mand of the 'Sons of the American Legion?

as Service Officer, Richard Landry

- Sgt.-At-Arms, Carol Spaulding -Chaplain, Doug Roberts - Historian

and Scholarships, and Kevin Van-

cor - as our Athletic Officer (Legion

Barbary, Commander Smokey Au-

Outgoing Commander - Gerry

Those interested in learning more about the American Legion, their charities, and community activities or would like information on membership; please call the post at 802-463-9700.

## HCRS' employment services program receives international award

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS), Vermont's second-largest community mental-health agency, provides an award-winning employment program for individuals with disabili-

The Zero Project, which locates models worldwide that improve the lives of those with disabilities, recognized the State of Vermont as the number one DS Supported Employment Program in the world. The core philosophy of supported employment in Developmental Services is the belief that people with cognitive disabilities can contribute to the workforce when provided individually tailored supports and thoughtful job matches. This notion sets Vermont far apart from other states and countries where individuals often go into sheltered workshops or congregate work groups that isolate them from the regular workforce and real jobs in the business community.

At HCRS, person-centered thinking and supports are the basis of all its services. HCRS consistently finds quality job placements and is committed to the varied vocational needs of the people they support. With a quality job match, a person gains selfesteem and validation by working alongside members of their community; this creates lifelong friendships, which foster true community integration and natural supports. Earning money empowers individuals' choices on where and how to live their life as well as contributing to the State's overall tax base. All these

benefits to the individuals being supported as well as their communities make supported employment a great investment for everyone. Without the DS Supported Employment programs like those at HCRS, individuals with Development Disabilities would be unemployed and not have the quality of life they desire and deserve; by working they are a valued part of each community in which they live.

In late February, Vermont's Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living traveled to the United Nations in Austria to receive the 2017 Zero Project award. This recognition is based on Vermont's rapid progress in integrating people with disabilities into the workforce. Vermont's employment program

for individuals with disabilities is well known. Many other states and countries come to Vermont to learn about the principles that guided the establishment of this program including employment, decent work, and meaningful vocational education and training of persons with disabilities.

Today, about 1260 Vermonters with developmental disabilities are working. HCRS' employment rate for individuals who receive developmental disability services is 58 percent, as compared to the national average of 35 percent.

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## New protections for pregnant workers

Vermont that will provide protections for employees experiencing healthy, uncomplicated pregnancies who need workplace accommodations such as having access to water, access to a chair, longer or more frequent restroom breaks, or avoiding

"Everyone benefits from laws that support a fair work-family balance," said Vermont Attorney General TJ Donovan, whose office will enforce the new law in the private sector. "For decades, Vermont employers have been doing a great job accommodating workers with disabilities. Applying that same positive mindset to helping out expectant or new mothers makes sense and is the right

Vermont joins nineteen other

REGION - A law just passed in states (including Washington, D.C.) in passing similar legislation, and currently, at least seven states have similar bills pending.

> Advocates for maternal and child health were in full support of this protection. "Reasonable accommodations in the workplace for pregnancy, or a pregnancy-related condition, enable moms-to-be and new moms to stay at work. The March of Dimes is very pleased that Vermont lawmakers have supported this important legislation," said Abby Rogers, March of Dimes Director of Advocacy and Government Relations for the Northeast Region.

> Under this new law, Vermont employers must provide reasonable accommodations to workers with pregnancy-related conditions, unless the accommodation imposes an

undue hardship on the business. A worker's pregnancy-related condition does not need to rise to the level of a disability in order for the employer to accommodate them.

"Three-quarters of women entering the workforce will be pregnant and employed at some point in their lives. The majority of pregnant women in Vermont are employed during their pregnancies, and the majority of those pregnancies are healthy and uncomplicated," stated Cary Brown, Executive Director of the Vermont Commission on Women. "Sometimes a simple accommodation can make the difference between being able to continue working and having to take time off, and the strength of Vermont's economy depends on women's ability to remain in their jobs and support their families."

REGION - Stephanie Thompson

of the Springfield Prevention Co-

alition and Elyse Crossman of the

Greater Claremont Chamber of

Commerce are two of the 11 young

leaders that will be recognized for

their contributions to the Upper

Valley by Vital Communties at

the sixth annual Heroes & Lead-

ers Celebration on Wednesday,

May 24, at the Quechee Club in

REGION - If you ask people what

creates stress in their lives, money

is often at the top of the list. Stress

in America: Paying With Our

Health found money was a some-

what or a very significant source

of stress in the lives of 64 percent

of Americans, primarily parents, younger generations, women, and

"Significant sources of money-

related stress reported by Ameri-

cans include paying for unexpected

expenses (54 percent said very or

somewhat significant), paying for

essentials (44 percent said very or

somewhat significant) and saving for

retirement (44 percent said very or

are exacerbated by a lack of com-

munication. After examining the

answers of 1,800 Americans who

are in relationships, NerdWallet.com

determined lack of communication,

in tandem with a failure to save and

too-conservative investment choic-

es, has contributed to many couples'

In many cases financial stressors

lower-income households:

somewhat significant)."

Lead sponsor of this legislation, Representative George Till, of Jericho, an OB/GYN physician, commented, "In providing prenatal care to thousands of Vermont women over the years, I have seen far too many pregnant women for whom an employer would not make a reasonable accommodation. I've seen people fired for asking for a completely reasonable accommodation. I've seen people too afraid to ask for an accommodation because they feared losing their job just for asking. I look forward to telling these women that Vermont law now protects them."

Vermont Commission on Women is a non-partisan state commission working to advance rights and opportunities for women and girls. For more information, please visit women.vermont.gov.

which benefits the Leadership Upper

Valley program of Vital Communi-

ties, honors community members

who have made significant positive

this year are passionate about build-

ing the Upper Valley community-

and their accomplishments are truly

inspiring," said Vital Communities

'The young leaders we're honoring

Stephanie Thompson and Elyse Crossman are

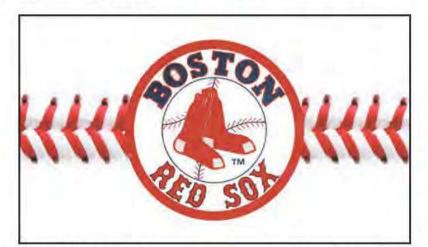
recognized for their community contributions

Quechee, Vt. The annual dinner, Executive Director Tom Roberts.



Under this new law, Vermont employers must provide reasonable accommodations to workers with pregnancy-related conditions. STOCK PHOTO

## Red Sox raffle 2017—



Boston Red Sox raffle tickets support the Episopal Church in Proctorsville.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - Are you ready for the red hot Red Sox? Buy your raffle ticket and get ready for two great seats behind home plate. The winning tickets give you a choice of games: Cleveland on August 3 or Baltimore on August 26. Best bet is to buy 6 tickets. The raffle is to support Gethsemane Episcopal Church

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lack of retirement readiness: "It's fun to think about what the future may hold - to a point. Three out of four (76 percent) Americans in a relationship where at least one partner is saving for retirement say they've discussed general retirement planning issues, such as at what age they want to retire, where they want to live, and what they want to do. But, the conversation seems to trail off when it comes to calculating the

In other words, we tend to skim the surface when talking about retirement and never delve deeply enough into the topic to develop an actual plan that will help make retirement a reality. For instance, do you know how much your spouse/partner is setting aside for retirement? Does he or she know how much you're sav-Retirement Confidence Survey (by cifics, they often get uncomfortable. Employee Benefit Research Institute)

found: 21 percent of Americans have no idea how much their spouse/partner has saved for retirement.

- 21 percent of Americans have not told their spouse/partner how much they have saved for retirement.

- 43 percent of Americans don't consult with their spouse/partner before making trading decisions.

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- 52 percent of Americans have not determined how much they need to

"From addressing the region's opi-

ate epidemic, to bringing aquaponics

into schools nationwide, to strength-

ening the local economy, these

young leaders represent a range of

approaches toward a common goal:

community. We're so pleased to rec-

ognize these eleven and know there

are many more young leaders mak-

ing our region a better place to live,

save to retire comfortably. America may be the home of the brave but we're not very courageous when it comes to talking about finances. Last year, Time Magazine reported, "Most Americans would rather have a talk about the birds and the bees than any conversation related to finances."4 If you're one of them, and a life goal is retiring comfortably, then you need to reconsider your position.

Americans actually talk about money a lot in general conversation. Think about it. How many times have you talked about tuition, the cost of food or gas, income, interest rates, taxes, the economy, stocks, banking, loans, or a similar topic? People talk about money all the time. However, ing? NerdWallet.com and the 2016 when the conversation turns to spe-

Even if conversations about money trigger discomfort, it's important for couples to have them. It can help to set some ground rules. For example, you may want to:

- Share a list of discussion points Sit together without any distrac-

tions, such as smart phones or televi-

- Let each person speak for a specific period of time (two to three

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will provide closing remarks for the

evening. A limited number of tickets

are still available. Learn more and re-

serve seats at VitalCommunities.org/

- No one should use blaming language or name calling (focus on 'I' statements rather than 'you' state-

- Listen and share your understanding of what's being said - If tempers flare, take a break

The goals of the conversation, and it may take several conversations to reach these goals, are to develop a shared vision for retirement and a plan for achieving it. You'll need to talk about how much you have saved already, how much you need to save (this may require you to examine spending patterns and identify ways to save), how you want to invest those savings, the sources of income you'll have during retirement (Social Security, pensions, etc.), and when and how you'll generate income during retirement.

If discussing money is an issue, then engaging a neutral third party to lead the discussion may help. A good candidate is your financial advisor, particularly if he or she has experience with retirement planning.

Once you have set goals and expectations for retirement, determined how much money will be needed, shared how much money you are saving, learned how much your spouse or partner is saving, and talked about how your savings are invested, you can work with your financial advisor to develop a retirement plan. Remember, having a plan is not enough. You must implement the plan to reach your goals!

This article was written by Kevin Theissen, Principal and Financial Advisor with Skygate Financial Group in Ludlow. www. skygatefinancial.com











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## Remembering Veontha White

Back in March I was contacted by Ken and Karen Dion of Connecticut. Karen had questions about paintings she found in Ken's sister's house in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. sister, Joanne Adams, had passed away last June and the Dions were cleaning out Joanne's house.

Karen told me they found some Veontha White paintings and Irina Ohl paintings in Joanne's home. Both Veontha and Irina were Chester artists. It seems Joanne had visited Chester several times and purchased these paintings directly from the artists.

The Dions were happy to donate these paintings to the Chester Historical Society when I explained we didn't

own any Veontha or Irina paintings. Steve Lavoie and I met the Dions May 6 at the historical society. They were pleased to have these paintings where they could be appreciated.

The subject of this article is Veontha Ward Cook White. Much of the information for this story was provided by Melody Cassista, Veontha's daughter.

Veontha Pauline Ward was born in North Poultney, Vermont in 1917. Veontha's roots run deep in Vermont. The Wards were original settlers in Poultney about 1775.

Veontha was educated at the Troy Conference Academy in Poultney, which later became Green Mountain College, where she had a couple semesters in art classes. It was here that she studied piano with Helen Hosford Bixby Kilborn. Her higher education was at Castleton Normal School, which is now Castleton Uni-

She began teaching all eight grades in a one -oom schoolhouse in Poultney. From there she taught in public schools in Cavendish and Proctorsville, Vt.

Veontha was a pianist, associate church organist and gave piano lessons for over 30 years. She played the trombone in the Chester Brass Quintet, the Grafton Coronet Band and played in several Weston Playhouse productions.

With her first husband, Winston Cook, she started an oil business on High Street in Chester and raised three children, Melody, Milan and

## State historic sites opening soon

REGION - Many Vermont Stateowned Historic Sites will be opening on May 27; two in our region are the President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site in Plymouth and Old Constitution House in Windsor, For special events information: http:// historicsites.vermont.gov/events. Join the Vermont State Historic Sites on Facebook.





Veontha White, Sugarhouse in Autumn.

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Ken Cook. I grew up on High Street and knew the family well. Melody married Jon Cassista, also of High Street. I knew the Cassista family equally as well.

Veontha comes from a long line of artists including her grandmother and aunt. She began painting in 1968 in a group of outdoor lessons at the Chester Art Guild, at that time located at the old grist mill in the Depot. She shared her artistic passion with local school children giving demonstrations in oil and her palette tech-

Veontha exhibited in both juried shows and solo shows around New England. Her love for Vermont is seen in all of her works. She painted outdoor scenes of brooks, meadows, mountains and farm buildings. These were the scenes that she could best relate to as a Vermonter. She also painted a few winter scenes. In the Dion donation is one of her win-

She was chairman of the Chester Art Guild and a member of Southern Vermont Art Center in Manchester, Saxtons River Art Guild, West River Artists, Inc. of Weston, Chaffee Art Center in Rutland, and Springfield Art and Historical Center. Veontha was also a member of Mizpah Chapter No. 40 of the Eastern Star in

Veontha received many awards in

local shows and galleries and in 1974 took First Place in the Fine Arts Division of "Vermont Mother of the Year."

As I mentioned before, I knew Veontha and her family well. At least twice a day I would ride my bike or walk past her house. I remember on summer days hearing the piano as passed by. Those of us who knew her are fortunate. Those that did not know her can gain insight through her paintings.

Veontha's Guiding Light: Written in her own words, "Each of us is a child of God, infused with a bit of the Divine. If that special spark happens to be in the artistic realm, we are admonished to develop and share that gift - thereby enriching the lives of those around us, and indeed, all

The photo with this article is one of the paintings donated to the historical society by the Dions. It is one of the nicest Veontha paintings I have

The next meeting of the Chester Historical Society is Thursday, May 25, at 7 p.m. at the Academy Building. The monthly slideshow will include both Veontha White and the Irina Ohl paintings recently donated by the Dions.

There is a rumor about that I am not a Chester native but from New Jersey. Ayuh.

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## The Power of Water, Part II -

Wednesday, May 24 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, Part II specifically focusing on the period from 1850 -1900. During this time, a new mode of transportation, the railroad, was coming to Bellows Fall. The engineering blueprints for the rail-

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - On road tunnel had been drawn up. The idea of Bellows Falls becoming an important railroad hub was taking off.

In addition, the presence of the canal, an inexpensive water power source, the lumber and paper industries (existent and coming), and Bellows Falls' "Under the Hill" location prompted an industry explosion. And behind this growth lies the powerful enchantress - the Connecticut River, the draw of water with all her charms

for opportunity for the adventurous. An exhibit about the former mills of Bellows Falls will be on display as

This free & open to the public program is the second in a two-part series on The Power of Water. For more information, call 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary. org, visit www.rockinghamlibrary.org or, stop by the Library at 65 Westmin-

## History beyond Ethan Allen

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - On Wednesday, April 19, State Historic Preservation Officer Laura Trieschmann spent the day in Bellows Falls. She was nvited by Robert McBride, Director of the Rockingham Arts and Museum Project (RAMP) to tour Bellows Falls to view the Connecticut River petroglyphs, Vilas Bridge, Robertson Paper Mill, Waypoint Center and on overview of downtown neighborhoods. The tour was followed by a roundtable brown bag discussion and downtown walking tour.

The conversation touched on many areas of interest from Certified Local Government (CLG) funding to the importance of paper document preservation during natural disasters such as Hurricane Irene in 2011. The topic of roadside markers created a lively conversation which caused local historian John Leppman to comment, "The verbosity of roadside markers is inversely proportional to the significance of the historic places they are in."

Treischmann reflected on the notion that the recent past can be as important historically as the Civil War era. "We need to move beyond Ethan Allen here in Vt. A lot of history remains to be told and we need to gather this information while we can still celebrate it, creating an inventory while the players are here to tell their stories."

In particular she was referring to a new National Parks Service Northeast Region initiative identifying historically significant properties related to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) history in Vt.

Trieschmann shared that a marker has been erected between the State House and the Supreme Court in Montpelier to commemorate these equality milestones. But a key reason for her visit to Bellows Falls was to learn more about the Andrew's Inn, which served as a travel destination for gay men and women, from as far away as New York and Boston to find safety and acceptance during the 70s and 80s. The Inn was located in the former Windham Hotel, now home to Popolo Restaurant.

HB Lozito, Executive Director of ramp@sover.net.

Green Mountain Crossroads, has been working on the Andrew's Inn Oral History Project since 2015, gathering the stories of men and women who experienced the Andrew's Inn firsthand. According to Lozito, "When you think about it, Vermont has been a leader in the LGBTQ movement. This building is really important. What happened here is important and the history is in danger of being erased. The Andrews Inn was the only place of its kind."

For more information, contact RAMP at 802-463-3252 or email



### French and Indian War comes to No. 4

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Fort at No. 4 was the north-most and west-most town within the British colonies until the end of the "French and Indian War?" Did you know that "Number 4" was the first stop on the "Crown Point Road"? 2017 French and Indian War Encampment weekend begins Saturday, June 3 at 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and continues on Sunday, June 4 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Call 603-826-5700 or visit www.fortat4. org for more information. Fort at No. 4 is located 267 Springfield Road (NH Route 11).

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Partial contents of an area estate including: clean 4-door oak ice box, rosewood spinet desk, several document/ storage boxes in old paint, Glenwood parlor stove, Hoosier cabinet painted green, several early radios including Atwater Kent some with exterior speakers, stoneware, baskets, early Iver Johnson bicycle for parts, one wooden wheel, head badge, seat and early horn, nice multi-drawer spice cabinet, tools, wooden wheelbarrow with original stenciling, Harness makers vice, books, odd chairs, old water pump, fishing tackle, trunks, jelly cupboard with remnants of green paint, old sleds, bureaus, tables and much more yet to be unpacked.

Expect surprises. Everything is in as-found condition. This is a tag sale, not an auction.



Talk to your kids; think about their

learning styles and needs. Do they

embrace change and new challenges?

Do they struggle with transitions or

new people? Will they flourish in a

larger school? Do they need more

guidance and close teacher relation-

ships? Will transportation times and

directions be a major or a minor

change for you? Go visit Mill River

on a regular school day. You know

your child better than anyone else.

You and you alone need to vote for

what your family needs. Please sift

through all the drama, and vote for

the best decision for you and your

are resilient and they will adjust.

Young people usually do this much

better than us old folks, so whatever

happens May 30, the sun will rise on

the 31, and we will start planning

for whatever we need to. And even

though it may be difficult, we will

help our children through whatever

happens and they will be okay.

Deb Harrison, Cavendish, Vt.

No matter what happens, children

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

He talks about an amazing school.

Yes, it is bigger, yes, they have more

courses, yes they have more sports.

Mr. Younce has sponsored field trips

to come check out the school, and I

heard they put on an impressive pre-

sentation. But it is just a school. They

have their problems too. And it may not a good fit for some students.

as well! Individualized learning, flex-

ible graduation paths, strong teams

that wrap around all their students,

and smaller numbers in classrooms

and teams, so anyone interested gets

to participate. And Black River will

have it's presentation as well on May

24 at the School Wide Showcase at 2

p.m. Go check it out! Award winning

students, teachers, sports teams,

leadership teams, and presidents

have been coming from Black River

for years- and will for years to come.

And is it a great fit for all students?

I encourage all parents of students

that will be affected to use your par-

ent power to make the best decision

on May 30 for you and your family.

Of course not. No school is.

Black River is an incredible school

## The Act 46 wrecking ball

The website of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has a campaign against sprawl called "Smart Growth." Vermont has wholeheartedly endorsed the smart-growth program by promoting walkable village centers and insisting on building within village limits, rather than outside them, to stem suburban sprawl and preserve open lands.

From the people that brought you the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act and other environmental protections, we read the following, on a page titled "Smart Growth in Small Towns and Rural Communities":

"Small towns and rural communities throughout the United States are looking for ways to strengthen their economies, provide better quality of life, and build on local assets. Many rural communities and small towns are facing challenges, including rapid growth at metropolitan edges, declining rural populations, and loss of farms and working lands.

"Slow-growing and shrinking rural areas might find that their policies are not bringing the prosperity they seek, while fast-growing rural areas at the edge of metropolitan regions face metropolitan-style development pressures."

These issues are well known. As American social culture becomes ever more alienated, focused on glowing screens purveying second- and thirdhand information, and the intimacy of direct interaction ever more rare, urban refugees flock to places like Vermont, hungering for the small-town, hands-on, face-to-face way of life. The State of Vermont is trying to cash in on this hunger with a far-reaching branding campaign to recruit them, based on those very qualities.

So what was the Legislature thinking, enacting Act 46, which takes a wrecking ball to the very community values that make Vermont so appealing?

Since the earliest charters, our schools have been the heart and soul of our towns. Universal education was an official priority and schoolhouses dotted the roads and hillsides to assure access from even the remotest farms. School support rested on the property tax, the most reliable and predictable source of revenue. Woodlots were earmarked to supplement school revenue from the sale of timber. The advanced students attended the academies, several of which are still operating. School boards enjoyed autonomy parallel to the

Now, district consolidation as a management tool seems to have become a juggernaut, dismembering local districts even as the towns embrace smartgrowth in their town centers. The ironies abound. As the commercial center gets denser, the close-knit community culture around the schools - the games, the assemblies, the performances, charity drives - gets harder and harder to maintain until it evaporates.

As goes the school, so goes the community. We could make a comparison to what happened to small towns across the nation, as commerce followed the easiest access to transportation. The demise of small downtowns, bypassed by interstates, is a familiar story.

Schools are a kind of infrastructure, as important as roads, bridges and electricity. Each upcoming generation they educate is an asset, as well. Vermont officials and the Chamber of Commerce fear the state is being drained of middle-class taxpayers of childbearing age. Yet Act 46, in resulting in the inevitable closure of local schools, accomplishes the very thing they fear. More people create economic health; when people move out, towns dwindle into economic deserts serving bedroom neighborhoods, retirement complexes and tourists. Without the market town, farms struggle. Resort towns become ever more dependent on and vulnerable to "visitor numbers," which

as we have experienced directly, come and go like schools of fish in the ocean. We have known all this for decades. Let's put our knowledge to use. Ludlow and other towns are putting up a valiant fight to keep their communities together. Let's see the Legislature do the same.

The kids are alright! This letter is for the parents of students that would be impacted by the Section 721 Merger vote.

As you may know, there has been a lot of noise out there about Act 46, Section 721 and the upcoming vote for Ludlow and Mt Holly on May 30 to decide whether or not to close Black River MS/HS and to merge with Mill River Union High School. There has been countless meetings, postings, letters to the editors with all the 'facts' of Act 46, Section 721 and what this merger would mean for our students and for our taxpayers. I won't get into that, as there is already way too much fear and confusion out there. So I just wanted to encourage people to be calm.

There is a small but powerful group out there that are whipping up a lot of scary 'statistics' and 'facts' about what will happen if we don't vote to close Black River. One mailing that went out from the Mt. Holly School Board (NOT the Ludlow School Board, mind you, Ludlow residents

I moved to Mount Holly, Vermont

in December 2000 because there was

a nice house with a great yard on a

quiet road. I didn't really meet many

neighbors until my daughter started

school at the Mount Holly Elemen-

tary School (MHS). I remember

hearing at that time that MHS was

likely to close due to many factors

that I don't recall. Regardless, the

parents of the kindergarten class

that year were go-getters, especially

when it came to our children, and

our drive to make MHS better than

it was before was infectious. Dur-

Closing schools is never easy. As

know some of you have heard me

say previously, my grand mother

grew up in the tiny hamlet of Centerville up above East Wallingford

and then attended Black River Acad-

emy where she graduated a year or

two before Calvin Coolidge. From

the Academy she attended Castleton

Normal School before returning to

teach in the little one room Center-

ville school she attended as a student.

What were her thoughts when the

Centerville School and the Academy

closed? What were the feelings of

townspeople living in any one of the

14 small one-room school districts

in Mount Holly when their school

of those closed, the Belmont School,

Crowley School, Mount Holly

School and Tarbellville School prior

to building the Mount Holly Central

School, there was a lot of concern

and discussion in town leading up

to the vote. It is never easy. We are

all attached to the schools we attend-

ed, but at the same time, our world

changes and we have to provide,

most importantly, the best education

possible for our children, but also an

economical situation for taxpayers.

Mount Holly and Ludlow have a

very important decision to make

when the voters in each town vote

on May 30. Will we vote to provide

more opportunities for our students

That brings us to today.

I Know when the last three or four

Dear Editor,

Dear Editor,

students, as Mill River, like every other school in the state, needs to worry about declining enrollments.

ing the ten years that I was involved directly with MHS there were many changes, driven, in my opinion, by parent and community involvement. As a result, the school and students

blossomed. Also, in my opinion,

MHS has continued to flourish be-

got a different 'fact' list) with a lot of

bold and capitalized information. I

get it. They are scared. They are pro-

tecting the future of their school. I

appreciate their passion to protect

our children. But I worry that in

their panic, they are using fear and

threats to get people to vote to close

Black River. The state will make our

decisions for us! Our taxes will go

through the roof! We will lose our

small schools grant! Our kids will

not succeed! All not facts. Possi-

bilities? Maybe (except for that last

one-out kids will be phenomenal

regardless.) But please don't panic.

Keep your frontal lobe engaged! Do

your own research and vote for what

is best for your student. Check out http://legislature.vermont.gov/com-

mittee/document/2018/10/Date/4-

4-2017 if you want to learn the facts!

has been at many informational

meetings. Mr. Younce is a very nice

guy who would like to have our

The Superintendent of Mill River

cause of continued parent and community support.

How sad would it have been if the Mount Holly Elementary School had closed. And how sad it would have been to not meet some of our new and interesting neighbors who

came because we have an awesome

and lower taxes for the tax payers by voting to dissolve Union 39 and join with the Mill River Unified Union District or not? To look at the two possibilities it is necessary to look at the educational rankings of the schools involved and at the same time look at the tax rates of the two

I am not a great proponent of standardized testing but that is one criterion we need to look at as well as others. When different ranking systems arrive at essentially the same point using different criteria, we need to give them serious consideration. In this case according to the Vermont Agency of Education ranking for 11th grade math students, Black River High School is the lowest performing high school in Windsor Country, well below the state average. By comparision Mill River is well above the state average. Mill River, according to the Vermont AOE has a drop out rate of 2.48 percent. At Black River it is 4.35 percent.

Reference has been made at time to the NICHE ranking of schools. This is a ranking system based on US Department of Education data. Among 60 high schools in Vermont, Mill River ranks 17th, Black River is 47th. College SAT scores, Mill River's average is 1170 while Black River is 970. Advanced Placement Course enrollment is 32 percent at Mill River and 16 percent at Black River. STEM (Science, Technology,

In the six years I have been a parent of Black River Middle School and then High School students, I have seen many changes in that school as well. The changes are more incremental, I think, because there is less parent and community direct involvement. This is to be expected because the kids will be adults when they finish with high school. I believe that our community, Ludlow and Mount Holly can work together to keep our part of Vermont whole, and that starts with keeping our sec-

ondary school in our community.

A few days ago there was a community forum at MHS and it seemed to me that there wasn't much recent first-hand knowledge about what Black River Schools are really like. I would encourage anyone interested in learning and observing the reality that is Black River High School Middle School to drop by the school and ask for a tour or maybe sit in on a class or two and then be able to make a truly informed decision.

Sherri Geimer, Mt. Holly, Vt.

Engineering, Mathematics) ranking, Mill River is 14th and Black River is 49th out of 56.

In terms of athletics, Mill River ranks 10th out of 39. Black River is not ranked. Finally the U.S. News and World Report for 2017 ranks Mill River 10th in Vermont. Math and English proficiency in the two schools are similar to those of the other two ranking systems. Black River is not ranked in this report.

Clearly these are significant differences. Our students attending Mill River High School would have a much wider range of both academic and extracurricular offerings. There is a multipage document that many of you may have seen which lists the offerings at each school. It is too long for this letter, but the various schools doubtless have copies of it or I can email you a copy. Contact me at pbsmith@vermontel.net.

In today's world, students need the best education, the best preparation get can get whether furthering their education in college or going directly into the work force. Mill River can provide that. Unfortunately today, Black River cannot, and with declining enrollment and increasing expense, is unlikely to be able to in the

The educational property tax has come in for a lot of discussion recently starting at the state level with attempts ranging from changes in the tax rate for various real estate categories to teacher negotiations and the retirement fund. However those all play out, there is a significant difference in tax rates between towns and school districts.

For example in fiscal year 2017 a homestead valued at \$150,000 in Mount Holly would have paid about \$290 less in taxes if Mount Holly was part of the Mill River Unified Union District than part of Union 39. For a homestead valued at \$300,000 the saving would be about \$580. Obviously saving in the future years are just estimates, but the projections for fiscal year 2020 are approximately \$590 and \$1,190 respectively for the same homesteads. What the comparable savings would be for Ludlow taxpayers, I have not calculated, but clearly they would be substantial.

What this boils down to is that for significantly less taxpayer expense, the students of Mount Holly and Ludlow can have many more educational opportunities, which, again, in today's world can only work to their advantage as they face the future.

In spite of the emotional attachment we all have to the schools we attended, I hope the voters of both Mount Holly and Ludlow will vote May 30 with the best interests of our students and tax payers and vote to approve merging with the Mill River Unified Union District.

Sincerely, Peter B. Smith, Mt. Holly, Vt.

Dear Editor,

After attending private elementary school, and being home schooled for their middle school years, my two grandchildren and their parents have been on a year long, state wide search for the best overall high school. They have personally visited seven high schools - at each they have spoken with administrators, teachers, and reviewed school mission statements, websites and curriculum offerings. The children then each did a day of "shadowing" a student from each of their top 3 picks.

Finally, and without much deliber-

ating, both independently chose Mill River. (Remarkably, getting 2 teens to both agree on a single choice of school was not a problem!) The family is currently relocating so that both youths can attend Mill River in the fall of 2017. After visiting and experiencing time with students and faculty at Mill River, they are very excited about all the Mill River has to offer!

I urge you to vote yes to give all our youth the advantages that Mill River has to offer.

Kathleen Leber, Mt. Holly, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Residents of Ludlow and Mount Holly who want their children to go to Mill River HS are saying it's a better school based on standardized test scores. They conveniently leave out another statistic...household income.

It has been shown time and again that on average, kids from wealthier families do better in school than kids from poorer families and that standardized test scores closely relate to family income.

About one third of Mill River HS students receive free or reduced price lunch whereas nearly half of the students at Black River HS do. Mill River is a good school, but its test scores can look better than those of Black River because Mill River is populated by a greater percentage of students from wealthier families.

Carol Ballou Mt. Holly, Vt. Dear Editor,

To Ron Patch

You wouldn't remember me but I follow your column in the Vermont Journal religiously. My name is Barbara Gurney Newport and I grew up in North Springfield but now live at Stoughton House assisted living residence in Windsor, Vermont. I am nearly blind and cannot read your stories myself but I have them read aloud to me by Mary McCallum, the activities coordinator. We both enjoy them and I take great solace in hearing your stories from the old days.

I graduated from Springfield High School around 1942 and lived on the Gurney farm in North Springfield and later on a farm in Brownsville with my husband Don Clay. Both farms had brooks and, who knows, you may even have fished in my

I follow your stories with great enjoyment--don't ever stop writing!

Barbara Newport Windsor, Vt.

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## **OBITUARIES**

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#### Annette H. Emerson, 1960 - 2017

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Annette H. Emerson, 57. Miss Annette died peacefully at home with friends and family by her side on Saturday May 6, 2017 after a battle with lung cancer. She was born May 2, 1960 in Springfield, Vt. the daughter of William Crary and Elizabeth (Cross)

Annette worked for Precision Security, Friendly's, Ames Dept. store, Springfield Royal Diner, and Springfield Mobil. She was well known and well loved in the community.

Annette enjoyed spending time with family and friends, especially summer cookouts.

She was predeceased by her parents and a grandson Cassius Fox Arrow Emerson.

She is survived by three sons: William Emerson of N.C., Jesse Emerson of Vt. and Christopher Emerson and his wife Amanda of N.H. Daughter Angel and her husband Jon Chase of Vt. Sister Diane and her husband Gary of Utah. Two brothers David and his wife Anna of Vt. and Daniel and his wife Marie of Utah. 11 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A celebration of life will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 23, 2017 at the Precision Valley Baptist Church in North Springfield, Vt. Pastor Lierte Soares Jr. will officiate. Burial will be at a later date for fam-

A special thank you to Atta Ullah of Springfield Mobil for all he has done for Annette and family,

The family would also like to recognize Mrs. Frances Stevens as she was a tremendous help caring for Annette, making it possible for Annette to have her wish of being at home when she passed.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to VNA and Hospice of Vt. & N.H. P.O. Box 976 White River Jct., VT 05001 or to the Precision Valley Baptist Church P.O. Box 407 North Springfield, VT 05150.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

#### Marie Louise Farr, 1939 - 2017

CHESTER, Vt. - Marie Louise Farr, of Chester, Vt., passed away at age 77 after a mercifully brief battle with cancer at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center on May 5, 2017. Mary Lou was born in East Orange, N.J. on October 19, 1939 to Marie Louise and Charles Hodge. She grew up in Short Hills, N.J. attending the Kent Place School for girls. She loved horses, riding and playing golf. She developed a unique intellect including a formidable memory and avidity for reading. A gifted student, Mary Lou received her bachelor's degree from Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts in 1961. Until the time of her death she cherished the close friends she made during her teenage years and maintained contact with them.

Mary Lou lived for several years in New York City where she worked at Rockefeller University. In 1962, she met and married Willoughby Farr. They lived in Short Hills, N.J. and had three children, Bill, Missy and Anne. The marriage ended in eventual divorce. Mary Lou then had years of severe depression, but with ety are welcome.

courage and hope she built a new life in Florida where she managed an exclusive seaside resort. The vicissitudes of life were not always good to her. After living in Palm Beach, Mary Lou moved to Vermont, a place she loved, and settled in Chester.

She thrived in Chester becoming active in the local library and Unitarian Church, Over her many years in Vermont, she again built a cadre of close friends and became a devoted animal lover. The care and love she gave her dogs and cats, her skills at cross-stitch and knitting as well as her voracious reading were the most satisfying parts of her life. She cherished her children and her frequent contacts with her brothers and sister. Her humor, generosity, strong opinions, intellectual attributes and mostly her love for family will be dearly missed by her surviving children, Bill, Missy and Anne, her sister Patricia, and her brothers Jim and Charles. A memorial service for May Lou will be held in Chester in June.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Springfield Vermont Humane Soci-

#### Robert G. Bennett, 2017

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Robert G. Bennett, 66, Westminster, Vermont lost his battle to Leukemia on Sunday, May 7, 2017. Robert graduated from Bellows Falls Union High in 1970. He married his wife Elizabeth Rice of Saxtons River in July 1971 and then had two sons. Robert worked for St. Johnsbury Trucking for 25 years. Robert will be remembered for his vivacious laugh, joy for life and the time he spent with his

Robert leaves behind his wife of 46 years, Elizabeth Bennett; his son Bill Bennett and his wife Jackie and granddaughter Brooke Bennett of Bellows Falls and granddaughter many years at Dostal's Lodge at lished at a later date. Brittany Deyo of Brattleboro; his son Toby Bennett and his wife Lorraine, his grandson Brody Bennett and granddaughter Lilly Bennett of Rochester, Washington. Preceding his death are his parents William and Charlotte Bennett.

There will be no calling hours or service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire P0 Box 881 Brattleboro, VT 05302 or Dartmouth-Hitchcock Norris Cotton Cancer Center-Kingsbury Pavilion 580 Court St., Keene, NH 03431

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in Springfield, Vermont.

### Cleo L. Faye, 1926 - 2017

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Cleo L. Faye, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. 90, passed away on Friday evening May 12, 2017 at the Springfield Health & Rehabilitation Center in Springfield, Vermont. He was born August 22, 1926 in Ware, Massachusetts the son of Ervin E. and Nettie (Rogers) Faye.

He served in the United States Army during WW II, serving in Ger-

On July 10, 1947 he married Thelma M. Rice in Randolph, Vermont she predeceased him on July 25,

He was employed at Moore Drop Forge Company in Springfield, Massachusetts for over 35 years.

He loved fishing, enjoyed all sports and loved playing bingo.

He is survived by four sons - James Faye of Pennsylvania, Roger Faye of Oregon, Michael Faye of Wisconsin, and Ronald Faye of Massachusetts. One daughter Barbara Rorison of Vermont, 14 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, and 3 nieces.

He was predeceased by one brother Robert Faye, one sister Alice Reynolds, and one son Stephen Faye.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday May 23, 2017 at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Randolph, Vt. Reverend Sally Ann Selfies will officiate.

Friends may call at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. on Monday evening May 22, 2017 from

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Earl E. Davis Jr. "Sonny" 73, died peacefully at his home on Wednesday May 10, 2017 surrounded by his loving family. He was born November 12, 1943 in Springfield, Vermont the son of Earl E. Davis Sr. and Marian (Day) Davis. He attended Springfield Schools, graduating from Springfield High School class of 1962. On May 13,

in Claremont, New Hampshire. He will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his wife Elaine Davis, his two daughters - Patricia Alio, and Misty Davis, brother John Davis and sister Elizabeth "Lisa" Davis. Four grandchildren, two nieces, and two nephews survive him.

1971 he married Elaine P. Blanchard

He was predeceased by his parents and one sister Linda Pering.

He served in the United States Army and later in the Army National Guard with the 744th in the Persian Gulf as part of Desert Storm / Desert Shield. He retired from the Army National Guard as Sergeant after over 25 years of service.

As a young man he worked on the Earl Aldrich Farm on Fairgrounds Road in Springfield as a farm hand, bailing hay, milking cows and driving the tractor, After his first tour of service in the Army he worked at the Fellows Gear Shaper for a couple of years, drove tractor trailer trucks for Webster Trucking and Land & Air Trucking, and delivered coal for Johnson & Dix. He was employed for 20 + years as an Install and Repair Technician for the New England South Bell Telephone Company in Claremont and Manchester, N.H. He also worked as a Mechanic for Montgomery Wards in Manchester, N.H. while working for the phone company. Most recently he drove shuttle bus for Okemo Mountain in Ludlow, Vt. for seven years.

Earl E. Davis Jr. "Sonny," 1943 - 2017

> He found a barn on Massey Road in Springfield over 30 years ago and converted it into a place to call home. He was a jack-of-all-trades, always working, always keeping busy, always taking care of his family. He had many hobbies included working on trucks, woodworking, string art and metal art. He was an avid reader, enjoying western stories and also western movies. He enjoyed fishing and was a CB radio enthusiast for many years. He played softball and umpired games, he bowled in candlepin bowling leagues in Springfield, Vt., Claremont and Newport, N.H. He managed the Roller Skating for the Springfield, Vt. and Claremont, N.H. Community Centers.

He loved motorcycles and had a great passion for riding and when his health wouldn't allow him to ride a two-wheeler he converted his motorcycle to a trike. He joined the Rolling Thunder club three years ago. He had a great passion for the Alumni Parade and Alumni Association in Springfield, volunteering at the parade selling popcorn. He also volunteered for the North School Preservation Society. The past two years his passion was logging and driving tractor with his best friend Joe. Declining health after age 59 slowed him down but didn't stop him from living life to the fullest.

At his request there will not be any services at this time. There will be a small gathering for his family and close friends at a later date. In Lieu of flowers; donations may be made in his memory to the Vermont Division of the American Red Cross, the Springfield Alumni Association, Rolling Thunder Chapter 2 of Claremont, N.H. or to the North School Preservation Society.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

#### Eileen May Coburn, 1925 - 2017

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Eileen May Coburn, 91, passed away April 22, 2017 at the Gill Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow.

Eileen was born in Grafton, Vermont on Sept. 19, 1925 the daughter of Alvin and Lillian (Rogers) Ams-

She had worked as a cook for

Magic Mountain.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. in the Simonsville Cemetery, Andover.

A reception will follow at the 2nd Congregational Church, Londonderry.

A complete obituary will be pub-



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#### Lewis Atterbury Clarke Jr., 1941 - 2017

MANCHESTER, Vt. - Lewis Atterbury Clarke, Jr. (Pete) of Hingham, Mass. died May 4, 2017 in Manchester, Vt. He was born Feb. 7, 1941.

He is survived by his wife, Diane Clarke, his daughter Jeanie Clarke of Ocala, Fla., his son, Henry Clarke of NYC, his stepson, Christopher Knight of Darien, Conn. and his sisters Vicky Linville of Weston, Vt. and Debbie Moderow (P-77) of Anchorage, Alaska

After graduating from Hotchkiss School Magnum Cum Laude in 1959, Princeton in 1963, Pete spent four years in the Navy as Chief Engineering Officer LST 533 US Second Fleet. His early business career was focused on sales management for several high-tech communications companies, including Xerox, IBT, Rolm Corp., ISOETEC and Brooktrout Technology. Pete was manager of foreign sales for Brooktrout.

Pete later started The Sportsman's Eye: a business specializing in the sale of Antiques, Sporting Art and Decoys which he ran for ten years with his wife, Diane. He was a member of the Hingham Yacht Club.

Pete Clarke was a wonderful father, husband and friend. An accomplished fly fisherman, hunter, artist, musician, songster, antiques and art lover, he enriched the lives of all who knew him. His courage and good humor during twenty-five years living with Parkinson's disease are testimony to his strength and determination to remain connected to the people, places and things he loved.

Everyone at the Equinox Terrace, in addition to enjoying Pete's harmonica playing, learned about fiddlehead ferns, ramps, hawks, crows and striped bass. A heartfelt 'good morning, a kind inquiry, a quiet thank you for any small assist - never a word of complaint or even a moment of feeling sorry for himself - this was Pete Clarke. He will be sorely missed and happily remembered.

In lieu of flowers, tax deductible gifts may be directed to: The Lewis A. Clarke Ecology Fund Hotchkiss School 11 Interlaken Rd. Lakeville, CT 06039.

Services have been entrusted to the care of Brewster-Shea Funeral Services, Manchester Center, VT.

#### LUDLOW, VT.

Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St. Mass on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Call 802-22-3451

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#### WALPOLE, N.H.

St. John's Church, corner of Westminster and Elm St. Services begin at 10 a.m. Call at 603-756-4533.

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Dear Editor,

The RK Remembers team, for Relay for Life wants to put out a very grateful thank-you to all the donators for the prizes that you were so very kind and generous to donate for our Benefit Bingo last Tuesday evening, May 9.

We had a Wonderful turnout and a fun night. We made for the Cancer

Dear Editor,

The parents of the Project Graduation Committee for the Black River High School 2017 seniors would like to thank Ludlow American Legion Post 36 for hosting a Texas Hold'em and the Vermont Journal for advertising the event. Also, we would like to thank the Rotary Penny Sale for allowing us to have a food table at their event. The two events have helped us raise just over \$800 to go towards Project Graduation, which

Society an amazing \$1,147.75 and we are so thankful for all the donations and to everyone that came out to help us help fight cancer. It is appreciated and we love you all.

Thank you, RK Remembers Team!

is an event the parents throw for the graduating senior class that is drug and alcohol free. Anyone who would like to donate write a check to Project Graduation and send it to Black River High School. Thanks for supporting our seniors.

Sincerely, The Project Graduation Committee, Susan Barton (chair)

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Dear Editor,

The families of Charlotte Jameison Edgar would like to thank the following for bringing together a beautiful memorial service on Friday, May 5:

Reverend William Freeman for the generosity of his talents and personal insight, in his commemorative sermon, the musicians Julane, Judy, Kristen, and Olivia, Nancy Davis and Stephanie Rowe for their planning in the preparation of the Unitarian Church, along with assisting that day, Cheryl and Diane at Chester Flowers for their stunning dual arrangements that were so appropriate in Charlotte's remembrance, a poignant keepsake and consolation for her twin brother.

In addition, the Fullerton Inn for their great buffet and atmosphere, and tribute Artistry Monuments and Jeff and Kirby from the Town of Chester for their professional detail at North Street Cemetery.

With thanks, Nancy, Don, Laurie, and Caroline

Dear Editor,

May is Foster Care Month, a time to celebrate the hundreds of foster and kinship foster families in Vermont who provide safe, nurturing homes for children while they can't be at home. It is with deep appreciation that the Family Services Division of the Department for Children and Families thanks them for their gen-

erosity, caring, and willingness to "answer the call," no matter when it

Thank you for all you do to keep children safe, support parents, and help families stay connected! You help us keep local kids local by opening your hearts and homes to children in need. Without you, children would have to live outside of their communities and away from all that's familiar.

We'd like to take this opportunity to let you know about our need for more foster families for children of all ages and experiences, including:

Infants, toddlers and teens, siblings who want to stay together, children with complex medical needs, LGBTQ youth, teens transitioning from foster care to living on their own.

If you are not sure that providing foster care is for you, you might consider providing respite care. It's much like foster care but for shorter periods of time (e.g., a few hours, a day, a weekend, or a week or two). Respite provides foster parents with breaks so they can get things done, relax, and

For more information about becoming a foster parent or respite provider, please contact at 802.257.2888 or visit us at www.fostercare.vt.gov.

Sincerely, Michelle Colburn Resource Coordinator DCF, Family Services Brattleboro District Office Dear Editor,

Consolidation does not equal sav-

ACT 153, which encouraged but did not mandate school district consolidation was passed by the legislature in 2009 (taking effect in 2010). It was promoted as a way to save large amounts of money, create efficiency and improve our educational system "for the children." ACT 46, which goes further by mandating consolidation and is currently being implemented in our towns, was sold with the same bold claims.

Here's some experience from my area that might shed some light on what we can actually expect to result from consolidated school dis-

In 2011, Windsor Southwest Supervisory Union (WSWSU) had an average of 1000 students in four schools and a total budget of \$1,649,536. This was just prior to the act 153 state mandates that took Financial Services, Special Education and Transportation away from locally controlled school boards and put them under the purview of the Supervisory Unions (S.U.).

In 2012-13, WSWSU and Rutland Windsor South S.U. came together to form a new Two Rivers Supervisory Union (TRSU) through the ACT 153 merger law. Today, TRSU has a total enrollment of about that same 1000 students, though now encompassing six schools: Green Mountain Union HS, Cavendish Town Elementary School, CAES, Mount Holly, Black River HS and Ludlow Elementary School. (During the merger, WSWSU's Flood Brook Union School left to join another new Regional Educational District connected to Manchester, Vermont.)

Let's compare budgets. Remember the 2011 budget for WSWSU's 1000 kids was \$1,649,536. Today, the total budget for FY 2016 at TRSU — the same number of kids, albeit for two more physical schools - is \$5,352,093.

Now, the massive increase in the S.U. budget can be partially explained by the cost shift of services from locally controlled schools to the Supervisory Unions. But, given that shift, you would think there would be a corresponding decrease in the budgets of the local schools. This is not the case. The budgets of these schools are either staying close to level funded or they are increasing by a few percentage points.

Savings? No. Not at all.

An examination of fiscal services (accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll) offers one example of the difficulty of finding efficiency in centralizing and consolidating school

In 2011, Cavendish Town Elementary School was the last hold out, doing their financial services "in house" rather than outsourcing to the S.U. The cost per student for financial services was \$224.06. CTES was using a local control, decentralized, distributive power model of doing business. But today, TRSU is spending \$431.72 per student - nearly double what it was when done locally. This is the new consolidated and centralized model of doing business!

One could easily jump the gun and blame school board members and administrators for the absence of cost savings, but not so fast! School boards are told quite clearly, by highly paid, "expert" consultants that they must comply with the edicts coming out of the Vermont Agency of Education. These edicts have the full force of law as enacted by the legislature and signed by the governor and they cost money.

So what we are seeing is a loss of local control regarding how to spend money efficiently as it is shifted away from local boards to the S.U. - another level of expanded bureaucracy while spending is being driven higher by an even further removed central authority in Montpelier passing along mandates. It's the worst of all worlds.

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Sincerely, Stu Lindberg,

Former member of the Cavendish Elementary School Board

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# Sports



BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

Most everyone who reads this column is probably following the Celtics in their bid to make some noise this spring in the NBA Play-offs. They are a good example of a team that has met expectations.

Every team in every sport has a level of performance that defines the sum of their collected parts. I have followed sports closely for over 60 years and there isn't a year that passes by, without me learning something new. Despite how much attention one plays to a teams potential, there is always an exception to

Predictions are thrown out at nearly every level of play in every sport from high school through the pros. There are favorites and then there are favorites. The reason I use the Celtics as an example in 2017 is first of all forecasters saw them finishing first or second in their division and either second or third in their conference. The Celtics finished first in both their division and their conference. Does this mean they overachieved in the regular season?

There is a certain corner of the sports world that said the Celtics were able to finish where they finished, because they were incredibly focused and that Coach Brad Stevens was able to get his team to play harder than everyone else, most every night because they were not pacing themselves but, they would have less in the tank left come play-off time than many of their competitors.

The Celtics have advanced to the Eastern Conference Finals. Just about everyone in their right mind, forecast in the fall, that Cleveland and Golden State would meet in the NBA Finals. That still might not happen, but that's our

Predictions, expectations, potential? They are all relative. Relative to how they

Most in the know would say the Celtics have reached the highest level they possibly can in 2017. They accomplished all that they reasonably should. Team executives can take a bow today, but building the next champion never stops. This bit was written six hours before the ping-pong balls bounced to determine the Celtics draft fate for 2017. Danny Ainge had a few hours to smile before go-

The main reason for writing this piece today was to deal with the word potential. How many people or teams have been damaged or even destroyed by the potential label someone put on them? Potential is something that has to be given time to develop and although teams or individuals might carry the label on the surface, will the needed intangibles fall in place to make the label come true?

On the other hand, will the team or individual that is labeled dead in the water, rear its head above water and prove someone wrong in a different way.

Here is where the Celtics are the example again. Coach Brad Stevens preaches that you lay things down every day and do your best and worry about today's outcome. Generally you will win most of the games you should win (as opposed to suppose to win) and lose the games you should lose. Come to play every day and prepare to be the best team or individual you can be each day.

I think that is what competitive sports is all about anyways.

Feel free to contact us about our columns or sports news on this page at bmurphy@vermontjournal.com.



## Springfield softball

Springfield's Head Coach Softball Andy Bladyka is shown here conferring with his pitcher Hannah Crosby and catcher Cassidy Otis during Saturdays nights win under the lights in Springfield over Green Mt 8 to 5 in inclement weather. The Cosmos win was Bladyka's 200th in the Green and White colors.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

## BF boys third in 2017 CVC Championships

BY BILL MURPHY

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The CVC's are about as good as it gets during the regular track season. Bellows Falls, Fall Mountain, Springfield and Green Mountain are area schools which compete in the fifteen school extravaganza and strong performances in the annual get together mean you are recognized as one of the best around in your event. The Bellows Falls boys turned in the top showing of our area teams last Saturday garnering a strong third place in the competition.

Schools of all size compete each spring in the CVC's and some of the large area schools tend to dominate the competition, but anytime our locals can keep up with the big boys, it tends to play out well come State Championship competition time. Keene won the boys meet this year with 127 points. They were followed in order by Lebanon 80, Bellows Falls 74, Brattleboro 64.5, Hanover 61, Monadnock 48.5, Newport 44, Kearsarge 41.5, White Mountains 24, Hartford 20, Fall Mountain 19, Thetford 17, Stevens 17, Springfield 15.5 and Windsor 4. BF's DJ Snide was the track meister as the meet's top male performer, as a result of winning the two hurdles events and placing third in the Triple Jump and sixth in the 100 meters.

Lebanon won the girls half of the meet by a little over their fierce rival Hanover 105-96.5. Brattleboro was third scoring 93 with Monadnock just behind with 91, making for a lively competition between the top four schools. Keene placed fifth, 5.5 points ahead of Bellows Falls 73.5-68 with Hartford 47, White Mountains a second and 31.5, Thetford 27, Fall Mountain 23, Kearsarge 20, Proctor Academy 6, Stevens 5, Windsor 4.5 and Green Mountain 2 rounding out the field.

Shane Clark and Reno Tuttle were the biggest contributors besides Snide for the Terrier boys. Clark won the Javelin and was fourth in the Triple Jump and Tuttle was second in the Discus and third in the Shot Put.

Fall Mountain was led in the Boys Meet by Steven Walker, who was two spots behind Snide in third in the 110 Hurdles and Stuart Latham, who was fourth in the Pole Vault. Springfield placed a pair of athletes in the money in the High Jump as Elijah Pianka and Cadence Wheeler were second and third to lead their effort.

BF Coach Tim Eno feels his boys team is driving on all cylinders and hopes they can keep competing at this level. He told us, "I have found anytime the boys can compete in the top three or four in the CVC's, it puts us in good place competing for the state title. I know Woodstock and Thetford have good teams, but this performance stands out if we can

keep it up." had Molly Kel-

Pole Vault. Rick

The BF girls ly in the winners circle in the High Jump and were also supported by a third from Keri Ticino (in the Pole Vault and Javelin respectively) and Abbe Cravinho placed third in the Long Jump and Jaden Lu-

ebbert added

a third in the

The Fall Mountain girls had a brilliant performance in the 100 where Madison Parrot turned back a strong challenge to defend her title. Coach Elliott said that, "Parrecord rot's breaking per-

formance was a highlight of the season." Elliott also noted that, "this year has been a great demonstration of

growth by so many

athletes. The influx

of youthful enthusiasm by many freshman has been infectious. The leadership and performances from the more tenured athletes has modeled our expectations."



CVC Trackmeister DJ Snide on his way to capturing first place in the 110 Hurdles in the 20172017 CVC Championships. Note his enthusiastic teammates cheering him on in the background.

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BF's Abbe Cravinho finished third in the CVC's in the Long Jump.

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BF's Shane Clark captured first place in the Javelin at the 2017 CVC meet last Saturday.
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Fall Mountain's Joslin Gilbo performed at a high level Saturday at the annual CVC Meet gaining a fifth place finish in the PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Fall Mt's Stuart Latham puts points up in the 2017 CVC Track and Field Meet with a 4th place finish in the Pole Vault. PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

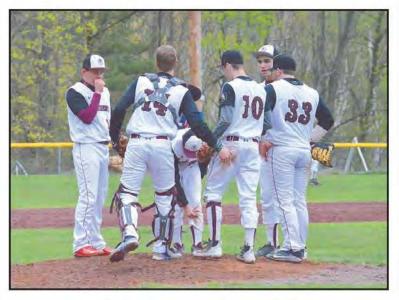


There was some strong competition atop the Weight Events at the 2017 CVC Track and Field Meet. BF Sophomore Reno Tuttle placed finish in the Shot Put.



## Charlestown youth

Tristin Parker helped bring Charlestown to victory with a win of 11 to 0.



## **BR vs GM Softball**

The Black River boys have a team huddle on the mound.

BF's Molly Kelly won the High Jump with a personal best of 4' 10" Saturday in the CVC Track Meet held at Fall Mountain. PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

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## arts & entertainment

## Memorial Day weekend pig roast and square dance -

Weston Community Association, in association with the Farrar Park Association, Weston Women's Club and the Inn at Weston, is pleased to host the tenth sort-of-annual Memorial Day weekend pig roast and square dance, to be held on Sunday, May 28, 5 to 7 p.m.

The event takes place at the Weston Green, with dancing on Park Street and the musicians performing under the portico of The Weston Playhouse. The Green is located on Route 100, in the center of Weston.

Dinner is being prepared by "Sugar Bob" Hausslein



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Registration: Adults \$20/Students & Seniors (65+) \$10

Payable by cash or check made out to WWP

Race Begins at 11 a.m.

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and crew. Pulled pork barbeque plates, including sides, soft drinks and dessert, will be served beginning at 5 p.m. with discounts for children. Hot dogs and other menu choices will also be available. Wine and beer will be available for purchase, courtesy of the Inn at

Music for listening or square dancing, provided by the Cold River Band, will be performed from 5:00 to 6:45 p.m. Try your hand (or feet) at square dancing!

Everyone's invited. Mark the calendar. Bring the family! Bring your friends!

Tens of thousands of people enjoy events each year at Weston Community Association properties, including

the Playhouse, Museums (Farrar-Mansur House, Old Mill and Craft Building), and Cold Spring Brook Park. In this, the Association's 95th year of community service, we again invite everyone to join us and celebrate with friends, family, and neighbors.

## Broadway musical, "Cats" featured in Ludlow auditorium

LUDLOW, Vt. - FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) will present its second streamed Broadway "Cats" on Saturday, May 20 at 7 p.m. in the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium.

Cats is a musical composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats by T. S. Eliot, and produced by Cameron Mackintosh. The musical tells the story of a tribe of and the night they make what is known

as "the Jellicle choice" and decide which cat will ascend to the Heaviside Layer and come back to a new life. Cats introduced the song "Memory."

Directed by Trevor Nunn and choreographed by Gillian Lynne, Cats first opened in London in 1981 and then with the same creative team on Broadway in 1982. The London production ran for 21 years and the Broadway pro-



cats called the Jellicles From the Broadway musical "Cats."

ting new records.

the first cat to accept

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As of 2016, Cats is the fourthlongest-running show in Broadway history, and was the longest running Broadway show in history from 1997 to 2006 when it was surpassed by The Phantom of the Opera. Cats is the sixth-longest-running West End musical. It has been performed around the world many times and

duction ran for 18 years, both set-

dots - the old Gumbie cat. She sits all day and rules the mice and cockroaches at night, forcing them to undertake helpful functions and creative projects, to curb their naturally destructive habits; and Old Deuteronomy - the elderly Jellicle Leader.

Some of the "cats" in

the musical are Gus, An

elderly actor, known as

"the Theatre cat;" Bus-

topher Jones - A fat cat

respected by all, as the upper-class "St. James's

Street Cat;" Grizabella

- a former "glamour

cat," ostracised by the Jellicles, who has lost

her sparkle and now

only wants to be ac-

cepted. Jellylorum - a

queen who watches out

for the kittens; Jemima

- a kitten. She becomes

Grizabella; Jennyany-

The musical event is free and open to everyone; donations are appreciated. For information, call 802-228-7239 or visit the FOLA at has been translated into more than

## Student perspectives in the SHS arts festival —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Celebrate spring with the annual Springfield High School Arts Festival May 18, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event showcases student perspectives on the theme of "Old and New," and features student work in the visual arts, on display from 5:30 - 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria, as well as musical performances in the auditorium from 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Visual arts students will explore the theme in drawings, paintings, photography, sculpture, and mixed media. The music department will take the opportunity to honor the memory of beloved former Springfield music teacher Isabella Erickson by dedicating a new marimba, purchased through donations in her

name, and the 4.5 octave instrument will play a prominent role in a piece written specifically for this occasion. Entitled "Restless," the work is a concerto for Marimba, Snare Drum, Timpani and Band, composed by SHS graduate Nicolas Chlebak.

A digital display featuring written memories of Mrs. Erickson from

former students, colleagues and friends will run in the lobby.

Admission is free; donations to the Springfield High School music program or to the Erickson Musical Memorial Fund are gratefully accepted. SHS student activity groups will have refreshments and snacks available for purchase.

## Local Rockingham artists participate in VT Crafts Council Open Studio Weekend -

REGION - Visitors and residents of Rockingham will have the opportuing the Vermont Crafts Council Open Studio Weekend on May 27-28 from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

"We're organizing a local effort in and Jeanette conjunction with the highly successnity to view artist/artisan studios as ful VT State Craft Weekend to draw ton's River; they stroll the historic downtowns of attention to the unique artistic of- Ailyn Hoey, Bellows Falls and Saxtons River dur- ferings to be found in Bellows Falls." Mark Goodsaid Rockingham Arts and Museum Project (RAMP) founding director, Robert McBride. "We've spent over a decade integrating artists and the arts in the organic revitalization of downtown Bellows Falls, and are proud of the integral role artists play in sharing their talents with the community."

Participating artists include Robert McBride, Phyllis Rosser, Chris Sherwin of Bellows Falls; Clare Adams

enough Rockingham; and ceramicists Virginia Wyoming and Nancy Calicchio of Westminster West.

Additionally, the work



Project Space 9 in the Exner Block.

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of these artists will be on display from May 8 - June 4 at the Flat Iron

Building, 51 The Square, Bellows

Falls. The Flat Iron is the designated

information center for the weekend.

Brochures are located there including

maps and listings of local eateries and businesses. Look for yellow balloons and placards that indicate arts venues

"The Art of the Resistance" is the

installation at Project Space 9 Gallery located at 9 Canal Street in the Exner Block (circa 1905), renovated 15 years ago to provide ten affordable live/work spaces and six retail spaces

with a focus on the arts. Project Space

9 is wheelchair accessible. Please call

802-463-3252 in advance to make ar-

plenty of all-day parking at the Amtrak train station, a walk that crosses

over the oldest chartered canal in the United States (1792) just two blocks

The Flat Iron is also wheelchair accessible. Contact them at 802-460-0357 to make arrangements. There is

open to the public.

rangements.



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## arts & entertainment

## Macrame plant hanger class -

CHESTER, Vt. - The Community munityartgarden.com/classes Art Garden will be hosting a sip and create event Friday, May 26 from 7-9 p.m. Bring your beverage of choice and come learn how to macrame plant hangers. This skill is a fun and easy way to give your home a bohemian look and make space by getting your plants up off the floor or shelf. Local artist, Amber Paris, will lead the class.

Pre-register at: http://www.com-

.A minimum of five people will be necessary to run this class. The Community Art Garden is located at 295 Main Street, Chester VT in the Moon Dog Cafe building. For more information, contact: Emily Burkland, owner/directheartgardenvt@gmail. com Amber Paris, instructoramberlparis@gmail.com.



Make a macrame plant hanger at the Community Art Garden.

## Seventh annual May Festival —

sale table (along with free advice), arts and crafts vendors, flea

jazz, classical, original material -

this is what you should expect from

Hicks and Goulburn, the UK musi-

for Springfield's seventh annual throughout the day by the Spring-May Festival on Saturday, May field Stringers (George Ainley 20. Beginning at 9:00 a.m., the and Friends), John Hitchcock, Jay festival features the popular plant Doucette, and strolling minstrel, Matt Meserve. Homemade food is available in the "Café." They will market tables, and an indoor art have coffee, muffins, and quiche in there! www.uuspringfieldvt.org.

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Join us show and sale. There will be music the morning and a variety of delicious homemade chili and cornbread for lunch.

> This free event is at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Springfield, 21 Fairground Road. Festival Hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. See you

> riety of songs and instrumentals. Mt.

Holly Town Library is located on 26

## Join in a relaxed Family Fun Day

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Family Fun interactions. Families will choose System, Vermont Department of Day will be held at the Springfield Community Center on May 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Families with young children are invited to join a relaxed day of fun, including learning activities, raffle prizes, music and a burrito lunch.

Parenting is a challenging job! Family Fun Day will provide an opportunity for parents to recognize the learning opportunities they provide their children in every day three fun activities with the facilitation support of local experts. Activities to include: cooking with kids, tumbling time, art of zentangling, yoga, zumba, and reading rocks.

This event is being brought to our communities through the collaborative efforts of Building Bright Futures, Windham Northeast Supervisory Union, Springfield Area Parent Child Center, Edgar May Recreation Center, Springfield Medical Care Scholarships are available.

Health, Association of Springfield Area Churches, Springfield Town Library, Rockingham Free Public Library, and Springfield Art Gym.

To register visit the Springfield Area Parent Child Center Facebook page. For more information call the Springfield Area Parent Child Center 802-886-5242. There is a suggested donation.

## Over the Hill Poker Run -

REGION - The River Valley Ridge Riders Over the Hill Poker Run will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 20. Meeting location is at the Springfield Health and Rehab on Chester Road. The ride will leave at 10 a.m. and travel to the Gill Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow then to Elm Wood Nursing and Rehab Center in Claremont, N.H. The end will be at the Cedar Hill Health Care Center be-

tween Windsor and Ascutney on Route 5. There will be coffee and donuts at the start and food at each stop.

Put on by the River Valley Ridge Riders. The event is free to view and free to participate. No sign up fee. For more information contact Ed Foster at 802-885-9607 or call 802-738-2259.



Over the Hill Poker!

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#### cians on Sunday, May 28. The red Maple Hill Road, Belmont, Vermont. writer Lynn Goulbourn, Hicks and Goulbourn, are well loved on the UK hot fingerpicking of internationally Event starts at 4 p.m. New comedy opens Springfield Community Players season ———

Hicks and Goulburn – UK

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - A new middle-aged women successcomedy, "The Savannah Sipping Society," will open the 2017 season for the Springfield Community Players. This hilarious, yet touching play by the team of Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten, is set for performances on June 2, 3, 9 and 10.

The play is the story of four strong southern women, each facing a critical point in her life, who are drawn together by fate-and an impromptu happy hour-and decide to reclaim the enthusiasm for life they have lost through the years. Over the course of six months, filled with laughter, hilarious misadventures and the occasional liquid refreshment, these fully bond and find the confidence to jumpstart their new

The cast includes Sara Vitale of Athens as Randa Covington, a perfectionist facing unexpected unemployment. Trilby Whitcomb from Bellows Falls plays Dot Haigler, who is recently widowed and living in a new city. Kay Burge from Springfield

takes on the role of Marlafaye Mosley, an earthy and boisterous good ol' Texas gal, who has come to town to start a new career after divorcing her tom-cattin' husband. Robin Mc-Namara from Springfield plays Jinx Jenkins, a makeup artist who wants to start a sideline as a life coach, with



The Savannah Sipping Society.
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her threee new friends as her first clients. She also faces a challenge in taking care of her older sister who is sinking into dementia.

The play will be performed at the Players Studio at 165 South St. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m. and doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets can be reserved by calling 802-885-4098.



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## outdoor news

## Okemo Valley Golf Club Men's League results

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Okemo Valley Golf Club Men's League gathered for their first week of competition on May 9. The cloudy and chilly conditions did not dampen the spirits of the players kicking off the 2017 season of league play. Grabbing top honors in the team-of-four scramble for the night was Huntley's Wealth Management. Clemente Delarosa, Jason Koponen, John Boehrer and Mark Huntley shot a 6-under-par 29. Second place went to Bensons Chevrolet. Scott Howard, Derek Karner, Trevor Benson and John Goffinet shot a 4-underpar 31. Finishing in third place was Built Rite MFG. Dave Higley, John Smith, Ken Guy and Jake Pierce shot a 4-under-par 31. Closest to the pin winners were Derek Karner on the 4th hole, and Rich Russo on the 8th hole.

Results: 1st Huntley Wealth Management score 29/15 pts. 2nd Ben-



Okemo Valley Golf Club Men's League played May 9.

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sons Chevrolet score 31/13 pts. 3rd Knight Tubs score 33/7 pts. 8th Built Rite MFG. score 31/11 pts. 4th Honey Dew Man score 34/6 UBS score 32/10pts. 5th Skygate Financials score 33/9pts. 6th Diamond Realty score 33/8 pts. 7th has Builders score 37/4 pts.

pts. 9th Green Mountain Appraisals score 34/5 pts. 10th Stry-

## Vt. Fish & Wildlife offers new tool to combat invasives -

REGION - Now that spring has sprung, Vermonters can get ahead of the curve in curbing the spread of invasive plants that crowd out native plants, consume their resources, and compromise water quality. The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is providing opportunities for landowners, boaters and anglers to assist the state in combatting these unwelcome species. A new resource

gives Vermonters information about how to easily identify invasive species and provides recommendations for removing them or preventing their spread. The LIEP program (Locate-Identify-Evaluate-Prevent) is an online tool landowners, boaters, anglers, and concerned citizens can use to prevent the spread of invasive

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should take responsible and usually easy actions to protect Vermont's landscape and important habitats," said Dave Adams, a Fish & Wildlife biologist who works with private landowners to improve habitat. "Being aware and educating yourself is the first and most important step in controlling invasive species."

Information about the LIEP program and resources for preventing the spread of invasive species is available at vtfishandwildlife.com.

## Vt. Trail Projects to receive over \$540,000 in state grants —

announced the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (FPR) is awarding \$547,571 in grant money from the Recreational Trails Program to help fund 14 significant trail projects across Vermont.

"Vermont's outdoor recreational opportunities add to the quality of life, and draw tourists from around the world to our beautiful state," said Gov. Scott. "These grants play an important role in supporting trail projects throughout the state, and I appreciate the

program."

This year's grant awards will go towards the following projects in

our region: Town of Killington: 5.3 miles of new mountain bike trails in the Green Mountain National Forest.

Green Mountain Club: Butler Lodge historic renovations and puncheon replacement along ridge top of Mt. Mansfield at Profanity Trail junction and at Eagle Pass.

VAST: Winter grooming of the statewide VAST trails system.

Skitchewaug Trail Riders in Spring-

REGION - Governor Phil Scott Department's work to continue this field, VT: New grooming equipment to maintain Skitchewaug's trail system of snowmobile trails.

> Grant funds are made available each year through the federal Recreational Trails Program for municipalities and nonprofit organizations to build and maintain public recreational trails.

> For more information on the Recreational Trails Program, visit the Recreation Trails Program website at fpr.vermont.gov/recreation/grants/ rtp or contact program administrator Sherry Winnie at sherry.winnie@ vermont.gov or 802-760-8450.

## "Poop on Cancer" cow plop contest

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Calvary for A Cure, a team of the Windsor County Relay for Life will be holding their 3rd Annual "Poop on Cancer" cow plop contest on Saturday May 20 at 9 a.m. at Dolloff Acres in Springfield. Tickets for squares

Springfield Shopping Plaza or from a member of the Calvary for A Cure Windsor County Relay for Life team.

Not sure how a Cow Plop Contest works? A grid will be made on one of the Dolloff fields and the cow will take help finish the fight against cancer.

are available at Tina's Hallmark in the to the field at 9 a.m. Whichever square the cow "plops" in determines the winner. The grand prizewinner will receive \$150 and all other proceeds will go toward the fundraising efforts of Calvary for A Cure. Get your tickets today and

### Vt. Wildlife course for educators

WOODBURY, Vt. - Vermont's popular fish and wildlife summer course for teachers and other educators will be held July 16 - 21, 2017. The hands-on field course that gets educators out into Vermont's streams, forests and wetlands with some of the state's leading natural resource experts will take place at the Buck Lake Conservation Camp in Woodbury.

"Wildlife year, Management for Educators" is a one-week, threecredit graduate course taught by Vermont Fish & Wildlife, and other Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) staff through Castleton University.

"Wildlife resources are important to all Vermonters in one way or another," says Fish & Wild-

Education Manager Alison Thomas. "If educa- riential," added Thomas. "The course tors can get connected with the out- continues to evolve and incorporate doors and in turn expose their stu- new environmental education ideas dents, then many of these students and activities. But, we also continue will be able to make informed decisions about Vermont wildlife and their habitat needs when they become adults."

"This course is unique in that it helps non-formal, pre-service educators, as well as pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade teachers from any discipline - math, language arts, physical education, or history - improve their instructional strategies and make their lesson plans more relevant to their students."

"Course participants will include other ANR staff members as well, which provides a valuable opportunity for educators to not only learn from, but also work with Agency

"This course is hands-on and expe-

Vermont Fish & Wildlife's summer course for teachers and other educators will be held July 16-21 at Buck Lake in Woodbury. The course gets educators into Vermont's streams, forests, and wetlands.

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to do traditional programs that have been part of the week for 31 years. It's a great mix of new and old with all of it being incredibly helpful and memorable."

There is a cost for tuition for the course with credits. Books, food and overnight facilities are included. A limited number of partial scholarships are available. A course description and schedule of activities are available from the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department's website at www.vtfishandwildlife.com. You can also contact them by calling (802) 371-9975 or emailing Alison. Thomas@Vermont.Gov.

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# classifieds

## business spotlight

Riverside Restaurant 244 River Street Springfield, Vt.



802-885-2161 www.facebook.com/ RiversideRestaurant1

If you appreciate getting to know the restaurant owner over your meal, Riverside Restaurant is one of those places. Crystal Lariviere became sole owner in early 2015, but she has been associated with the restaurant "off and on" for 25 years. These days she is "chief cook and bottle washer," helping with prep work, waiting tables, doing the books. Her personal touch is apparent, especially at holiday time. "A lot of people love our restaurant because it's like a community, people visit with their neighbors, they're not pushed," she said.

Riverside Restaurant specializes in seafood, from Friday haddock fish-fry and Chef Matt's seafood platter to daily fish and chips and Chef Brad's sautéed seafood dishes. "Seafood is a big thing, people love our whole clams and oysters," she said. Riverside Restaurant gets its seafood fresh from Ipswich, Mass., twice a week.

Head chef Gideon manages the kitchen and specializes in prime rib. The Saturday menu features Chicago char grilled prime rib for lunch and Western prime rib for dinner, with St. Louis BBQ ribs on weekends for lunch.

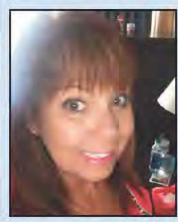
The salad bar features a choice of homemade hot soups, cold salads and fresh-baked bread, along with garnishes, dressings and fresh fruit.

The menu includes comfort food as well - sandwiches, burgers, meatloaf, chicken tenders, chicken Parmesan and Chef Rick's chili. Lariviere also offers a complete senior menu. Desserts and pastries are made on-site, the most popular being Sophia's chocolate cake with

peanut butter frosting and Carrie's carrot cake. Riverside Restaurant is open daily from 7 a.m. – Monday through Thursday to 8 p.m., Friday

to 9 p.m., Saturday to 8 p.m. and Sunday to 2 p.m. Riverside Restaurant is located next to Dollar General on Route 106 (River Street), about





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### YARD SALE

WALPOLE, N.H. - Moving yard sale on Sat. May 13. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 219 Prospect Hill. Free coffee, donuts while you shop! Lots to sell. (05/15)

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Antitques & collectables garage sale Fri. & Sat. May 19 & 20, 8am-4pm. 98 Rockingham Hill Rd, (1/2 Mile from Meeting House). Old Tools, Wilton Bench Vice, Railroad Spike Puller, Advertising Trade Cards, Post Cards, Old Bottles & Jugs, Glassware, Jenny Lind Bed, Farmhand Bed, Platform Rocker Frame, Sever Ladder-Back Chairs, Small Country Items, and More. (05/23)

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## **LEGAL NOTICES**

#### CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

THURSDAY, MAY 18-BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - The Sustainable Energy Outreach Network (SEON) presents the first in a 2-part program, "How (Older) Houses Work" on May 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Marlboro Graduate Center, Room 2C, 28 Vernon St., Brattleboro. Peter Yost of Building Green will present both programs. Session 1, May 18, examines how heat and moisture interact in buildings, and looks at some building science "puzzles." Register at www.seon.info/programs/. For questions, email admin@ seon.info. We recommend registering early because of limited space.

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Six week tai chi course offered in Londonderry with Doreen Fabiano, certified in Tai Chi, at The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections starting Thursday, May 18, 6-7 p.m. There is no charge, but space is limited. Call Mary C. Schwartz at 802-824-4343 if you would like to attend. The Meeting Place is located in The Mountain Marketplace, next to the Londonderry Post Office.

MONDAYS -

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center Knit and Stitch group meets Mondays at 9:00 a.m. They can help you finish a project, repair an item and even take on special projects. The group is happy to donate "Knitted Knockers" to breast cancer survivors. Stop by

and ask for Betty for more information. Call: 802-463-3907. TFN

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 802-886-5242 or email at celestem@ vermontel.net. TFN

CHESTER, Vt. - Eight-week yoga series "Strong, Fearless & Free," May 23 through July 18 (no class July 4). 6-7:15 p.m. at Buddhaful Yoga Studio in the Fullerton Inn on the green in Chester. Register by May 16 for four weeks (choose as you go along) or all eight weeks. This yoga class is suitable for beginners and practicing yogis alike. Yoga mats, blankets, pillows and chairs provided. For more information and pricing options visit www. buddhafulyoga.com or call at 802-875-2868.

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. 802-463-2204. TFN

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - The Windham County Extension Master Gardeners are back at The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections. There is no charge to attend, but space is limited, so please call 824-4343 to register. The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections is located in Londonderry's Mountain Marketplace, next to

**HYDRANT FLUSHING** 

VILLAGE OF

NORTH WALPOLE

Saturday, May 20, 2017

at 603-313-5422

TOWN OF ANDOVER

NOTICE OF TAX SALES

mortgagees of lands in the Town of Andover, in the County

of Windsor and State of Vermont are hereby notified that the

taxes assessed by the Town of Andover for the 2013-2014,

2014-2015 and 2015-2016 (except where otherwise noted)

fiscal years remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on

1. Parcel No. 011000061.000. Being all those same lands

and premises described in the following documents: Order

and Decree of Foreclosure dated November 5, 1991 and re-

corded in Book 29, at Page 45 of the Town of Andover Land

1991; Warranty Deed of Rudolph L. and Diane N. Stewart

Mazzei to Pareunia Zimi, Inc. dated February 23, 1984 and

recorded at Book 23, Page 89 of the Town of Andover Land

Records on February 25, 1984; and, reference is made to an

Assignment of Rudolph L. Mazzei to STAN GABRIELSON

and IRENE GABRIELSON dated November 11,1991 and

recorded at Book 29, Page 44 of the Town of Andover Re-

cords on November 25, 1991. The property is described as

containing 5.46 acres and located at 2889 Simonsville Road.

2. Parcel No. 005100004.000. Being those same lands

land located at 4525 East Hill Road.

Town of Andover

and premises that are described in a deed to CAROL LEE

SKERPAN, from Jack Badner dated February 12, 1988 and

recorded in Book 26, Pages 279-280 of the Town of Andover

Land Records on March 22, 1988. Consisting of 10 acres of

So much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the

Town Office in Andover, Vermont, a public place in said

the following described land in such Town, to wit:

Records on November 25,

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and

the Londonderry Post Office. On Tuesday, May 23 at 2 p.m., Garden Tools with Somara Zwick. On Tuesday, May 30, at 10 a.m., Landscaping with Native Plants with Bob Little

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

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - 9:30-11:00 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. - 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@ myreccenter.org. TFN

WEDNESDAYS -

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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. TFN

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@ amail.com or check for updates on FaceBook: https://www. facebook.com/gemstaichi/.

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

THURSDAYS -

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

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. TFN

FOURTH THURSDAYS-

LUDLOW, Vt. - LPCTV offers "Train the Trainers" workshops at no cost, 4th Thursdays, 6-7 p.m. at the LPCTV studio, 37C Main St. in Ludlow. Everyone who wants to learn the "ticks and tricks" of TV-video production is welcome. Reserve a space at pcody@lpctv.org or call 802-228-8808. TFN

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. TFN

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 welcome. Contact Parks and Recreation Dept. at 802-885-2727. TFN

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!
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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 a.m. The group is comprised of a wide range of abilities including new swimmers. Call 802-885-2568 or visit www. myreccenter.org. TFN

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

REGION -"Bone Builders" 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. TFN

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

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@comcast.net. TFN

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. TFN

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. TFN

SUNDAYS -

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

#### COMMUNITY MEALS

SATURDAY, MAY 20-ALSTEAD, N.H. - Turkey buffet at Third Congregational Church, River Street, to benefit the church, Saturday, May 20, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Takeout available. For more information, call Joanne, 603-835-6734 or Myrna 603-835-2939. Volunteers are welcome to help with serving, food prep, running industrial dishwasher and other kitchen duties. Food prep at the church Friday, May 19, at 9 a.m. Come and join the fellowship and fun of food prep - call Myrna at 603-835-2939.

FRIDAY, MAY 26-ANDOVER, Vt. - Spaghetti dinner, 5-6:30 p.m., to benefit Community Cares Network

of Chester/Andover, Inc. At the Andover Town Hall, 953 Andover Rd., Andover.

THIRD SATURDAY -

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Ham dinner at the North Springfield Baptist Church, 69 Main Street from 4 to 7 p.m. Handicapped accessible. There is a fee for the meal. Children 5 and under free, Call 802-886-8107, TFN

SATURDAYS-

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. -

Belmont's Summer Supper series runs until Oct. 28 at the Odd Fellows Hall, 37 Lake St., Belmont, to benefit the MHVF Auxiliary, Colfax Lodge, Mount Holly fire Dept., Mt. Moriah Mason, the Historical Museum, the MHV Rescue Squad, and Gill Home, IOOF. Settings start at 5 p.m. All you can eat, served homestyle. Takeouts available with all dinners. Menu varies, call 802-259-2460 for details. Dates: May 27, June 24, July 22, Aug. 12, Sept. 2, Sept. 23, Oct. 7, Oct. 28. On July 4, the Odd Fellows will hold their chicken BBQ at 11:30 a.m., after the town parade.

WEEKDAYS-

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center serves lunch 11:30-12:15 Monday through Friday to area seniors. The Senior Meals menu for the week is available by calling 802-463-3907. The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center is located at 18 Tuttle St. We are wheelchair and walker accessible with plenty of parking. TFN

#### EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 20-BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Estate sale - everything must go! May 20, 9-4, 30 Green St., Bellows Falls. A bit of everything: clothing, dishes, shoes, lamps, art, books, DVDs, garden tools, plant pots, furniture. Cash only, first come first served. Nothing will be held, everything must

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. -Barn dance with square and round dancing at the Charlestown Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield Rd. Light refreshments available. 2 - 5

GRAFTON, Vt. - The Nature Museum, located at 186 Townshend Rd., will host a guided bird walk with Laurie Danforth and Bob Engel, beginning at 7:15 a.m. until 10 a.m. A guided spring mushrooms and edibles exploration will be 1-3:30 p.m. Meet at the Nature Museum. Wear appropriate clothing, bring water. The walks will occur on even terrain. Register for walks at www.naturemuseum.org

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - "Hell is a Hole in the Dirt: The Evolution and End of Trench Warfare" - Historian and re-enactor Richard Tucker will present a talk on fighting styles of wWI, Saturday, May 20, 2 p.m. at the Springfield Art and Historical Society, 65 Route 106, North Springfield. This program coincides with the Society's current exhibit, "Springfield, Vermont in WWI and the Spanish Influenza." This program is free and open to all. For more information call 802-886-7935.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Tom Ghent to perform at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., music starts at 7 p.m. Family-friendly evening of music and fun. Suggested donation. Delicious snacks and beverages available for purchase.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Sponsored by Relay of Life Team Awesome Walkers for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life dance fundraiser from 7-11 p.m. Featuring the band The

#### Starting at 9:00 am CAVENDISH TOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Any problems call Robert McGuirk Request for Bids

Cavendish Town Elementary School is accepting bids for outside repairs and select painting of the school building. Complete scope of work available upon request.

Tour of facility and explanation of scope of work Thursday, May 25 at 8:30 am. Bids due to school and opened Friday, June 2 at 10 am

George O. Thomson, Principal Cavendish Town Elementary School 573 Main Street Proctorsville, VT 05153 Phone: 226-7758

#### TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY PLANNING COMMISSION CLERK

The Town of Mount Holly seeks to hire a Clerk to assist the Planning Commission to carry out their duties and responsibilities. This is a part time position, up to approximately 20 hours per month, some evening hours required. Pay range is \$10-\$15 per hour, commensurate with experience. Interested parties should contact Bill McGrath, Planning Commission Chair, at 802-259-2724 or email at twigg16@vermontel. net. A resume may be sent to the email address, or the town office at Town of Mount Holly, PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Job duties for the position include:

- Prepare and post agendas for all Planning Commission
- meetings. Post minutes as required by the Open Meeting
- record and special notices/information in the Chit Chat or other publications as determined by the Planning Commis-
- Review all Planning Commission mail/email. Respond to general inquires that do not require Planning Commission attention and forward all other correspondence to the Plan-

- Assist the Planning Commission to carry out their duties and responsibilities
- meetings as required by the Open Meeting Law Attend and take minutes at all Planning Commission
- Prepare and publish legal notices in the Town's paper of
- ning Commission for their action.
- · Maintain a filing system for all correspondence, articles, documents, etc. that pertain to the Planning Commission. · Perform other duties as requested by the Planning Commission.

## Saturday, May 20 9:00 am—1:00 pm

#### TOWN OF LANDGROVE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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dish, Chester, Grafton, Ludlow, Plymouth, Reading, Rocking-

ham, Springfield, Weathersfield, West Windsor, and Windsor

Pursuant to 21 VSA, §§ 4441, 4442, 4444, and 4447, the Landgrove Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments regarding proposed revisions to the Landgrove Zoning Bylaws. (Adopted 13 July 2006; Updated Fall 2016)

The public hearing will be held: Wednesday, 14 June 2017 Landgrove Town Office Building

Copies of the Zoning Bylaws are available for inspection at the Town office on Thursdays, 8:30 - 1 PM; additional information is available by calling the Town Office at 802.824.3716 or by contacting the Zoning Administrator at landgroveza@gmail.com.

88 Landgrove Road, Landgrove, VT 05148

#### Town on the 9th day of June 2017, at 10 o'clock a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs and fees, unless previously paid. Dated at Andover, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont this 26th day of April 2017.

Jeanette Haight, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

## **LEGAL NOTICES**

# calendar

#### EVENTS CONT.

SAT., MAY 20 CONT.-Rambers; held at the Elks Club, 49 Park St. There is a fee. Contact Margaret Bingham at 802-591-1301.

SOUTH ACWORTH, N.H. - Wingstock annual chicken wing cook off, May 20, noon to evening at the Acworth Village Store, 1068 NH Rte 123A, plus the seasonal opening of the Village Store's wood fired pizza oven, 4:30-7:30 p.m. All day family fun to benefit the Acworth Community Project. Free music all day with local musicians Lonn Livingood and the Best Revenge, Pickett Hill with Charlie Collins, Decatur Creek, Pete Wilson and others. For details, call 603-835-6547 or email acworthvillagestore@gmail.

SUNDAY, MAY 21-PUTNEY, Vt. - Putney Vaudeville returns to Next Stage for a family matinee on Sunday, May 21, 4 p.m., at Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill, Putney. General admission tickets are available at www. nextstagearts.org at the Putney Coop and Turn It Up in Brattleboro. For details, contact Next Stage Arts Project at 802-387-0102 or email nextstagearts@gmail.com.

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. -Brattleboro Area Jewish Community's 3rd annual Antiques & Collectibles Appraisal Day, Sunday, May 21,1:30-5:30 p.m. at 118 Elliot St. (across from the Brattleboro Fire Dept.). Experienced appraisers will evaluate and assess items of all kinds except weaponry, knives, large rugs or bulky furniture.

For more information, call or text Stephan at 802-380-9795 or email at getmusic@sover,net.

REGION - The Shires of Vermont Marathon will be held on Sunday, May 21, starting at Bennington College at 8 a.m. and finishing 26.2 miles later at Riley skating rink in Manchester. Register online at www.lightboxreg.com/shiresof-vermont-marathon-2017. The Shires offers many amenities and a finisher's medallion created by 8th grade students of the Mountain School at Winhall, Find race details at the Batten Kill Valley Runners Club, bkvr.net/ shires-of-vermont-marathon, call 218-790-0504 or email shiresmarathon@amail.com.

MONDAY, MAY 22-LUDLOW, Vt. - Red Cross blood drive at the Ludlow Community Center, 37 Main St., 12:30-5:30 p.m. Walk-in or for an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Save up to 15 minutes, visit redcrossblood. org/rapidpass to complete your predonation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

SATURDAY, MAY 27-LUDLOW, Vt. - Fourth annual Wounded Veterans' 5k/10k Walk/Run, sponsored by the American Legion. Register at the American Legion parking lot, 133 Main St., at 10 a.m. There is a registration fee. The race begins at 11 and follows last year's route. Proceeds to be donated to the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) to help injured service members. For more information contact Sara Stryhas, 802-558-3805 or email sarastryhas21@gmail.

#### TOWN OF GRAFTON INVITATION TO BID

The Town of Grafton is participation in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program which provides funding to Towns to purchase and demolish properties damaged due to natural disasters. The Town of Grafton is accepting sealed bids from contractors to demolish the properties located on parcels 121, 153, and 175 Parker Hill Road, total 4 structures. A mandatory site visit is being held on Thursday, May 25 from 1-3pm, or as scheduled with the Town Administrator. Bids must be received by 4pm on Thursday, June15, 2017 to the Town of Grafton, 117 Main Street, P.O. Box 180, Grafton, VT 05146 and will be opened at a Select Board Meeting following the closing. Bids must be marked "Demolition Bid", faxed or emailed bids will not be accepted. For further information, complete project specifications and the Invitation to Bid documents, please contact: Emily Huff, Town Administrator, at (802) 843-2552. The Town of Grafton reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, and has the right to accept other than the lowest bid if determined to be in the best interest of the Town.

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. TFN

#### 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. TFN

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. Call Donna at 802-591-4290 or you can call the hall at 802-875-1051. TFN

#### SATURDAYS-

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

**EVERY FOURTH SUNDAY -**PUTNEY, Vt. - Dinner and a movie, 5:30 p.m. At each

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#### LIBRARIES

FRIDAY, MAY 19-LUDLOW, Vt. -Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main St., 3-4 p.m. for Books and Cooks. Grades 2 and up. Learn how to make Rainbow Fruit Pizza, a healthy rendition of a traditional favorite. Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email skrawczykyt@gmail.com to register for programs.

MONDAY, MAY 22-LUDLOW, Vt. -Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main St., 5:30-6:30 p.m. for STEM Night. Kindergarten and up. Shhh! Tonight's activity is a surprise. Will you be building with Legos, mixing up a concoction, or some other sort of scientific fun? You'll just have to stop by to find out! Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email skrawczykyt@gmail.com to register for programs.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24-BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - At

6 p.m. at the Rockingham Library, the Bellows Falls Historical Society will present an informational update on the Poet Seat project which is part of the Bellows Falls Historic Riverfront Park & Trail System. The project hopes to include a series of gravel walking paths, a 35 ft. diameter stone labyrinth with stone bench seatings. After the presentation, there will be opportunities for questions and comments. Reference materials on the project are available at the Rockingham Library. Call 802-463-4270, email programming@ rockinghamlibrary.org, visit www.rockinghamlibrary.org or, stop by the Library at 65 Westminster St.

THURSDAY, MAY 25-LUDLOW, Vt. -The Friends of Ludlow's Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main St., announce the selection for the book discussion on May 25, 7 p.m., is "The Circle" by Dave Eggers. A recent college graduate lands a job at a powerful technology company, the Circle, which she feels is the job of a lifetime. What begins as the captivating story of one woman's ambition and idealism soon becomes a heart-racing novel of suspense, raising questions about memory, history, privacy,

democracy and the limits of human knowledge. The novel centers around the perils of the internet or the companies that control it. Books are available at the library.

FRIDAY, MAY 26-LUDLOW, Vt. -Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main St., 3-4 p.m. for Reading with Oreo. School-age children are invited to read a story or two with Oreo the Reading Dog. Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email skrawczykvt@gmail. com to register for programs.

#### TUESDAYS -

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Story time for toddlers and Pre-K at the Silsby Free Library from 10:30 a.m. Children and parents are invited for stories,

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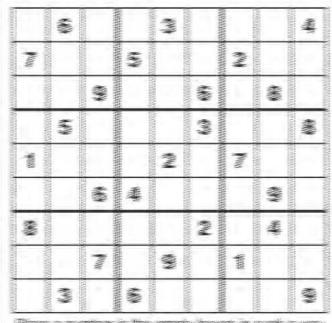
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"tip" about a co-worker's "betrayal" might well raise the Bovine's rage levels. But before charging into a confrontation, let an unbiased colleague do some fact checking. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Although a relationship still seems to be moving too slowly to suit your expectations, it's best not to push it. Let it develop at its own pace. You'll soon get news about a workplace change. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A

continually changing personal situation makes you feel as if you're riding an emotional roller coaster. But hold on tight; stability starts to set in early next week. LEO (July 23 to August 22) Believe

it or not, someone might dare to say "No!" to the Regal One's suggestion. But instead of being miffed, use this rebuff to recheck the proposition and, perhaps, make some changes.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might find it difficult to make a decision about a family matter. But delay can only lead to more problems. Seek out trusted counsel and then make that important decision.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Concentrate your focus on what needs to be done, and avoid frittering away your energies on less-important pursuits. There'll be time later for fun and games.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Although the conflicts seem to be letting up, you still need to be wary of being drawn into workplace intrigues. Plan a special weekend event for family and/or friends. SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to

December 21) Your quick wit helps you work through an already difficult situation without creating more problems. Creative aspects begin to dominate by the week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Be patient. You'll soon receive news about a project that means so much to you. Meanwhile, you might want to reconsider a suggestion you previously turned down.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) There are still some aspects about that new job offer you need to resolve. In the meantime, another possibility seems promising. Be sure to check that out as well.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Opening up your emotional floodgates could leave you vulnerable to being hurt later on. Watch what you say, in order to avoid having your words come back to haunt you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're usually the life of the party, which gets you on everyone's invitation list. You also have a flair for politics.

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# calendar

### **AUTOMOTIVE**

#### LIBRARIES CONT.

#### TUESDAYS CONT.-

songs and finger plays. Session includes playtime, an activity and a story time. Free and open to all. TFN

LUDLOW, Vt. -Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main St. for "Crafty Tuesdays" for kindergarten through grade six, 3-4 p.m. Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email skrawczykvt@gmail.com to register for programs. May 23, Dr. Seuss Hat pencil holder and Truffala tree pencils. Do you like "The Cat in the Hat" or "The Lorax?" Then this craft is for you! May 30, Soaring Dragons. Dragons are magical creatures that soar through the sky. Today we will make our own shimmering dragons that will fly! TFN

SPRINGFIELD, Vt.- Springfield Town Library storytime, 43 Main St., 10 a.m. Stories, songs, and activities for the

youngest readers. TFN

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.

#### WEDNESDAYS -

WESTON, Vt. - Come and enjoy a story hour with friends at the Wilder Memorial Library! 11 a.m.-noon. Call ahead to check, 802-824-4307. TFN

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. Best suited for ages 5 and younger. Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email skrawczykvt@gmail.com to register for programs. TFN

WINDSOR, Vt. - Preschool

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

#### **THURSDAYS**

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Join the genealogy group at Rockingham Free Public Library every Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. when genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard takes you on a quest to discover your family roots. If you own a laptop, please bring it along. Many free databases are available at the library. Beginners and seasoned genealogists are welcome. Free and open to the public. For details, call 802-463-4270, email programming@ rockinghamlibrary.org or go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org. TFN

FRIDAYS-

CHESTER, Vt. - Storytime 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. TFN

#### WEEKLY-

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - The Brooks Memorial Library, 224 Main St, Brattleboro, has a new display outside the children's room that explores the process of writing and illustrating the children's book, "Did Tiger Take the Rain?" by Bellows Falls author and artist C. W. Norris-Brown. The display will remain up until May 27. Hours are Monday through Wednesday 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Friday 10 a.m.- 6 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, visit http://brookslibraryvt. org/. 802-254-5290. TFN

#### MEETINGS

#### TUESDAYS-

SPRINGFIELD, Vt.- The Steampunk Society event committee meeting at the Hartness House Inn at 6 p.m. located at 30 Orchard Street.

#### FOURTH FRIDAYS-

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Monthly Coalition meetings Friday, May 26, June 23, 12-1:30 at Parks Place. Lunch and good company provided. TFN

#### SUPPORT GROUPS

#### SUNDAY, JULY 16-BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Connecticut Valley Ostomy

& IBD support group (COG) aims to bring people together who are managing with inflammatory bowel disease or who have had an ostomy of any type. No cost to attend. It is run by Margaret Heale (802-376-8249) a local certified Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurse Specialist. Summer BBQ, Fall Gathering, and Winter Potluck at Mrs. Heale's residence. Summer BBQ- Sunday, July 16 at 12:30 p.m. Fall season - Friday, Sept. 8, at 5 p.m. Winter potluck - Sunday, Dec. 3, at 12:30 p.m.

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.

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

#### TUESDAYS-

LUDLOW, Vt. - A YMCA diabetes prevention program will be offered on Tuesdays at the United Church of Ludlow, 46 Pleasant St, 2-3 p.m. This is a year-long lifestyle change program. Reduce your risk of developing Type 2 diabetes through healthier eating and exercise habits. Free and open to the public. Register by Monday, May 22, at 802-886-8946. TFN

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, TFN

LUDLOW, Vt. - Co-Dependents Anonymous meets on Tuesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. in the basement of the Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main St. in Ludlow. Find out more about CoDA at coda.org. For more information regarding this meeting, contact Sarah E.

at sarahcoda 2016@gmail. com. TFN

#### WEDNESDAYS -

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

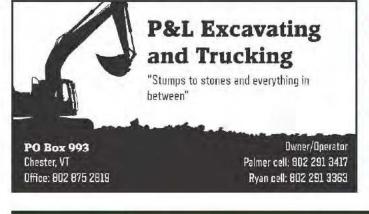
#### THIRD WEDNESDAY

ASCUTNEY, Vt. - Twin State Depression Support Group meets at Martin Memorial Hall, Lower Level (Handicap Accessible), 5259 Route 5, Ascutney, (near Exit 8 off I-91) at 6:30 p.m. Have you been diagnosed with depression? Have not been diagnosed but think you may be depressed? Have a friend or family member who has depression? Then this group is for you! Support, empathy, sharing, education, confidentiality, peerled. Contact TwinStateDSG@ gmail.com or 641-715-3900 (extension 650055#). TFN

#### THURSDAYS -

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Mental health peer support group, 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. TFN

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





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# roots on the river

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -Newcomers, fan favorites, and singer/songwriters have lined up to light the stage at this year's Roots on the River Festival to be held Friday, June 9, through Sunday, June 11.

The event will feature the return of popular headliner Hayes Carll on Saturday night, flanked by an eclectic mix of musical entertainment throughout the weekend of Southern Vermont's premiere music festival.

"We are thrilled to have Hayes return to the Roots stage," Ray Massucco, Vermont Festivals LLC promoter, said. "Our festivalgoers love Hayes, and Hayes loves our unique festival!"

Last year's popular expanded Full Gospel Hour Show on Sunday at the Rockingham meeting House will continue, featuring Nashville-based festival veteran Mary Gauthier, hosting the lively, unforgettable event that is equally popular with locals and out-oftowners as well.

"Mary has joined us since 2000, stirring the crowd with her passionate lyrics and mesmerizing melodies," Massucco

Massucco also announced this year's non-profit beneficiary is the Bellows Falls Bike Project. Buy tickets from them, and they keep 50 percent of the proceeds.

The first two days of the festival take place under the Big Tent at the Rodeway Inn on Friday and Saturday, with early birds gathering at Donovan's in Bellows Falls on Thursday night to set the tone for the festivities.

Friday's lineup will include first time appearances by Ian Foster from Newfoundland, a singer/songwriter with the heart of a storyteller and poet, and Betty Soo, who hails from Austin, Texas. Woodsmith & Hersch will perform on Friday. Dan Weber, a three-times Roots veteran, newcomers Birds of Chicago and the fabulous Bill Kirchen will round out Friday's show.

On Saturday, we welcome Roger Marin, who has faithfully played at every Roots festival, along with three-time performers The Meadows Brothers! The day's lineup also includes Chester native The Suitcase Junket, who has appeared with Rusty Belle, RotR newcomer Ghosts of the American Road, Brooklynborn singer/songwriter Dayna Kurtz, and the energetic and engaging Boxcar Lilies.

New England based folk quartet Rani Arbo & Daisy Mayhem will return for the first time since 2004, and longtime favorite Hayes Carll will top off the evening after a fiveyear hiatus.

Saturday also features our specially staffed Youth Tent, with games, crafts, and healthy snacks, so parents can let the kids play in easy view of the concert area.

The festival winds down on Sunday with one of its most popular venues, the landmark Rockingham Meeting House. "The Full Gospel Hour Show was overwhelmingly successful last year," Massucco said. "So we are building on it this year by popular demand!"

Joining Gauthier at the Meeting House are The Meadows Brothers, The Boxcar Lilies, and Dayna Kurtz.

"The Sunday Meeting House show is already at slightly over 50 percent of capacity, and always sells out, so if you are interested, purchasing your tickets early is advised. The Sunday show is the only one with limited seating," Massucco said.

The festival is smoke-free, and family and pet friendly, so



make this weekend an outing for everyone to enjoy. Children's tickets and Saturday family ticket packages will be available at the gate. There is also a Deluxe Weekend package, including admission to the venues 30 minutes early on Friday and Saturday, and 15 minutes early on Sunday, with guaranteed seating all three

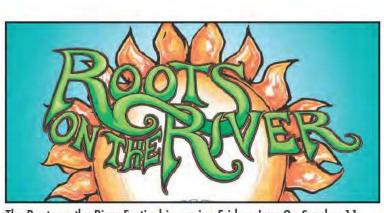
Deluxe Ticket holders are invited to visit a catered hospitality tent on Friday from 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. to meet and greet with artists. They also receive a discount on RotR merchandise and souvenirs, reserved parking at the Rodeway Inn, and a going away bash at Donovan's on Sunday with food, music, and door prizes.

There is a limited number of Deluxe Tickets for guaranteed seats under the big tent, so plan to come early or bring a small lawn chair or blanket. Vendors

will be on-site to provide food and beverages, and no glass is allowed at the venue.

"There is expanded rough camping for the first time this year," Massucco said. "Lots of open field camping on site."

For more information, and to purchase tickets, please go to www.rootsontheriver.com, or call 802-460-3333.



The Roots on the River Festival is coming Friday, June 9 - Sunday 11.
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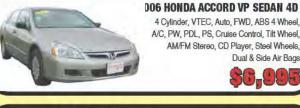
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## Vermont House gives preliminary approval to Paid Family Leave -

REGION - The Vermont House on May 2 gave preliminary approval to the Paid Family Leave insurance bill on a voice vote.

The bill, H.196, enables Vermonters to take time off from work to care for an infant or an elderly relative without balancing that family need against the necessity of a paycheck. It creates a Family Leave Insurance Program within the Department of Labor that will provide employees with up to six weeks of paid family leave through modest employee contributions.

"This bill is an important measure in protecting the rights of employees and strengthening families and communities" said General, Housing, and Military Affairs Committee Chairwoman, Representative Helen Head. "It gives Vermonters economic security and makes our state an even more attractive place to live, work, and raise a family. This bill safeguards the interests of Vermont workers as well as the economy of the state as we work to ensure a strong and healthy future for the next generation of Vermonters."

"We are prioritizing legislation that ensures Vermonters are on the path forward to a healthy future and strong economy," noted House Speaker Mitzi Johnson. "Paid family leave is a crucial insurance plan for Vermonters. This bill bridges the economic gap new parents and caretakers of elderly relatives face when they are forced to choose between caring for their family and earning a paycheck. In addition to allowing parents time with their new child, this bill relieves pressure on both the scarce infant care resources and the cost to the state of our child care subsidies."

"Additionally, paid family leave is important benefit to the small businesses that make our economy strong. As a small business state, Vermont competes with other cities and states that have more opportunities for higher wage work. A statewide family leave insurance program will help attract and retain young professionals and families. This bill will also reduce turnover costs that small businesses face and will stabilize and grow our Vermont small businesses" said Assistant Majority Leader and small business owner, Representative Tristan Toleno.

The bill will now move to the Senate for con-

## Vermont awarded a \$2 million federal grant to address and prevent opioid misuse —

REGION - Governor Phil Scott joined Senators Patrick Leahy and Bernie Sanders, and Congressman Peter Welch in welcoming a \$2 million federal grant to increase access to opioid misuse prevention, treatment and recovery services for Vermonters.

In a letter to Gov.

Scott, U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price said the funding is the first of two rounds as provided for in the 21st Century Cures Act. The funds will be allocated through the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grants administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Governor Scott said he and the state's health officials welcome this critical support for Vermont's prevention, treatment, recovery and enforcement efforts. "We are taking a comprehensive approach, and this funding will help strengthen our ability to effectively address the opioid crisis in our state," said Gov. Scott. "I appreciate the commitment of Secretary Price, and the indispensable work of our congressional delegation, to helping Vermont and the nation confront these considerable challenges."

The grant will be used to enhance Vermont's public and nonprofit partnerships, increase peer recovery support for Vermonters with opioid abuse disorders, build community education programs and implement programs to stop diversion of prescription drugs for illicit use.

In a joint statement, Sens. Leahy and Sanders, and Rep. Welch said, "This new funding will strengthen efforts already underway in Vermont



Opioid abuse in Vt. to be addressed with grant.

to address the opioid crisis. Our state, like so many others, faces extraordinary challenges resulting from an influx of heroin and fentanyl on a scale that we have never seen before. In Washington, we are fighting to commit the resources needed to address this crisis head-on, and to support smart policies that reduce the demand for these drugs. We look forward to working with Governor Scott and his team to help those in need. We owe it to Vermonters to get this right."

According to the HHS letter, grants are being awarded to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, four U.S. territories and the free associated states of Palau and Micronesia. The amounts are based upon rates of overdose deaths and unmet need for opioid addiction treatment.

In 2016, there were 106 accidental and undetermined opioid-related fatalities in Vermont - a 41 percent increase from 2015. Since 2010, opioid-related deaths have more than

In January, Gov. Scott established the Opioid Coordination Council and appointed a Director of Drug Policy Prevention, Jolinda LaClair, to lead and strengthen Vermont's response to the opioid crisis through enhanced coordination between state and local governments.



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