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Happy Memorial Day

We would like to take this special day to thank those who have fought for our freedom, and remember the soldiers that have fallen for our country. Pictured is the color guard at attention in Brookside Cemetery.
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Bridge Construction

VT 100 Bridge 99: The Bridge 99 10-day closure will continue through Thursday, May 25. Please follow the designated regional detour route utilizing VT 100 North, US 4 West, US 7 South, and VT 103. Crews have completed the demolition of the existing structure and have installed the concrete slabs and grouted the joints between each slab with concrete mortar (PICTURED).
VT 103 Walker Bridge: Construction for the replacement of Bridge 25 began Monday, May 22. Crews began preparation for the bridge closure by clearing trees to gain access under the bridge. There is also expected utility work in the roadway. Bridge 25 will be reduced to one lane with alternating one-way traffic throughout the day and flaggers will be present to assist in maintaining traffic flow on VT 103.
During Memorial Day Weekend no work will be performed on any of the South Central VT Bridge projects beginning Saturday, May 27. Work will resume on Tuesday, May 30, 2017.
Please focus on safety when driving through the construction work zone and remember, it is illegal in Vermont to use any handheld portable electronic devices while driving. The law carries fines of up to \$200 with points assessed if the violation occurs in a work zone.
Contact the public outreach hotline at 802-496-3376 with questions.
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Black River Community

BR students and staff have made their voices heard in attempt to save their school by posting signage on their front lawn. Your vote is your voice. Vote on merger 721 at your local polling place on Tuesday, May 30.
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Senior Scoop

BY AIYANA FORTIN
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Class of 2017 will be graduating in less than a month, and many seniors have chosen to share their experiences, plans, and advice with the world, especially the underclassmen. Eliza Tarbell, Madison Dean, Dayne Greineder, Alice Faenza, and Bailey Matteson will be sharing a bit about themselves this week.
Eliza Tarbell, while she has been

afflicted by the dreaded senioritis, has not let this get in the way of her love of music. She's been working hard in her classes and continued to sing with the high school chorus. After graduation, she plans to further her education at St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vt. In light of her experiences, Tarbell would advise incoming seniors and underclassmen to "keep your head out of things and finish strong."
Madison Dean has been studying at the River Valley Technical Center

in Springfield in the culinary program, working at Mojo Cafe, hanging out with friends, and travelling to Burlington, Stowe, and other places around Vermont. After graduation, Dean plans to work more, move to Burlington, and study at the Community College of Vermont center in Burlington. This year, she's been affected by a mild case of senioritis, leaving her with little motivation to go to school or do her work. Her advice to the underclassmen is to get their community service done, and soon.
Dayne Greineder has been working hard in school, even though it's not his favorite thing to do, and his advice to underclassmen is to do the same. This year, he's been building his career in photography, planning a three-month trip to Australia, and playing soccer, basketball, and baseball. After graduation, Greineder plans to work and live his life outside

of school. In 2018, he hopes to go to Maine for a summer photography workshop to widen his knowledge in photography and follow his passion.
Alice Faenza played as a full-year athlete this year. She was selected as a Marble Valley League All Star Player for both soccer and basketball and played as team captain on the soccer and softball teams. Faenza serves as a student council representative, and on the weekends, she works at Big Eyes Bakery. In the fall, Alice will be attending New England College in Henniker, N.H., and she hopes to study physical education. She admits to suffering from senioritis, but knows that she can't take this time for granted. It may be the last time she gets to hang out with some of these friends. Faenza advises the underclassmen to have fun, even though it will seem hard with all of



The First Pitch

6-year-old Nolan Alberty who attends CTES is a myeloid leukemia survivor. He has been in remission for three years. He plays on the Cavendish T-ball team, and was overjoyed to throw the opening pitch in the Ludlow game against Long Trail. Next year he will be the honorary batboy.
The fundraising game was coordinated by Zoe Trimboli, coach Jim O'Neil, and Howie Paul. Other sponsors included Frank Heald, Bruce Schmidt, Patti Rumrill, the BRHS boys baseball team, and Casey Donovan / Pepsi of Brattleboro. All the players were sponsored and the money raised from the refreshments were donated to Lisa Marks, Alberty's patient partner. Marks runs the Boston Marathon each year and fundraises for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute Center. Her goal this year was \$26,000 and she is almost there! You can donate by visiting www.runDFMC.org/2017/lisam.
PHOTO BY VINCENT WEST

Cavendish Select Board

BY JULIA PURDY
The Vermont Journal

CAVENDISH, Vt. - (This meeting had been postponed from the normal meeting date of May 8.) The meeting was called to order, the April minutes were accepted and the meeting moved quickly to the "Hear Citizens" item. Carl Snyder called the board's attention to a large boulder partially in the trench on Center Road that poses a hazard and said the Town said they would remove it with a rock drill but it's still there. Assistant Town Manager McEnaney said there has been a suggestion to blast it and the town is expecting a new rock drill-jackhammer. Snyder also said when the utility lines on High Street were replaced they left "kind of a mess." Town Manager Brendan McNamara said he had made a

call to the utility who told him it was the responsibility of the other utility company to remove the unused wires.
McNamara updated the board on the town garage and they discussed rebuilding options. McNamara said the board was given a preliminary budget to have the entire building gutted, rewired and put back as it was (not including asbestos), for \$185,000-\$200,000. He said the insurance company offered a settlement of \$188,000 that was "pretty close to accurate" for either restoration or demolition and new construction. They have met with Josselyn Brothers and Wright Construction and asked for preliminary budgets. Wright quoted \$520,000 to \$560,000 for complete demolition, a slab, and construction of a 6,000 sq. ft. steel building ready for move-in. McNamara said the board needs to decide

"where we want to go" as soon as possible. He and Bruce McEnaney have viewed the Mount Holly garage and met with the Cavendish firefighters. To ask the voters for \$350,000 in addition to the \$790,000 for the aeration system "is a big ask" but he believes replacement is in the best interests of the town.
McNamara mentioned using the sand pit where the salt shed is, which would be convenient. An issue would be putting a steel-sided building in the center of the historic district. McEnaney observed that strapping and wood clapboards could be put on it to improve the appearance.
McEnaney made points in favor of total replacement, including the old building's wood boiler, lack of drainage, its inadequate floor area and awkward floor plan, and other deficiencies.

He said that he and McNamara have visited the Mount Holly fire station, which is heated with an outside wood boiler, has 16-foot ceilings, R-19 insulation in the walls and R-35 in the ceiling, and a footprint 100 feet wide by 66 feet deep, which allows the trucks to pull in side by side and indoor storage of equipment. The roof is a clear span with no posts. Excess solar credits can be used toward an efficiency heating system. He pointed out that storing equipment indoors prolongs its life. McNamara commented that all the Cavendish firefighters would like a new building, and said the town owes it to the firefighters to give them the best tools to do the job. A new building would also allow for future expansion.
There was discussion about the sandpit location. McEnaney said that cars speed along that road and there is

poor sight distance. Also, residents are used to the current location. George Timko mentioned that a sewer line would have to be laid under the roadway.
McNamara and McEnaney also looked at a town-owned parcel on High Street and a parcel near the solar panels but the latter would require a lot of fill so it was ruled out.
McNamara said there has been no Request For Proposals (RFP) and both contractors made verbal estimates based on the Mount Holly building. Josselyn built the Mount Holly garage and their verbal estimate for Cavendish was \$540,000. McNamara said the board can decide what they want and don't want in the final design phase. He felt it was advisable to look at "any and all options."
In any case, the contractors can't

guarantee completion before winter. McNamara added that design-build is quicker but permitting can "tie things up." McEnaney said that Wright said "winter," Josselyn said "November." He remarked that the construction season is "heating up."
McNamara will develop an RFP for constructing a new building, warn a special town meeting, research loan applications, and get the amount needed to borrow. He may call interim meetings as the bids come in. It was moved, seconded and approved for Brendan McNamara to develop an RFP.
The next item of business was the final draft of the sewer ordinance presented at the last meeting by Weston & Sampson. McNamara said that a major addition was in reference to Act 148 on

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Where are BR alumni now?

BY AIYANA FORTIN

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - Black River High School has been an integral part of our community for generations. It started in what is now the Black River Acad-

emy Museum and grew into the Black River High School/Middle School we know and love today. Teachers, students, and their families have come and gone, and many of them have been living incredible lives, doing amazing things, and found that they were better

prepared because of their high school experience at Black River.

Several Black River alums have chosen to share aspects of their personal and professional lives, including their opinions of Black River.

Casey Valente currently works as a Reinforcing Steel Engineer for Har-Mac Rebar and Steel Corporation. He's worked on several multi-million dollar projects, including NYC subway tunnels and high-rise buildings in the Boston area. Valente believes that he benefitted most from Black River's small, hands-on classroom experience. He and his fellow classmates felt like people, not numbers. His teachers were able to offer individualized help to ensure that each student was learning everything they could, ultimately preparing them for success.

Jenna Berger is currently serving in the Air Force, and deployed to Antarctica for Operation Deep Freeze, a joint mission supporting the United States

Antarctic Program and the National Science Foundation. While some people may feel that a small school is a disadvantage, Berger knows that her experience was incredibly diverse. She was able to take AP classes, learn a foreign language, play multiple instruments, be on student council, play three varsity sports, and work in the community where everyone was willing to give advice, support, and encouragement.

Summers Williams is a Senior Instructor for the National Outdoor Leadership School in Tucson, AZ, leading extended wilderness trips, 30-day hiking courses, instructing avalanche courses, and 2-week expeditions of skis and snowboards. She moved to Andover, Vt. in the hopes that her children would grow up in the Black River community. "I knew every face, every name, and even the birthdays of many of the students walking by in the hall," Williams says, "It is said

that it takes a village to raise a child. I was raised in the Mt. Holly/Ludlow village and I wouldn't want it any other way."

Nicole Brzoza currently runs the Belmont Post Office and works at the Rutland Post Office. She believes that Black River is what makes our town a nice place to live. Her daughter will likely have some of the same teachers Brzoza did, and she'll feel comfortable as a parent, just as her own mother did. Small grades and classes ensured access to the help that everybody needed to succeed and the friendships of a lifetime.

Kristance Harlow is a freelance writer living in Argentina. Her articles have been published in the Guardian and are being used as course materials for students studying diversity and race relations. Her studies overseas were inspired by her first trip to Ireland, which was paid for entirely by a Rotary Scholarship, an offer unique

to small schools, specifically Black River. Harlow recalls, "When I went to BRHS, it was possible for students to have influence on policy decisions, which instilled my belief that change is always possible with enough tenacity."

These are just a few of the thousands of students who have graduated from Black River, each share a similar story. They have built a life of passion and discovery on a strong foundation forged by the Mt. Holly/Ludlow community. Black River alumni have touched areas in all parts of the globe; spreading their sense of community and drive to succeed across continents, and many have begun to instill these values in their children. All of the interviewed Black River alumni have always hoped that their children will study and graduate from Black River. They value the opportunity, the education, and the community that Black River created and has maintained for generations.

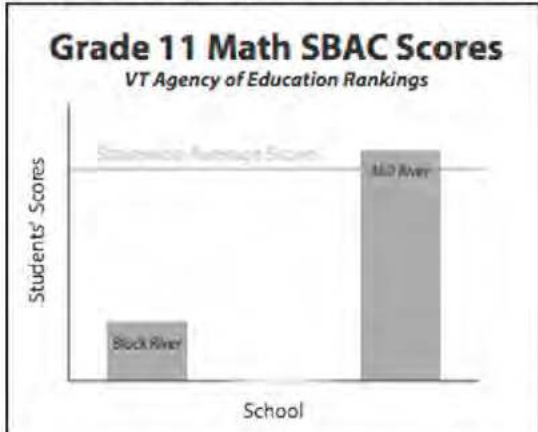
On April 26 a total of 5,552 pounds of Vermont's "most dangerous leftovers" were collected and will soon be destroyed. In Ludlow a total of 23.5 pounds of unused prescription medication were collected. We are fortunate here to have a permanent drop box location. The drop box at the Ludlow Police Department is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

EDUCATIONAL COMPARISONS

I. NICHE (Vermont Ranking, US Dept. of Education Data)

	Mill River UHS	Black River HS
State Ranking out of 60 Schools	17	47
SAT Average	1170	970
AP Enrollment %	32	16
Graduation Rate %	87	85
STEM ranking	14 out of 56	49 out of 56
(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)		
College Readiness	16 out of 60	49 out of 60
Best HS for Athletics	10 out of 39	no rank

II. SBAC (Vermont Agency of Education School Ranking)



VT AOE 9-12 Grade Dropout Rate Mill River 2.48% Black River 4.35%

III. U.S. News & World Report-2017 Ranking of US High Schools

Mill River is Ranked 10th in Vermont. Math and English proficiency in the 2 schools are similar to those in the other two ranking systems. Black River is not ranked.

GMUHS NHS Induction

CHESTER, Vt. - On Wednesday evening, May 3, the Flamstead Chapter of National Honor Society inducted 13 new members. The program was held in the auditorium at Green Mountain Union High School in Chester. It included brief speeches from the Advisor, Ally Oswald and the officers of NHS: Cassidy Cummings, Skylar White, Riley Karl, Mikayla Call, and the guidance Director, Pam O'Neil.

The new members inducted at the ceremony were: Mackenzie Anderson, Shiloh Yake, Evan Church, Keegan Ewald, Rachel Guerra, Grace Johnson, Paige Karl, Allison Kenney, Anne Lamson, Simone Martorano, Reilly Merrill, Chelsea Rose, Cassandra Spaulding.

Current NHS members include: Rose Jackson, Sara Ripley, Kimball Schultz, Hanna Veysey, Mack Walton,

Tuckerman Wunderle, Josh Bodin, Isabelle Cameron, Lydia Churchill, Skylar Dailey, Noelle Gignoux, Madeline Harper, Ben Haseltine, Sierra Kehoe, Chrystal Longe, Brianna Luman, Clara Martorano, Eliza Rounds, Lexi White, and Sadie Wood.

This year NHS members have served their communities in various ways. Students were guides for the open house at GM in the fall, and will

be leaders for the 6th grade parent night, and Move Up Day for incoming 7th graders this spring. Students also helped with a coat drive in November, and have volunteered at local elementary schools, the Rotary Interact Organization, local churches, the Shriners All State Band, and several local businesses. We look forward to continuing to serve in our communities next year.

SELECT

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composting, limiting food put into kitchen dispose-alls to food prep, not [cooked] leftovers, which could have a substantial impact on the system.

Timko felt that the proposed ordinance was "a little overregulatory for our town."

McNamara said he felt it was important to have more rather than less to avoid a patchwork of add-ons in the future. He said the board could "pick and choose" which parts to keep. He said it will require educating town sewer customers and he has begun to

develop educational materials for that purpose.

Timko suggested holding a hearing which, though not required, would introduce new features such as penalties for non-compliance.

McNamara said the revised ordinance is not urgent but "needs to be on the radar" and encouraged board members to peruse it thoroughly at their convenience. He said they weren't looking to "rule with an iron fist" but it would help cover things that are not in the current ordinance. Bruce McEnaney pointed out that under the current ordinance, there is no regulatory authority to check if someone is abusing the system. He commented he is surprised the state has not asked to see the town's sewer ordinance.

Reporting on the VTrans Municipal Highway Grant, Bruce McEnaney said that the VTrans Structures Grant has been received to replace clay culverts at the bottom of County Road but actually on East Road and the project at Stevens Road and Tarbell Hill Road is also moving forward.

Vermont Regal Group, which hopes

to reopen Table 19 by Memorial Day, submitted a first-class liquor license and outside consumption permit application, which was moved, seconded and approved.

Taking up the Inn at Glimmerstone's request for a catering permit, Brendan McNamara said there have been noise complaints in the past and he had received a request from town residents to approve only some of the days requested and require events to end at 11 p.m. The Inn's request is for June 10 and 24; July 2, 7 and 15; September 16, 23 and 30; and October 7 and 14. The innkeeper rents to event organizers and claims she has no control over the event. The sense of the board was to approve some but not all of the dates and to inform the innkeeper. McNamara said he would check if the Select Board has the authority to revoke any remaining approved dates if the noise is too loud. It was moved, seconded and accepted, with one opposed, to approve dates in June and July only.

Timko noted that the innkeeper's rental agreement with the organizers prohibits fireworks.

Per request of the Town Clerk, in light of Act 46, it was moved, seconded and resolved that "CTES-Library Fund" would be changed to "Town of Cavendish Building for Books Fund." It was noted that the use of the fund will not change even though it will no longer be the property of the school.

No letter of resignation has yet been received from Jill Flinn as animal control officer.

Several items were brought up under Other Business.

McEnaney wants to investigate changing the pedestrian access to the Proctor cemetery from the current right-of-way, which is steep. A new path would be created with volunteer labor. It could be a good project for Tech Center students and would be completed by mid-July.

McNamara reported on Bridge 58 on Depot Street. VTrans will place utilities under the riverbed, which will save \$175,000, as a Bailey bridge will not be needed. Bedrock is at about 135 feet at the test holes. VTrans will meet soon with landowners to arrange easements. The utility drilling and boring will ideally be done next summer. It will be a two-year project.

McNamara reported that the water tank area of the school lot will be remapped for the transfer of the water tank from the school to the town as required by Act 46.

McNamara has learned from Mark Pickering of VTrans District 2 office in Dummerston that VTrans will do a major patch on the pothole on Route 131 across from the garage. The pothole is caused by a spring on the hillside and smaller patches don't last.

Bruce McEnaney said that some water valves under the highway will be repaired prior to the repaving project next year.

Education Tax Comparisons				
FY 2018	Tax Rate	Tax		
Property Value=		\$100,000	200,000	300,000
Black River	1.8087	\$1808.	\$3617.	\$5426.
Mill River	1.6441	1644.	3288.	\$4932.
SAVINGS		\$165.	\$329.	\$494.
FY 2020				
Estimate	Tax Rate	Tax		
Property Value=		\$100,000	200,000	300,000
Black River	1.9475	\$1947.	\$3,895.	\$5,843.
Mill River	1.5515	1551.	3,103.	4,655.
SAVINGS		\$594.	\$792.	\$1,188.
Tax Rate data from TRSU and Mill River Supervisory Union Offices				

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SENIORS

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the things you need done for senior year.

Bailey Matteson has been busy this year: serving as an active student representative on the U39 School Board, working as a ski instructor on Okemo for 3- to 6-year-olds, creating an information video with Jakob DeArruda on Act 46, and playing on the soccer team last fall. After graduation, Matteson plans to have a relaxed summer and spend time with loved ones, and then go to Franklin Pierce in Rindge, N.H., to study health sciences. Matteson says she's been suffering from senioritis since freshman year, but this year she's worked extra hard to keep her grades up, especially with all of the beautiful weather we've had. Matteson loves the atmosphere at Black River and wouldn't want to change where she went to school. Her advice, based on her experiences, is: "Don't survive high school, live it. If you have an opportunity, take it. You do you Kid!!!"

These five seniors have worked hard to earn their knowledge, friendships, and varied experiences. They hope to continue to better themselves and expand their world in the future, with the loving support of their family and friends.



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Black River end-of-year pops concert

BY AIYANA FORTIN
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - Katherine Herrie, Black River High School-Middle School music director, and the thirty students in the chorus, jazz band, and concert band performed their Pops Concert on May 16 at 7 p.m. in Presidential Hall. Countless parents, friends, and members of the community gathered in support of Black River musicians and the arts. An art show, showcasing the artwork of Black River Middle School, High School, and Ludlow Elementary, was open to the public. This artwork will remain on display until the School-wide Showcase, Science Fair, and Underclassmen Awards on Wed., May 24, 1:15 to 5 p.m.

The high school chorus started the concert with "Be Our Guest" with voice actress Aiyana Fortin and soloists Christina LeTourneau, soprano, and Natasha Fortin, soprano. This was followed by "Beauty and the Beast," arranged by Mac Huff. The middle school then performed "Fight Song" with soloist Calista Turgeon, soprano, and "See You Again." The high school and middle school combined to perform "The Lion King," a medley of five songs, with soloists Christina LeTourneau, soprano, Natasha Fortin, soprano, Aiyana Fortin, alto, and Sadie Kobak, alto.

The jazz band performed next, beginning with "Hawaiian Rollercoaster Ride," with soloist Mary Faenza, alto saxophone. "She's Always a Woman," featured soloist Bailey Matteson,

trumpet, and "It Ain't Me," featured soloist Madeline Veysey, tenor saxophone.

The combined band performed "Grease!" with soloists Karissa Trzeziara, alto saxophone, and Jonathan Oakes, clarinet, and "The Magic of Harry Potter" with soloists Lilly Varga, flute, Sonya Sheehan, clarinet, and Mary Faenza, alto saxophone. The middle school band performed "Penny Lane" with soloist Abigail Rogers, baritone saxophone. The high school band performed "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe," with soloist Sonya Sheehan, clarinet. The bands recombined to perform "The Bare Necessities" with soloists Christina LeTourneau, trombone, Jonathan Oakes, clarinet, and Madeline Veysey, tenor saxophone.

The seniors, who will be graduating in June, were honored at this concert for their commitment to music and the arts. Alex Barton, Madison Dean, Alice Faenza, Mary Faenza, Aiyana Fortin, Bailey Matteson, Madeline Veysey, and their families were honored with flowers from the Booster Club and pictures by Erin McCall.

Black River students hope to see the community on May 24 at their Schoolwide Showcase, which includes Underclassmen Awards, the Spring Science Fair, and other projects and work on display for the community. The chorus and band will perform in the Memorial Day Parade on May 29 and at graduation on June 17, and the chorus will be performing at Bacca-laureate on June 11. Stay tuned!



New Girl Scout Troop

LUDLOW / CAVENDISH, Vt. - Girl Scout troop 51406 of the Okemo Valley is a newly formed troop in the area serving Ludlow to Cavendish. The troop meets twice a month with one meeting at the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library and the other at the Fire Department.

At a recent meeting they visited the Proctorsville Volunteer Fire Department. They had three fire fighters from the community tell them about their roles; their training; their challenges and the big trucks they drive. The youngest fire fighter, 15, is actually a female junior fire fighter already has three years of training under her belt and was asked to lead her own team at a junior fire fighter event. Her mother was also one of the fire fighters speaking.

The troop was very thankful that the women of the Volunteer Fire Department were so eager to share with the troop of 21 girls. The troop is still accepting interested girls as well as sponsorship. PHOTO BY JANELLE WILFONG

OVRCC welcomes two new members

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce held their Annual Meeting at Sams Steakhouse on Wednesday, May 17. Luke Stafford of Mondo Mediaworks in Brattleboro was our speaker.

We welcomed two new members to the Board; Susan Chadwick of Fletch-

er Farm School for the Arts & Crafts; and Jennifer McBride of Brook Farm Vineyards.

Returning directors are Terry Bane, Imerys; Emmett Dunbar, Anjali Farm; Kevin Marvelli, The Vermont Country Store; Duane Kish, Okemo Mountain Resort; Margaret Vincent, Vermont T's; Kevin Theissen, Skygate Financial; Tom Gianola, Echo Lake Inn; Gail Beardmore, Engel & Volk-ers; Justin Hyjek, Homestyle Hostel; Matt Lamb, Slopeside Okemo.

We thanked the following people for their service on the board over the past four years: William Jenney, President Calvin Coolidge State Historic



The new Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce board.

PHOTO PROVIDED

New merged school district

REGION - Vermont Secretary of Education Rebecca Holcombe is set to open the new Taconic and Green Regional School District. In March, voters from Londonderry, Weston, Landgrove, Peru, Danby, Mt. Tabor, Manchester, Dorset and Sunderland overwhelmingly approved the Act 46 merger plan to form one school district with one board, one budget and one tax rate. Now that the vote has been certified by the State, the consolidated district can get started. On June 6 at 5:30 p.m., Secretary Holcombe will convene a special floor meeting of the voters of all nine towns at the Hildene event tent in Manchester to officially open and organize the new district. Voters will elect a moderator, clerk, and treasurer for the new district. A full agenda is posted in all nine Town Offices and online at BRSU.org under Act 46.

Members of the new 13-seat Taconic and Green Regional School Board were elected in March and will be sworn in at the meeting. In this transition year, current town school boards will continue to serve while the new merged board assumes responsibilities. By July 2018, the merged District will be fully operational. The merger plan will provide benefits to local students, communities and taxpayers for many years to come.

Board members urge voters in their towns to attend the "grand opening" of the Taconic and Green Regional School District. This may be the first and only floor vote for the district, as an Australian ballot voting was approved in March on future budgets and other issues.

KPAA Membership & Events Assistant



Alexis King, Killington Pico Area Association Membership & Events Assistant

"I have always been an outdoors person; so moving to Vermont seemed like the right thing to do after spending my college years close to Boston. Although I miss the city, the people of the Killington Valley have made this transition as easy as ever. I have traveled all over the country and Vermont has impressed me in a way that no other area has. Between the scenery, the food and the general kindness of those who live here, I'm proud to call Vermont home."

PHOTO BY ROBERT MILLER

Site; Secretary, Marilee Spanjian, Inn at Weathersfield; President Julie Lynn Wood, Golden Stage Inn who will now be Past President and Joe Evans, Table 19.

We congratulated Bob & Linda Aldrich from the Inn at Weston for being chosen Members of the Year by your peers for all they do in the community and for their support of the chamber.

We would also like to thank LPC-TV for taping our annual meeting.

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"That's one of the things that drew me to this firm," Duffy said. "Edward Jones values the individual investor and understands that people still want to do business with someone they know and trust."

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ments, the training isn't over. Edward Jones places a lot of emphasis on continuing education, and its financial advisors train literally throughout their careers.

Duffy will work out of the office of Gerald Mittica located at Springfield, Vt. over the next several months. She will then continue serving investors throughout Springfield from a new office. She may be reached at 802-885-4213.

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Graduates announce exciting plans on Gap Year Decision Day

REGION - High school seniors who are making the increasingly popular choice to take a gap year following high school graduation will have their day to shine. On May 25, students from across the country will take to social media to announce their gap year plans on the first Gap Year Decision Day.

The concept first originated with athletic signing days to celebrate sports stars. Then in 2014, First Lady Michelle Obama initiated College Signing Day to rally college-bound seniors.

Gap Year Decision Day is a campaign spearheaded by prominent gap year industry leaders, including USA Gap Year Fairs, American Gap Association, GoOverseas.com, and EnRoute Consulting.

"We are seeing more and more students every year making the deliberate choice to take gap time and learn more about themselves as well as their academic and personal interests before pursuing higher education. Until now, there was no way for them to feel like a cohesive group," said Julia Rogers, Founder of EnRoute Consulting. Rogers developed the campaign as a way to bring together the growing number of students deciding to take 'time on' in the form of a gap year.

Gap year students can do any



Gap years are becoming increasingly popular for high school seniors. PHOTO PROVIDED

number of things with their time, including group service learning, volunteering, interning, working abroad, backpacking, studying languages, and more. "Last year I had students who participated in a wide variety of activities - one student spent the year in Worcester, Massachusetts interning at a non-profit, while another volunteered in marine conservation in Madagascar, and yet another walked the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage in Spain."

Alia Paltos, Director of USA Gap Year Fairs, further explains the goal

of the campaign. "We hope that Gap Year Decision Day will empower students by allowing them to feel like a connected community by sharing their unique educational paths. The possibilities for a gap year are endless, so this initiative will demonstrate to the public just how many students are taking gap time and exactly what students are planning to do," she said.

High school seniors planning on taking a gap year are encouraged to post about their plans on May 25 using the hashtag #GapDecisionDay.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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Classic cars

Recently I was recalling the cars I learned to drive on and how they have improved over the years.

Today cars have an emergency brake. These old cars had a hand brake, usually located just to the right of the steering column. You would grab the handle and pull back on the handle to set the brake. To release the brake you turned the handle a quarter-turn clockwise and pushed it back in.

The steering wheels were huge, usually with a chrome ring inside of the steering wheel to blow the horn. Windshield wipers were not electric but vacuum operated. If you accelerated, the windshield wipers would stop. Let off the gas and the wipers would operate again.

The headlight dimmer switch was located on the floor on the left side. This switch was a little larger than the diameter of a quarter. If you needed to dim your high-beams you placed the toe of your left foot on the dimmer switch and depressed it. That's how you went from low-beam to high-beam.

Many cars from the 1950s had four doors with bench seats front and rear. If you had a two-door and opened the driver's door, the rear of the front seat folded forward so passengers could get into the back seat.

Seat belts didn't exist. On many cars of this vintage the rear door windows rolled all the way down. Speaking of windows, the two front doors had roll-down windows and vent windows. Vent windows were a small, often triangular window in front of the roll-down window. If it was raining you could crack the vent window open for fresh air.

"Three on the tree," as it was called, was a three-speed shifting lever located on the steering column. These early transmissions didn't have synchronized gears. You could shift up from first to second or second to third without any difficulty. Likewise you could downshift from third to second gear as easily. But second gear to first gear was a problem. If you were moving and tried to shift to first gear the gears would grind.

There were two ways to shift from second to first gear. You could come to a complete stop and then shift to first gear or you could 'double-clutch.'

Double-clutching requires good timing. As you shifted from second gear to first you had to pump the clutch pedal twice in succession with a couple light taps on the accelerator pedal at the same time. Once you got use to this it became second nature.

The tires in those days were narrow 2-ply nylon tires with inner tubes. In the winter if it was cold the tires rode real hard for a few miles until they warmed up. These cars didn't have power steering or power brakes.

I remember about 1967 Mark Gomez had a beautiful 1956 blue and white Chevy he customized. That car had come from California and was rust-free. It came with a stock 265 V-8 motor with Power-Pack heads. Mark put in a 327 engine, a four-speed transmission, bucket seats and a new interior.

Mark is the owner of Green Mountain Classic Cars in Springfield. He started his business in 1972 and has built it into a nationally known company for restoring and buying/selling classic cars. I thought to myself, who better to talk to than Mark for information for this article?

I went to see Mark the other day. Boy, did we have fun recalling those



1952 Chevy Deluxe.

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old days. I noticed when I drove in that Mark had a really nice 1952 Chevy Deluxe.

I asked Mark about his '52 Deluxe. He had bought it last November in Hartland, Vermont. It was a one-owner car and completely original. Mark showed me the original 1952 sales receipt. It cost \$1,815.07. Further, the buyer bought many extras that were not standard. These extras were another \$365.28. This itemized receipt best illustrates how cars have improved. The extras were: oil filter \$13.50, back up lights \$13.00, radio \$72.34, special gold hood ornament

\$8.95, directional lights \$22 (they used hand signals at this time), sun visor over windshield \$22.00, heater \$76.12 and other extras. I didn't know new cars came without a heater.

This car is in amazing condition with original paint. The photo with this article is Mark's 1952 Chevy Deluxe.

Don't forget the antiques estate sale this Saturday, May 27, at the Chester Historical Society.

This week's old saying, "In the history of the world, no one has ever washed a rented car."



Interior of the '52 Deluxe.

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Shedding light on Vermont's sometimes dark past

REGION - The Vermont State Archives and Records Administration (VSARA), a division of the Office of the Secretary of State, is hosting two evening events at the State Archives in Middlesex to provide history and insight into the sometimes challenging history of State of Vermont institutions.

"Eugenics and the Vermont State Hospital are subjects with which we, as a state, continue to wrestle," says Secretary of State Jim Condos. "Archival records provide context for these chapters of our government's past, some of which are dark. We are pleased to have the opportunity to host two presentations that illustrate how these and other historical records help shed light on these matters."

May 31 is the event the "Blood has told: The Push for a Eugenic Solution" in the Green Mountain State Scholarship on Vermont's eugenics movement has largely focused on the Eugenics Survey of Vermont of the 1920s, even though state officials proposed eugenical policies as early as 1912. Mercedes de Guardiola, a senior at Dartmouth College majoring in history, examines why eugenics emerged in Vermont and its impact on Vermont's eugenical policies over the course of the twentieth century.

June 7 is Art Out of the Archives: Telling the Story of the Vermont State Hospital.

Inspired by Vermont State Hospital records in the state archives, artist Sarah-Lee Terrat and filmmaker Bryce Douglas discuss the history of the mural in the atrium of the Waterbury State Office Complex and how it honors the lives of former patients by reflecting on the Hospital's complex past.

Both events include open houses from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., when members of the public



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A ward in the State hospital for the insane in Waterbury, Vt.

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can get behind-the-scenes tours of the State Archives and view exhibits of records and photographs relating to the evening's presentation. The presentations are scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.

The Vermont State Archives and Records Administration is located at 1078 US Route 2 in Middlesex and its Reference Room is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to

4 p.m. Members of the public interested in state archival records are encouraged visit or contact the Vermont State Archives at 802-828-2308 or archives@sec.state.vt.us. VSARA's mission is to provide, protect, promote, and preserve Vermont public records, in collaboration with other public agencies, for the benefit of the public collectively served.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The irony of Act 46

The tsunami of letters to the editor on the fate of Black River High School and its ripple effects is an encouraging sign that democracy is working, at least at the grassroots level.

Some have remarked on the irony that community involvement is coming perhaps too late in the game, that the process of determining how to comply with Act 46 mandates began months ago – and further than parents and school supporters have been slow on the uptake and haven't shown the school loyalty at games and programs that they now profess.

But even if those accusations were true, that's not where the irony lies.

No one disagrees with the stated goals of the Act: equal educational opportunity across districts, student academic success, the efficiency of scale, and transparency/accountability.

The irony lies in the Act itself and the way it has been launched.

We invite anyone to actually read through Act 46 on the state website. You just have to find it, first of all. Then you have to negotiate the abstruse language, look up cross-references and put it all into context without the aid of an attorney.

The seemingly endless stipulations, the confusion around the process, the state's own inability to explain it well, have had the predictable result: hard-working people turned to more pressing issues in their lives while they waited for more clarity. And then it might be too late.

As for participation, by law the decision-making process statewide has been contained within study committees made up primarily of school board representatives. They were charged with determining the advisability of forming a union district, with the help of data analysts and attorneys. This has had the effect of sequestering information until the final unveiling for the public vote. Independent thinkers were isolated from the process. If a study committee couldn't make it work, it was disbanded and a new set of players took its place.

One obstacle to implementation in many towns has been the sense of cognitive dissonance – what is being demanded doesn't match up with direct experience. Taxpayers, parents and probably at least a few educators can't see how upending a five-year-old, workable model would improve upon what and how children have been learning already.

The real sticking point has been the loss of local control, the division of school and town properties, and with these the interdependency between the community and its schools. It feels to many as if the family and community structure of these close-knit towns is being dismembered, and beyond that, a certain category of people, usually from elsewhere, feels that's ok.

So there has also been the insult felt by the teaching staff, school administrators, and parents as the existing school district has been subjected to open contempt for its supposed shortcomings, compared to the glowing sales pitch for the new unified school district up the road.

No school district will ever be perfect. Students will still get an education. Many will do fine in life without college, and many who go to college will end up being un- or underemployed. And if we assigned a dollar value to the unpaid hours spent over the last two years, the cost of this process would far outweigh any tax savings.

In trying to fit the pieces together according to the state's "preferred governance structure," the task resembles forcing a square peg into a round hole. And the inability – often viewed as unwillingness – to comply comes with a financial penalty, like a speeding ticket. But unlike a speeding fine, if you have to attach a financial penalty for non-compliance to make the thing work, then something is wrong to begin with.

—BM—

Dear Editor,

With voting day approaching in Ludlow and Mt. Holly, the tension is thick. People who once greeted you with a cordial greeting and a smile, now turn around and walk the other way when they see you in their path. Or maybe that's just me. Probably not.

As soon as I became aware of Act 46 meetings, I have been very vocal in my support of Black River High School. BRHS has consistently provided a quality education for thousands of students with a myriad of educational opportunities within its four walls and beyond. I could spend time addressing fabricated tax projections, unofficial school ranking systems, and sporadic test score results, but I won't. I won't waste time comparing Black River to Mill River because I've always believed you get out of school exactly what you put into it. A few extra course offerings or athletic teams will not make or break a high school career. What is important to address is how important BRHS/MS is to our community and the students that it serves.

Our school is full of excellent teachers who care about our students beyond their grades. For years BRHS has ensured that our children receive a quality education, but what doesn't show up on paper is the amount of care and nurturing that happens on a daily basis. The personal relationships between students and teachers is an enormous part of what keeps our children

Dear Editor,

Vermont does not have a ranking list for its high schools. No such animal exists on the Agency of Education website, though one year of the statewide SBAC test results can be found. "At least three years of test results are needed to analyze trends, according to Michael Hock, the Agency of Education's director of assessment." That's especially important when analyzing the results for small schools where one very bright

Dear Editor,

When our communities started the process of researching ACT 46, it seemed fairly straightforward; we would create a RED within the current TRSU. We would meet the requirements of the "preferred" model and not much would change ... or would it? It turned out that under the state's "preferred" model, the district could only have one high school. This became problematic for many residents of Ludlow and Mt. Holly because of

Dear Editor,

The state continues to raise property taxes and all other taxes while having no authority under the Vermont Constitution to take over our schools.

Section #75 of Chap II of the Vermont Constitution. One branch of government cannot direct another branch to rewrite and change a contract that defines what the government's limited authorities are as delegated by the people. The 2010 Revised Vermont Constitution should be void. The people must demand that the older versions untouched by the legislature and or supreme court be valid instead. The changes shift more authority to the General Assembly that was never intended.

**§ 75. [REVISION OF CHAPTER II] The Justices of the Supreme Court are hereby authorized and directed to revise Chapter II of the Constitution by incorporating into said Chapter all amendments of the Constitution that are now or may be then in force and excluding therefrom all sections, clauses and words not in force and rearranged and renumbering the sections thereof under appropriate titles as in their judgment may be most logical and convenient; and said revised Chapter II as certified to the Secretary of State by said Justices or a majority thereof shall be a part of the Constitution of this State in substitution for existing Chapter II and all amendments thereof

Download a copy of the 1793 Version of the Vermont Constitution and the 2010 version.

Compare Article #46 of the 1793 Version of the Vermont Constitution to Par #68 of the new 2010 illegally revised version of the Vermont. See the change? Here is the original meaning from the 1793 and then read the new meaning in the 2010 version

1793 "SECTION 41st. Laws for the encouragement of virtue and prevention of vice and immorality, ought to be constantly kept in force, and duly executed; and a competent number of schools ought to be maintained in each

school and what drives them to succeed. The teachers and administration at BR take time to get to know their students on a personal level - they notice when children are depressed, they lend a hand or an ear when they see a student struggling, they find a way to reach kids who have checked out. Our kids will never be just a number - they are thinking, feeling young adults and are always treated as such.

Earlier this year, Tom Haley wrote a piece about Black River's rich athletic history and all of the fantastic athletes that BRHS has produced. BR alumni know that star athletes and successful teams are only a small piece of the pie. For those of us who regularly attend games at Dorsey Park and Pullinen Field, we know that there is something truly magical about being a President. Earlier this year during a softball team meeting I talked to the girls about the successful teams I was on in the late 2000's, the state championships we won and the winning streaks. The things I remember the most from that time are the moments spent with my teammates - bus rides, dance parties, whacky traditions, stuffing our mouths full of bubblegum and twizzlers at softball games. I remember the smell of permanent marker when our team would gather to make shirts for the Josh Cole Memorial Tournament, and how each and every one of us knew how much that tournament meant to our coach-

student or one very disadvantaged student can make a big difference.

Vermont Digger analyzed the latest data and noted that the best performing schools had 12 percent or less students taking free or reduced price lunch, an indicator of poverty. The data also revealed that poorly performing schools had more special education students. "Teachers at the highest performing schools had an average salary of \$65,000

while those at the other end of the spectrum were paid an average of \$52,000."

There are too many factors to be able to say one school is number 10, 20 or whatever. Mill River sends kids to prestigious colleges. Black River sends kids to prestigious colleges. One of Mill River's strengths is its drama program. One of Black River's strengths is its Special Ed programs.

Dear Editor,

the driving conditions to GMUHS and the long commute for some residents. It also told that BR would have to close due to the inefficient economies of it's present state.

May be the most obvious difference

it looks like there is little chance now. The problem is the state's models require a specific number of kids within the district. The "preferred" model calls for 900 students and the "alternate" model calls for "no less than 1,100 students." I got this information from the state legislative website. Not merging means is we don't have enough students to meet the state's requirement.

Through this merger and the closure of BR, we will have the opportunity to keep much needed funds for the elementary schools, get back some of the opportunity and financial benefits that we have sent out in the form of education taxes to the state, the opportunity for growth for our teaching professionals as well as providing a more diverse and stable environment for our students. Vote on May 30.

Carolyn Gauthier, Ludlow, Vt.

ought to be, instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security of the people, nation, or community, and not for the particular emolument or advantage of any single person, family, or set of persons, who are a part only of that community; and that the community hath an indubitable, unalienable, and indefeasible right, to reform or alter government, in such manner as shall be, by that community, judged most conducive to the public weal.

Article 18. [Regard to fundamental principles and virtues necessary to preserve liberty] That frequent recurrence to fundamental principles, and a firm adherence to justice, moderation, temperance, industry, and frugality, are absolutely necessary to preserve the blessings of liberty, and keep government free; the people ought, therefore to pay particular attention to these points, in the choice of officers and representatives, and have a right, in a legal way, to exact a due and constant regard to them, from their legislators and magistrates, in making and executing such laws as are necessary for the good government of the State.

**Article 20. [Right to assemble, instruct and petition] That the people have a right to assemble together to consult for their common good--to instruct their Representatives--and to apply to the Legislature for redress of grievances, by address, petition or remonstrance.

The Legislature took it upon themselves to delegate authority to the Vermont supreme court to change and amend the Constitution and then have this authority added to it, as if the people delegated them to the Authority to do so. We did not. The constitution is a contract and the Supreme Court as an instrument under this contract does not have any authority to alter, amend, add to or delete from this legal and binding contract and yet they did.

Craig Averill, Goshen, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Closing a school guarantees an economic decline for that community. Without BRHS, Ludlow businesses will lose local traffic. With a loss of retail sales, some jobs and stores will disappear. Leading to more people finding jobs out of town and shopping where their jobs are located. Ludlow businesses lose out some more.

Families who can afford it may move closer to the new school. At some point

the elementary school population is affected. As more homes are sold to out of state families, it becomes even more difficult to find the manpower for our voluntary fire departments and rescue squads. Closing BRHS may create only a slow downward spiral, but it will affect us all.

Kelly Tarbell,
Mt. Holly, Vt.

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226-7131.

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St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 313 Main St.
 Holy Eucharist, Rite I at 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music at 10 a.m. www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org

First Universalist Parish of Chester, Rte. 103, 211 North St.
 Sundays at 9:30 a.m. between Sept. and June. Fellowship with refreshments follows the service. www.chestervtu.org or 802-875-3257.

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Obituaries

William Scott Fletcher, Jr., 1949 - 2017

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - William Scott Fletcher, Jr., 67, of Corey Hill Road died Monday, May 15, 2017 at Cedar Hill after his battle with Alzheimer's. Scott was born in Townshend, VT on September 22, 1949, the son of William S. "Billy" Fletcher and Nora Elizabeth Robinson. He was a 1967 graduate of Bellows Falls High School.

He served in the US Air Force during the Vietnam War, and worked at Grafton Village Cheese Company for 43 years, until his retirement in 2011. He was a member of the VFW in Springfield, VT, the Abenaki Snowmobile Club where he was active in trail grooming and maintenance, and VAST. He was a former member of the Vermont Trappers Association and enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping, and snowmobiling - He was an avid outdoorsman who loved his trips to Alaska.

Scott also enjoyed NASCAR, the Red Sox, mowing the lawn, being a Little League coach, and his many trips to the family camp, which he helped build, on Lake Seymour in Morgan, VT. As a child he was bat boy for the Grafton Baseball Team in the West River Valley League and was so proud of his father, a left-handed pitcher. As an adult, he played in the men's softball league for the Bellows Falls Cash Market.

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to the VA, VNA Hospice, Bayada Hospice

Nurses, Springfield Health & Rehab, and the Cedar Hill staff, and the ever-loving support of family during his care at home.

On June 6, 1999 in Homer, Alaska he married Maureen Fisher Fletcher who survives. Also surviving is his mother Nora Fletcher of Townshend, VT; his sons W. Scott Fletcher III & wife Samantha of Saxtons River, Gregory E. Fletcher & wife Noel of Westminster, VT; his step daughter Terri Sprague Pickett & husband Jason of Ypsilanti, MI; his sisters Ellen Wheeler & partner Bruce Howard of Venice, FL, Sherry Bartlett & husband Tom of Venice, FL, and Debra Jean Stevens & husband Mike of Milton, VT; his grandchildren Jaden Pickett, Lauryn Pickett, Tyler Sprague, Trenton Fletcher, Calli Sprague, William Fletcher, Tim Fletcher, and Jackson Fletcher; his niece Tiffany Smith who he has raised since she was five years old; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

There will be a graveside service 3:00 p.m. Sunday, May 28 in the Houghtonville Cemetery in Grafton, VT.

Memorial contributions in Scott's memory may be sent to the American Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011 or to the Abenaki Snowmobile Club Scholarship Fund, PO Box 55, Bellows Falls, VT 05101.

Debra "Debbie" Jean Reed, 1958 - 2017

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Debra "Debbie" Jean Reed, 59 of Bellows Falls, Vermont passed away quietly on Tuesday, May 9, 2017. Debbie was born on February 25, 1958, in Bellows Falls, Vermont to parents William and Mary Lou Reed.

Debbie graduated from Bellows Falls High School in 1976 and remained in Bellows Falls after graduation. She shared a home with her mother, sister, brother-in-law, four cats and a dog. Over the past several years Debbie had provided primary care for her aging mother. In addition, she still found time for a variety of hobbies and activities. She was an avid NASCAR, Boston Bruins and New England Patriot fan. She loved Christmas, music, animals and family. Debbie will be dearly missed especially around Christmas. Her passion for the season was inspiring.

Debbie is survived by her mother Mary Lou Reed, her sister Gail Baker and brother-in-law Bruce Baker of Bellows Falls, Vermont, her nephew Harley Baker of Lowell, Massachusetts where he lives with his wife Marney and daughters Audrey and Julia, her niece Megan Lund of Mountainside, New Jersey where she lives with her husband Erik, daugh-

ters Abigail and Claire.

In observance of her wishes a small, private service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Norris Cotton Cancer Center: DHMC Development Office, 1 Medical Center Drive, Lebanon, NH 03756.

Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vermont is assisting the family with the arrangements.

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LUDLOW, VT.

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 Sundays starting at 10:15 a.m. followed by a time of fellowship. Services by The Reverend Dr. Donald E. Harpster. 802-228-4211, email: unitedchurch@tds.net.

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 Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Fellowship at 10:30 a.m. Singing at 10:45 a.m. Morning service at 11 a.m. Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Prayer meeting on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. www.ludlowbaptist.org or Pastor Tom Deibler at 802-228-2631.

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Church of Christ, Route 11, Chester Rd.
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Walpole Unitarian Church, Main St.

Sunday Services: 10 a.m. in the church. Rev. Kitsy Winthrop and Rev. Elaine Bomford. Check website: www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org

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Christian Family Circle Chapel, 1512 Back Westminister Rd.
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Letters to the editor cont.

Dear Editor,

The Mill River Merger Vote – it's also about "saving" our two Elementary Schools. As I've listened to the discussion back and forth it has focused almost exclusively on the two high schools at issue; the size and quality of each, tax savings, travel distances, community, etc.

But let's not forget about our two Elementary Schools. The merger will also impact them. No, they won't close if a 'YES' vote passes. The law is clear about that. However, what we do need to worry about is attracting and retaining young families with children, for our elementary schools and then their moving up to a top-rated high school. Vermont's student population has been declining for decades, and the Mt. Holly and Ludlow Elementary Schools have faced that same pressure; we still do today.

Could a merger help prevent one or both of our Towns from facing the fate that befell Plymouth Elementary School a few years back? Even if you believe that Black River H.S. is

as "good" as Mill River H.S., that's not the general consensus, nor what one finds when reviewing several different evaluations. Ask realtors you know what objections they hear from prospective home-buyers when they consider Black River H.S. And why do so many families in Mt. Holly move out of town when their children complete the sixth grade? (I don't know Ludlow well enough to comment on its family attrition rate).

A merger with Mill River will give our Towns' a reputation for some of the best schools in the State, all the way from Pre-K through High School. That is a selling point I'd like to make to. Add to that a lower tax bill and we have a winning combination to attract new families with children. So I'm voting 'YES' to save and support our Elementary Schools.

Ron Unterman
Mt. Holly, Vt.

Dear Editor,

It takes a community to raise a child. When my daughter began thinking about high school, BR was her first choice even though we live in Springfield. She visited for a day, and was warmly welcomed by students, teachers, and administrative staff. She is often very quiet, but on our ride home after that visit, I heard about all of the wonderful things she saw, heard, and experienced in her one day at BR, and her choice was made. Over the summer, she played summer soccer and quickly made lasting friendships that would make her first day as a freshman in a new school less scary. The transition that we worried about was seamless. She was accepted immediately.

BR graduates have succeeded academically and have enjoyed great success in athletics. I was amazed when I attended my first Invitational Soccer Tournament this fall. The community was there. It wasn't just grandparents, parents, and siblings. It was school board members, town

officials, business owners and residents that didn't even have children participating. The stands and sidelines were full. It was a community supporting their local school.

If BRHS and Middle School closes, and children attend Mill River, that sense of community will be lost. Many children will not be able to participate in sports or after school activities merely because of the distance. Students may not be able to hold jobs in local businesses. Young families may decide to move closer to Rutland. New families may not consider moving to the Ludlow, Mt Holly area at all, due to a lack of local high school.

The cost of educating youth in Vermont is high statewide. It will be high whether they are in a local high school or in one over 20 miles away. Look at the cost to your community. That cost may not be seen immediately, but the loss of community will resonate loudly for decades to come.

Kathy Benson, Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I feel strongly that Black River does not close. As a single parent, I raised my two children in this school's community. I was fortunate to have the support of the teachers and coaches at BRHS. They were compassionate and I always felt they were rooting for us to succeed. Our community is small which enables the school staff to know each child and their individual situations.

As my children attended BRHS, I felt a connection to the community. I was working full time but because the school was in our town I could be more involved in my children's lives, both academically and in sports. The teachers and coaches were there for us. There was camaraderie amongst the other parents during it all.

If the school closes the children, the families and our community will lose support, the individual attention, and the opportunities to be involved and work together. I have always felt blessed to have had this in my life and want this for others. If people do not move to Ludlow the town automatically suffers, businesses suffer and jobs will be lost. I have graduated from BRHS; just as

many other community members have and many of us have gone on to have successful careers.

Thinking about transportation to and from Mill River causes some concern. Winter is not predictable; the roads can be treacherous. This extra traveling will be taking away student's time with family, time eating breakfast or time to rest and restore their mind. The anxiety children and parents are feeling now, awaiting the vote, I am sure is difficult. Thinking your child is safe and nurtured in a small school like BRHS would come to a halt. To have to conceivably go to a much bigger school where the teachers are unknown, the community unknown and there are more students in the classroom. Ludlow students will be seen as "outsiders" leading to possible bullying.

Many parents work full time and having to send a child miles away to go to school will prevent parents from being involved in their child's education and therefore their life. There is a lot to be said about a small school, the teachers and coaches are invested in your child and his/her future.

Your voice needs to be heard.

Sheila Barton, Ludlow, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I am concerned with the level of vitriol that I have observed in the Mt. Holly community over the upcoming vote. There are rational arguments to be made for each choice and we should respect each other's opinions. I have complete confidence that the teachers at Mill River and Black River are equally passionate and committed educators who will do anything to help students.

I am deeply disturbed by the lack of recognition and empathy for the dedicated people in our community who are devastated by the prospect of losing their jobs and their students, and for the young adults who may be losing their school. Let us not celebrate this as if we had just won the "big game." To do this diminishes all of us and is disrespectful to those who have focused their careers on helping our children.

Another issue that I find deeply disturbing, the "informational" flier, Educational and Cost Comparisons of Area Schools. This has been circulated

and quoted in various outlets. As it is unattributed, I am unclear about who the authors are but I can say that they are either extremely naive or intentionally disingenuous, cherry-picking only the information that supports their position. The data used does not consider all the different variables that affect both reliability and validity. I encourage you to go to the primary sites for this data. Niche.com and vtdigger.com. On The Niche site you will find that the BR students had a higher rating on reading than the Mill River students (57 percent to 52 percent) even though it had a much higher poverty count (52 percent to 35 percent). The highly discussed Average SAT score for BR relied on self-reporting and had a sample size of only 7. There can be no statistical comparisons based on these numbers yet again the authors chose to use them. On VTDIGGER the authors

chose to highlight that Mill River's 11th grade math students scored the second highest in Rutland County, yet inexplicably the authors failed to inform us that the same cohort had the second lowest scores in Rutland County on the English Language Arts exam. I point this out not to denigrate any school but simply to point out the seemingly intentional misuse of data. I firmly believe that both schools are making strong progress helping each student succeed. In our small schools, each data point is not merely a statistic; it is a young adult in our town with his/her own set of aspirations and needs. Students in poverty do best when classes are small and adult interactions are rich. please keep our at-risk populations in mind when you vote and please verify the information that folks share with you.

Dan Connor, Mt. Holly, Vt.

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Gearing up for the 2017 Springfield Steampunk Festival

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Steampunk Society of VT, a federally recognized non-profit based in Springfield, is hosting the 3rd annual Springfield Steampunk Festival on September 23 and 24 at Hartness House Inn. The Hartness House Inn is a Victorian Mansion located in Springfield, VT making it the perfect location for a steampunk themed festival.

This festival is a fundraiser used to create an educational scholarship program for Springfield students studying the STEAM subjects of science, technology, engineering, art, or math post high school. The theme for the 2017 Springfield Steampunk Festival is Steampunk Circus Spectacular. This themed fantasy retro-futuristic weekend will feature workshops, circus themed acts and activities, musicians, tea dueling, vendors, fashion show, children's activities and crafts, photo booth, telescope observatory tour, absinthe tasting, talks and more. This is a family friendly event with kids 11 and under getting into the festival for free.

This spring, the Steampunk Society of VT hosted a cosplay event in Keene, N.H. as a fundraiser to raise seed money for the September festival. This event, called the March Hare's Made Cosplay Soiree, was a big success and provided attendees the opportunity to sport costumes outside of the steampunk genre as this event was open to all types of cosplay. As you can imagine there were many Alice in Wonderland inspired costumes. The Steampunk Society of VT hopes to branch out and continue to organize more small-scale events outside of the yearly September festival in the future.

As the non-profit is run exclusively by volunteers, it is essential to have a significant amount of volunteers available the weekend of the festival. The Steampunk Society of VT is actively recruiting for festival



March Hare's Made Cosplay Soiree group photo.

volunteers to perform jobs such as: set up, break down, parking, security, performers, ticket booth staff, kids program assistants, and more. Those willing to volunteer for a 4-hour shift over the course of the festival will earn themselves a free weekend pass to the Springfield Steampunk Festival.

businesses or individual who would like to sponsor the festival. It's a great marketing opportunity for local businesses and a way to support the Springfield community and students by helping to support the scholarship program.

To learn more about the Steampunk Society of VT: <http://www.steampunksocietyvt.org/>. To learn more about the festival, sponsorship, or to buy tickets: <http://springfieldvtsteampunkfest.com/>.

Follow the festival on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/springfieldsteampunkfest/>.

Those interested in volunteering can submit a volunteer application at: <http://springfieldvtsteampunkfest.com/volunteerapp2017.html>.

In addition to recruiting for volunteers, the festival is looking for non-food and food vendors for the weekend. There are also sponsorship packages available for local

The term "steampunk" was originally a term coined by author K.W. Jeter to describe a genre of fiction set in Victorian times but inclusive of modern or futuristic technology.

The "steam" in steampunk refers to the use of steam-power, common during much of the 19th century. The "punk" relates to engaging in the unconventional and setting one's self apart by means of fashion, style, art, or attitude.

Steampunk describes a melding of old and new, is now applied to a variety of artistic endeavors from literature, music, fashion, film, décor, and visual arts.

Visual art with a steampunk flavor will often employ the use of gears, pipes, clocks, machines, dirigibles, futuristic landscapes, and occasionally an octopus here and there.

Modern popular culture examples of films with steampunk elements are "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen," "The Golden Compass," "Hugo," and "Wild, Wild West."

BrattRock Youth Rock Festival new events

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - Planning is underway for this year's BrattRock - The Brattleboro Youth Rock Festival. Now in its second year, the festival's mission is to provide a venue for musical youth from Brattleboro and the surrounding region to connect, learn, perform, inspire, and be inspired. Events and activities emphasize both educational and performance opportunities. Participation is free and open to youth under age 20 who are musicians, or who have an interest in music or the music industry.



Youth musicians perform at the first ever BrattRock last October.

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Last year's inaugural event included workshops offered by local music professionals, including Samirah Evans, Kevin Parry, and Aaron Chesley. The public concert held at 118 Elliot in downtown Brattleboro, featured live performances by 14 area youth bands on two different stages and drew an audience of over 400 spectators.

New this year is the BrattRock Lounge, a monthly gathering for youth at the newly renovated performance space at the Brattleboro Boys & Girls Club. Activities feature music-related workshops, discussions, and demonstrations followed by a youth open mic. Musicians and non-musicians are welcome. Workshops are free, and registration is open to youth ages 18 and under. The first BrattRock Lounge takes place Sunday, June 4 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. The schedule will offer a "Beatboxing for Beginners" workshop, led by Ian Epstein, a tech skills demo on PA Set-up and Sound Check Basics. The teen open mic happens from 5-7 p.m. and is open to youth under 18. Pre-regis-

tration for workshops is required. For information on scheduling or to register, visit www.brattrock.org/brattrock-lounge.

BrattRock co-founder Jaimie Scanlon says the expanded programming comes in response to feedback from local youth, "Last year's event was an incredibly positive experience for all involved. Afterward, we heard from parents,

and directly from the kids who participated, that they wanted more opportunities to connect and play music throughout the year, so that's the aim of starting up the Lounge. We're grateful to be able to make use of the new space at the Boys & Girls Club, and for the donors and sponsors who have helped make it possible for BrattRock to offer these opportunities to the talented,

deserving kids in our community."

BrattRock's main event is scheduled for Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 118 Elliot. Youth musicians and bands are invited to register online at www.brattrock.org. Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are also available. Contact brattrock2016@gmail.com.

BrattRock is made possible by fiscal sponsor, Youth Services. Funding for 2016 programming came through grants from the Vermont Community Foundation, the Vermont Arts Council, and the Ben & Jerry's Foundation, and local sponsors 118 Elliot, Guilford Sound, the Brattleboro Music Center, C&S Wholesale Grocers, Oak Meadow, Hilltop Montessori, the Brattleboro Retreat, and WKVT.

Southern Vermont Idol call for auditions

BELLOWS FALLS Vt. - Much to the delight of producer Susan MacNeil, the 2017 Southern Vermont Idol event will be held on the main stage of the Bellows Falls Opera House in downtown.

Auditions are in the Lower Theatre of the Opera House for both youth (ages 6-12) and adult (13+) contestants; Thursday, June 15 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, June 17 at noon. Be prepared to sing a full song; bring your own CD or email an MP3 music file in advance to susan@svidol.com or perform acapella. Singers will be allowed to accompany themselves on guitar or keyboard during the event.

There is an adult audition fee and a youth audition fee. Register at the door or online at www.southernvermontidol.com. Pre-registered contestants will perform first.

The five-week elimination round event will be held on July 6, 13, 23, 30 and August 4. Youth contestants join in weeks 3 and 4. The 2016 winners will not be eligible to compete in 2017. Returning as Emcee is Wade "The Great" Garrett. For more information call 603-313-0052.

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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

Many children dream of their future. Many, depending upon how quickly they grow a worldly sense, dream of becoming a professional athlete so good, they sink the winning shot in the big game. Then, there are most of us, who just submerge ourselves in the sport at hand, to live through our involvement. We notice the world around us, but our daily sports fix, on and off the field, makes us whole and lets us keep on ticking.

Today's tale is about a young man who grew up in this area and has basically kept on ticking in the sports world ever since.

Mark Swasey grew up in Charlestown and was hooked on the Red Sox since the age of seven, when some bizarre things happened and he hasn't been the same since.

One unusually warm fall night he was sound asleep, when out in the living room there arose such a clatter, that he sprang from his bed to see what was the matter. He witnessed his dad jumping up and down. He was told to go back to bed and he did what he was told, only to be woken again, a little while later, by the towns church bells ringing and he says now, "after all that, I was pretty much done for." Carlton Fisk had obviously hit his historic blast in game six of the 1975 World Series that evening. The shot heard round the baseball universe, played a small integral part in Swasey searching for and finding a sporting life to live. His dad's reaction and the bell-ringing escapade of one Dave Conant, grabbed this young man's attention firmly.

This Fall Mountain graduate never had any genuine plan, but his life experiences paved his way for a variety of athletic endeavors, which have shaped his path and brought happiness and success to his life. He took step by step in his journey with a little nudge from a mentor here or a mentor there.

He has plenty of people to thank and influences to recall, which helped stir him in the sporting direction. Swasey played basketball and baseball as a Wildcat. He tells us he thinks, "there is a difference in commitment to sports between when I went to Fall Mountain and what happens today. Back then we wouldn't dream of missing a practice or a game. Today, for a multitude of reasons, it is commonplace, making it that much tougher on our coaches to try and build competitive teams."

The former Wildcat should know about those types of things, because in 2017, he is a high school athletic director at ConVal High School in Peterborough, New Hampshire. Although he mentioned only the Red Sox in our interview, Swasey was clearly a basketball guy first. He played hoops for Kevin Haverty, one of the best hoop coaches and leaders this area ever saw and Swasey says, "I valued his presence in my life."

In fact, Swasey handed out credit to a cast of hundreds in singing praises for

a blessed athletic life, but it was three basketball influences, Brian Pickering, who was a Wildcat prior to Swasey, Keith Boucher, Keene State's Womens Basketball Coach and Haverty, who appeared to pile up the most numbers of praise. Pickering kind of became a natural for Swasey to follow after he watched Pickering's playing days as a Wildcat and then stayed in the local spotlight athletically following graduation.

"I wish I could say I had a plan," Swasey looks back, "but it all just kind of happened." That is actually true, he knew basketball was a strong influence in his life and although he may not have known the exact direction, he always put himself in position to take the next step up the rung of the ladder.

Swasey may have been "pretty much done for," following Fisk's homer, but that really was just the beginning. His parents split up in his youthful days and that was not what Swasey wanted to focus on as a teenager, despite his love for the two people who brought him into the world.

He lived with his mom and the time he spent with his dad "was the driving force behind my focus on athletics. All I thought about was playing. I loved sports. I loved our rivalries back in the CVL days. High School sports had such an important place in the communities. Sports kept me in the classroom and out of trouble and still does this today for many kids. This is where I learned the importance of teamwork. Success is a mindset and I was lucky to be a part of some very successful teams at Fall Mountain."

Swasey's athletic days continued after high school. He went on to Lyndon State and played basketball under another important influence in his life, Tim Kelley, who gave him sage advice at several turns in the road. The most important recommendation Kelley gave the youngster was to hook on with coaching camps to excel his way up the ladder of the game. The first main connection was with Dartmouth's Paul Cormier and Dave Faucher and it was at that camp where Swasey met Boucher, who has made several calls to the former Wildcat along the way, to help point him to his next professional change.

"Things were moving fast for me at the time, but I knew I wanted to be in education and I wanted to be in the game. I started to work camps all summer long," Swasey reflects and boy did his time prove to be well spent.

Boucher was front and center for Swasey's first coaching gig. He served as a Boucher assistant from 1992-1995, while gaining his Masters Degree as a Graduate Assistant. Boucher was the son-in-law of legendary Lebanon Head Coach Lang Metcalf and helped mold Swasey both on and off the coaching seat.

While visiting his brother Mike (another Fall Mountain athletic graduate 1990, who was a student at the University of Iowa majoring in communication and has now established himself in the restaurant and catering business, having owned restaurants in Costa Rica and Alaska and was once a radio show host in the Boston market) that Swasey found and nabbed his next opportunities in the state of South Dakota. Over the next four years, he would spend three years as a high school Head Coach, as well as a Director of Guidance and then a season as an Assistant Mens' Basketball Coach at Black Hills University, a team which finished ranked second in the country in the NAIA Division II ranks. Certainly, this was a big step and it came thousands of miles from



Swasey coaching.

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home. Swasey added more than coaching experience to his existence in South Dakota. He met the love of his life and she has enjoyed all the remaining steps along the way of his journey beside him as Mrs. Swasey.

Boucher was one of the influences, who helped stir Swasey back east at this time in his journey, where he spent three seasons as the Head Womens Basketball Coach at Norwich University and brought the Lady Cadets to winning heights they had never seen before. Over a that time, the team won 56 games while losing 26 and they were 7-3 during that span in post season contests. During Swasey's stint, he also designed the Norwich Academic Monitoring Program and served as a liaison between the schools faculty and coaches.

In the fall of 2002, Swasey moved on to become the Head Coach at Division II Franklin Pierce University, in Rindge, New Hampshire. During his tenure at the school, he built the Ravens into a national power, culminating in his final two seasons of 2008 and 2009, when the team was ranked number six in the country the first of those two years and then advance to the National Division II title game his next and final campaign there, before bowing. The Franklin Pierce team is the only collegiate Womens Basketball team at any level to play in a national title game.

It was in the Final Four, where Swasey and his team proved how adaptable and competitive they could be, where they eliminated Delta State 51-39 in the National Semi-Finals before proving they could play an up tempo game as well, taking Minnesota-Mankato to the final minute before bowing in the title game 103-94.

By that time, Swasey had become a national buzzword in the NCAA Womens Basketball ranks. Gino didn't come running, backing up his truck, but many others did and Swasey ended up moving on for his final two coaching seasons at California University of Pennsylvania. The final steps in his 18 year coaching resume found Swasey being the leader of a program which compiled a 50-19 record and earned back to back advancements to the second round of the NCAA Regional Tournament. By then, it was time to step away and serve his sporting life in a way that allowed him to at least sniff the roses, if he still didn't have time to smell them.

Boucher was there again, to make Swasey aware there was an High School Athletic Directors position available back near the Promised Land and that the person leading the school was none other than Swasey's one time influence, Pickering. The fit was a natural and Swasey made the shift east.

Thus, Swasey is currently in his fifth year as the AD at ConVal, where he presides over a large and varied sports program. He continues to be focused on his sporting tasks ahead, just like he has done since his days as a student/athlete at Fall Mountain Regional High School and maybe a few years before.

Swasey told us, I have always loved organizing sporting events, I remember organizing wiffle ball tournaments in our neighborhood and other things like that. Those were just passions of mine and it's why 14 hour days in this job are just fine, not one of those hours seem like work things. It's something I truly love to do and have my whole life."

Mark Swasey has lived a charmed life and has enjoyed the fruits of his labor. Here's wondering, which area school, has the next Mark Swasey presently in their ranks? There has to be at least one. Best of luck to him or her.

Fall Mtn., Green Mtn. and Springfield softball

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

REGION - They are in three separate divisions in two different states, but Fall Mountain, Green Mountain and Springfield are playing good softball and speeding down the home stretch hoping to play their best ball come spring play-off time.

I saw Fall Mountain recently in a tense 4-2 victory over archrival Bellows Falls. The game went down to the Wildcats last at bat when pitcher Erin Devaney took things into her own hands and blasted her way to the win. Devaney hit an opposite field homer in the bottom of the sixth to break a 2-2 tie to assure the Cats came away victorious.

Coach Molly McManus said that in many ways, this win was the normal script for most of Fall Mountain victories. "When we get timely hits,

we seem to pull games out," she offered adding, "defense has pretty much carried us the whole season and it is the whole team, everybody."

The top Wildcat stick person is junior catcher Alie Stoddart with outfielder/ hitter Savana Wilson, a sophomore and sophomore shortstop Khloe Vogel coming up with their share of timely hits. The other Cats in their defensive set-up are first baseman Amber Beliveau, a junior, second baseman Molly Cobb, a junior, senior third baseman, Karmen Grenier, while across the outfield is sophomore Tess Marden, sophomore Zoe Utton and junior Faith Golec from left to right respectively. Vogel and Devaney share the pitching duties and in case she is needed sophomore Makayla Barre will be on the play-off roster as well. Other back-ups for the Wildcats are infielders, Zandy Fitzpatrick, a freshman, Lindsey Vaine, a sophomore and freshman Sarah Schadler. Take notice, there is only one senior on this team.

The Bellows Falls win was the third in a row, in the midst of a present six game winning streak. In games since

that triumph, the Cats scored wins over Newport 2-1 and Monadnock 5-2 in the same fashion, they defeated the Terriers. They also upset fourth seeded Conant during the streak. They now stand 10-5 and with wins in their final two contests could be seeded as high as sixth.

Green Mountain sits at 12-1 in second place in the Vermont Division III standings. Their lone loss came at the hands of Springfield 8-5 on the road and they meet the Cosmos again Saturday at 11 a.m. at Grevin Field in Cavendish.

Coach Terry Farrell says "I told the team early this season that we should be thinking about a state championship. This is the type of group that needed to hear that and they haven't done anything to disappoint."

Freshman catcher Maddie Wilson and sophomore Erika Knockenbauer make up the teams battery. Junior Lexi White is at first, her classmate Noelle Gignoux is at second with senior Cassidy Cummings at third and senior Hanna Veysey at shortstop. The outfield has sophomore Anne Lamson in left, senior Kim Schultz in center and senior Becca Washburn in right. Sophomore Rachel Guerra plays some outfield and some designated hitter, while in reserve is Emily Barr, a sophomore behind the plate, and she also serves as another designated hitter, second baseman and outfielder and Micah White, who plays both second base and in the outfield.

Looking at his team Farrell feels, "this is a very balanced team, one of

their best assets is base running. I think they are pretty comfortable about who they are and should continue to play well."

Year after year the Springfield Cosmos come to the head of the class in the softball ranks and are usually the last team left playing in the area. They don't always have the best record because of their consistently tough schedule, but never count them out. They stand 6-6 right now and would be seeded ninth if the tourney began today, but again, don't count them out.

Coach Andy Bladyka admits, "we could have played better at times, but I am optimistic about this team because it starts with our battery and you always have a chance when your team is strong up the middle."

Senior catcher Cassidy Otis is a backbone of the team and is not only a steady receiver, but yields one of the strongest bats in the area. Sophomore Hannah Crosby is the Cosmo pitcher with the rest of the Green and White up the middle being comprised of senior Lina Geyer at second, junior Madee Stagner at short and junior Laura Wentworth patrolling centerfield. Freshman Julianna Albero-Levings is the first baseman and junior Hailey Rabtoy is at third while freshman Ashley Chamberlain is regularly in right field with three players sharing the left field position during this season, starting with junior Lizzy Chambers and including a pair of freshmen Jenna Veysey and Kayla Gibbons. Infield reserves include freshman Jessica Cerniglia, who starts some as designated hitter and junior Gillian Guy. Outfielder Jesie Fisher, a sophomore, also sees some time. Speaking of time, sophomore Mykahla Jasinski puts in plenty as she rehabs an injury, which she hopes will allow her to make it to the field in the future.

Springfield has a busy week ahead of them with four games and they will need to win at least three to assure themselves of playing on the home field in the postseason next week.

Firefighter Olympics in Proctorsville

BY AIYANA FORTIN

The Vermont Journal

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - Denise Gebroe, proprietor of DG Bodyworks in Proctorsville, will be hosting the first Firefighter's Olympics from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 11 on the Green in Proctorsville (Cavendish). This event was inspired by one of Gebroe's clients and students, a firefighter, and by Gebroe's desire to give back to our local fire departments. She hopes to honor the firefighters who risk their lives to save others, and has planned fun activities for kids and adults.

Registration for events is at 9:30 a.m. The day will include awards, door prizes, face painting, t-shirts, and good food for lunch, including an ice cream truck. Proceeds and donations will directly benefit the Proctorsville and Cavendish Fire Departments.

Children ages 5-12 will have field day events planned for the morning, from 10 to 11:30, including a 100-yard dash, tug of war, a potato sack race, wheelbar-

row race, and relay race. Gebroe has worked with the Physical Education instructors at Cavendish Elementary to train the kids for the event and encourage them to set goals and try their hardest.

The adult events are scheduled from noon to 2, and are modeled after Firefighter competitions, which bring fun and competition to everyday firefighting and keep volunteers motivated and interested in their work. Events include a hose carry, dummy drag, tool carries, attack crawls, and ax chops.

Denise Gebroe is a specially certified massage therapist and personal trainer and just opened her own business, DG Bodyworks, in December, 2016. Before opening DG Bodyworks, Gebroe worked as the Assistant Wellness Director at the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center in Springfield, where she organized two Power List meets for athletic and local people alike, attracting more than 150 people to the event. Gebroe would love to be a firefighter, but with her family and business, she doesn't have time, so she is glad to support our brave volunteers in any way she can.



Fall Mountain Coach Molly McManus says "defense has pretty much carried us the whole season." Here centerfielder Zoe Utton waits for the putout in a game early this season.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Erika Knockenbauer, ace pitcher, of the second seeded Green Mountain Chieftains. Softball fans should take notice that the pitcher has k's in both her first and last name.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Springfield Coach Andy Bladyka says a strength of his team is that they are strong up the middle defensively. Catcher Cassidy Otis putting the tag on here preventing Green Mountain's Anne Lamson from scoring is the backbone of that defense.

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Sophomore #10 Ryan Boyle sliding in safe. Freshman #21 Josh Noble stands nearby.

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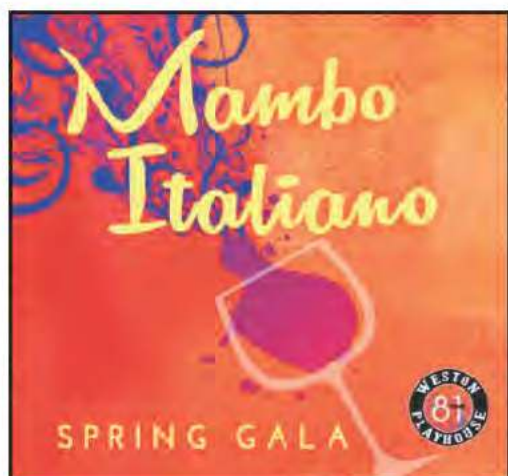
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Kicking off the new season with the spring gala. PHOTO PROVIDED

Sunny Lowdown and the Ice Cream Men

PUTNEY, Vt. - Twilight Music begins its 15th annual Twilight On The Tavern Lawn series of folk rock, world beat, rock, pop, Celtic, blues and bluegrass summer concerts on Sunday, May 28 with blues quartet Sunny Lowdown and the Ice Cream Men. The seven concert series continues every other Sunday through August 20. All concerts begin at 6:00 p.m. in downtown Putney on the Putney Tavern lawn (bring a lawn chair or blanket) or at Next Stage at 15 Kimball Hill in case of rain. The series is sponsored by the Town of Putney, Soundview Paper Company, The Putney Food Co-op, The Stockwell Brothers and many other Putney businesses and organizations. The concerts are free to the public (donations are accepted) and food will be available. For more information, call 802-387-5772 or visit www.twilightmusic.org.



Sunny Lowdown kicks off the Twilight Music series.

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Sunny Lowdown plays a raw and rhythmic blues that was burned into him on his first professional gig-playing guitar behind John Lee Hooker. Since then he has worked with many blues greats.

Vt. Crafts Council Open Studio

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Visitors and residents of Rockingham will have the opportunity to view artist/artisan studios as they stroll the historic downtowns of Bellows Falls and Saxtons River during the Vermont Crafts Council Open Studio Weekend on May 27-28.

"We're organizing a local effort in conjunction with the highly successful VT State Craft Weekend to draw attention to the unique artistic offerings to be found in Bellows Falls,"

said 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 and Jeanette Staley of Saxton's River; Ailyn Hoey, Mark Goodenough of

Rockingham; and ceramicists Virginia Wyoming and Nancy Calichio of Westminster West.

Additionally, the work 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 here including maps and listings of local eateries and businesses. Look for yellow balloons and placards that indicate arts venues open to the public.

"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 arrangements.

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

Vilas Bridge painting on display

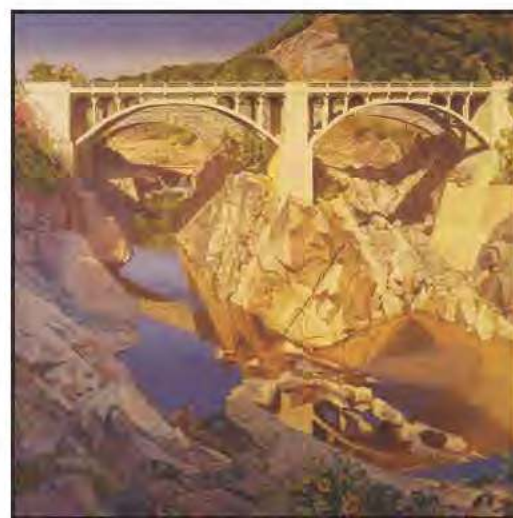
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - On Thursday, June 8 at 5 p.m., Jerry Pfohl's iconic painting, "Vilas Bridge," will be on display at the Rockingham Library. The historic bridge continues to symbolize the profound connection between Vermont and New Hampshire, despite having been closed to traffic in 2009. The library hopes to raise funds for the purchase of "Vilas Bridge" for its permanent collection.

A panel discussion on the painting, comprised of prominent area artists Brian Cohen, Charlie Hunter and Gretchen Abendschein, will follow. Abendschein was married to Pfohl and brings an intimate perspective to this discussion of Pfohl's monumental work. Jerry Pfohl was a highly regarded artist in both New England and Manhattan.

He died in 2010, having lived in Acworth, N.H., for the last 44 years of his life. A long-time resident of New Hampshire, his work included scenes of the Connecticut River Valley, Vilas Bridge, the Bellows Falls railroad station and Opera House, and old mill buildings along the river.

The works of Cohen, Hunter and Pfohl reflect the intersection of the natural and manmade worlds found in post-industrial, post-pastoral New England.

The evening's program is the official kick-off of the Friends of the Library fundraising campaign to purchase Pfohl's "Vilas Bridge" for the library. Refreshments will be served. To learn more about the artist, go to jerryppfohl.com. For more informa-



Jerry Pfohl's iconic painting of Vilas Bridge in Bellows Falls will be on display at the library.

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tion about the June 8 program and how to donate to the fund, call 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org or go to rockinghamlibrary.org.

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Open Studio Weekend at Fletcher Farm School

LUDLOW, Vt. - The 25th Vermont Open Studio Weekend, presented by the Vermont Craft Council, is a statewide event where artists open their studios to the public to exhibit and demonstrate their art. Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts opens the doors to the barn and invites local artists to exhibit, demonstrate and sell their art. Multiple artists will be located in one building and will demonstrate several arts and crafts: rug hooking, needle felting, painting, basketry, jewelry, primitive stenciling, necktie chair seat weaving, making birch baskets, quilting, and more. Everyone is invited to Open Studio to learn about the many classes offered this summer. Take advantage of the two-day offer for free registration if you sign up for a class during Open Studio, a \$25.00 value. Residents of Ludlow, Proctorsville, and Cavendish may also take one class per year with a 50 percent discount.

Open Studio is held on Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the center of the barn at Fletcher Farm School, located at 611 Route 103 South in Ludlow.

Fletcher Farm School is celebrating



Open Studio weekend is a time for visitors to view artists' studios. PHOTO PROVIDED

its 70th Anniversary (1947-2017) on July 1 during its Arts & Craft Festival. Fletcher Farm School is the oldest residential Arts & Crafts School in Vermont, and is owned and operated by the Society of Vermont Artists & Craftsmen, Inc., which leases the property from the Fletcher Farm Foundation. Summer classes will

run from June 24 - Sept 1. The Arts & Crafts Gift Shoppe will open on Saturday, June 24 and run until mid-September. Two Arts & Craft Festivals will be held on July 1 and August 19. For questions or class registration, please go to www.fletcherfarm.org or call 802 228 8770.

Kinhaven's Young Artist Seminar to perform

WESTON, Vt. - Residents of Weston and nearby towns have enjoyed concerts by the students and faculty of Kinhaven Music School for years. Kinhaven has traditionally offered Senior (High School) and Junior (Middle School) sessions. In 2015, Kinhaven introduced a pilot program, the Young Artist Seminar, a one-week, intensive chamber music program for highly talented college and pre-professional musicians, followed by performances at local venues.

Old Parish Church is proud to have hosted one of the inaugural concerts of the Young Artists in 2015. The group returned last year and will again in 2017, performing at 2:30 p.m. on June 3. Their concerts last just over one hour and have been extremely popular. Those wishing to attend are encouraged to arrive early to be assured of seating.

Kinhaven Music School, Inc. is a non-profit organization that fosters high-level music-making experiences in which shared learning, mutual support, friendship, and community is always present.

The H&V Series was established in 2009 in memory of G. Frederick (Fritz) Zeller, a longtime educator, community leader and a pillar of Old Parish Church. Revenues from the performances are donated to benefit deserving area non-profit organizations serving the local area.

In this instance, patrons are asked to donate to benefit three Just Neighbors, an organization that provides short-term assistance and support to families in acute need.

Old Parish Church is located on Route 100, on the left as you enter Weston from the South.



Members of the Kinhaven Young Artist Seminar at rehearsal. PHOTO PROVIDED

Classic Movie Night features "Pollock"

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Rockingham Arts and Museum Project (RAMP), Sherwin Art Glass and Flying Canvas Studio will host the film, "Pollock" on Wednesday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m. as part of Classic Movie Night at the Bellows Falls Opera House on the Square.

"Pollock" is a 2000 biographical film that tells the life story of American painter Jackson Pollock. It stars Ed Harris, Marcia Gay Harden, Jennifer Connelly, Robert Knott, Bud Cort, Molly Regan and Sada Thompson, and was directed by Harris. The film was a long-term personal project for Harris based on his previous reading of Pollock's biography.

"Pollock" is the second of several art-themed films to be shown as part

of Classic Movie Nights at the Opera House. The idea arose in 2016 at an Artists' Town Meeting, a collaborative of artists and artisans who gather quarterly to share ideas, challenges, opportunities and a potluck.

Three local artists have donated items for a raffle: Janette Schuster, jewelry; Clare Adam, print and Virginia Wyoming, pottery. Tickets will be drawn at the end of the film. Funds raised will underwrite additional art-themed classic films.

The film also serves to highlight the upcoming Open Studio Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., when artist studios, designated with yellow balloons/placards will be open to the public.

RAMP, which hosts the Artists' Town Meetings, focuses on integrating artists and the arts into the long-term sustainability efforts of the community.

The Opera House is handicapped accessible; call the Bellows Falls Opera House 802-463-3964 x 120 for

information about access. RAMP thanks The Vermont Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, Sovernet, Chroma and the Windham Foundation for supporting RAMP and its arts advocacy initiatives. For more information, contact RAMP, 802-463-3252, ramp@sover.net.

Local wood turner has open studio



A woodturned goblet. PHOTO PROVIDED BY PINTEREST.COM

LUDLOW, Vt. - Local artist Rich Detrano opens new woodturning gallery of his work. During the Vermont Crafts Council Open Studio Tour, May 27 -28, is a great time to stop by as he will be demonstrating his craft all weekend. The wood he uses in his work is locally sourced. The inspiration for his work comes from what nature provides to a particular species of wood. He attempts to highlight the natural features of the wood including its imperfections and peculiarities. It is often the grain pattern and bark inclusions that are the true beauty of his work. His intention is to create a form that will allow nature's beauty to be seen and enjoyed.

The studio and gallery are located at 488 Andover Rd., and will be open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and you can reach him at 802-228-8894. From 103 in Ludlow take 100 S for 3.2 miles at Andover Rd, bear left and his studio is 1 mile down from there.

If unable to make it during the studio tour visit his website at www.richdetranowoodturner.com.



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outdoor/golf news

Okemo Valley Golf Club Men's League results

LUDLOW, Vt. - Sunny skies and warmer temperatures greeted the gents for week two of Men's League at Okemo Valley Golf Club, May 16. The format shifted to match play, which the league will play primarily for the remainder of the season. Providing the first thumping of the season was Skygate Financial. The foursome of Kevin Theissen, Dean Alexander, Charlie Howard and Bob Herbst combined to win 23 out of a possible 36 holes. Finishing second was UBS. Chris Garvey, Ed Whitman, Craig Peters and Tom Harris

combined to win 20 holes. Finishing third was Honey Dew Man. Peter Girouard, Eric Stocker, Larry Plumb and Tim Faulkner combined to win 18.5 holes. Closest to the pin winners were Charlie Howard on the 4th, and Trevor Benson on the 8th hole.

Weekly Results:
1st Skygate Financial score 23/15 pts. 2nd UBS score 20/13 pts. 3rd Honey Dew Man score 18.5/11 pts. 4th Diamond Realty score 18.5/10 pts. 5th Knight Tubs score 18/9 pts. 6th Stryhas Builders score 18/8 pts. 7th Built Rite MFG. score

17.5/ 7 pts. 8th Bensons Chevrolet score 17.5/6 pts. 9th Huntley Wealth Management score 16/5 pts. 10th Green Mountain Appraisals score 13/4 pts.

Season Standings:
1st Skygate Financial 24 pts. 2nd UBS 23 pts. 3rd Huntley Wealth Management 20 pts. 4th Bensons Chevrolet 19 pts. 5th Built Rite MFG. 18 pts. 6th Diamond Realty 18 pts. 7th Honey Dew Man 17 pts. 8th Knight Tubs 16 pts. 9th Stryhas Builders 12 pts. 10th Green Mountain Appraisals 9 pts.



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Sugarbush Resort Golf Clubhouse update

WARREN, Vt. - Our first Valley League practice round has concluded. The second practice round was Wednesday, May 24 before our official opening night on the 31. If you are still interested in playing, you may sign up before opening night!

The annual full member meeting will be held on Saturday, May 27 at 5 p.m. On the agenda will be equipment acquisitions, course condition updates, summer events and future projects.

We will be hosting a Bridgestone

Golf demo day on June 3 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. This event is open to the public. As always check the golf by giving us a call at 802-583-6725.

We look forward to seeing you at the course!

Tater Hill Golf League results

CHESTER, Vt. - The Tater Hill Golf League kicked off the 2017 season last Thursday under beautiful spring skies. The 96-man group was happy to be back in competition, and the course was in excellent condition. No predictions yet ... it's not how you start, it's how you finish.

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Keep an eye out for turtles

REGION - It's springtime and Vermont's turtles on are on the move. The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is asking for the public's help in keeping them safe. Female turtles are looking for places to deposit their eggs, sometimes choosing to lay along the shoulders of roads, which can end tragically.

"Turtles often cross roads as they search for a nest site," said Steve Parren, biologist for the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. "They are a slow-moving animal in today's fast-paced world, so they have a tough time making it safely across the road. Turtles grow slowly and live a long

time, so losing a mature breeding female is a huge loss to the turtle population."

Turtle nesting activity peaks from late May through June. At this time of year, drivers are urged to keep an eye out for turtles in the road, especially when driving near ponds and wetlands.

To decrease the number of turtles that are killed by vehicles, the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department has been collecting data to identify stretches of road that are hotspots for wildlife migrations. They are working closely with VTrans, and with Jim Andrews from the Ver-



Drivers are urged to keep an eye out for turtles on the road and report any sightings.

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mont Reptile & Amphibian Atlas, among other partners.

"When you spot a turtle in the road, you may be able to help it across. First be sure you're in a safe spot to stop and get out of your car, as human safety comes first," said Andrews. "If you're going to move a turtle off the road, always move it in the direction it was traveling. They know where they're going."

According to Andrews, most turtles can simply be picked up and carried across the road. However, if the turtle has no colorful lines, spots, or other markings, it is probably a snapping turtle, so people should not get

too close to the animal to avoid being bitten. Snapping turtle's necks are nearly as long as their shell. Instead, people should push the turtle across the road with an object like a shovel or broom.

Andrews is also asking paddlers, boaters, and anglers to report turtle sightings throughout the state to the Vermont Reptile & Amphibian Atlas website at vtherpatlas.org. The reports help conservationists keep track of the status of these species in order to act if a species appears to be in decline.

"Sending in a report is quick and easy," said Andrews. "Just snap a photo or two of the turtle, and submit your observation via the website or email. We're constantly impressed with Vermonters' commitment to conservation and willingness to help us save turtles."

Observations can be submitted to the Vermont Reptile and Amphibian Atlas online at vtherpatlas.org or jandrews@middlebury.edu.

Join the Learn to Row program on the Connecticut River

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Rowing is a special sport to learn, as it is a team sport from the first day of class. All boat members must listen and respond to the coach in order to safely move the boat to the water, through the water as a team, and then bring the boat back to the boathouse. Participants will be guided by Coach Thom Collins of Chester, Vermont. Thom has a long and successful coaching career, including leading crews to the USRA Youth National Championships three times, and winning multiple Regional Championships along the way. Thom is a patient and funny coach, and is excited to be introducing adults to rowing, and he is hopeful about a future that includes a thriving rowing community along the banks of the Connecticut.

Interested in giving this unique, team-oriented, outdoor adventure a try? Contact the EdgarMay at 802-885-2568 to sign up - space is limited. For more information about the program you can visit www.myrecenter.org.



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LEGAL NOTICES

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY, MAY 30- BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – The Sustainable Energy Outreach Network (SEON) presents the second in a 2-part program, “How (Older) Houses Work” on May 30, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Marlboro Graduate Center, Room 2C, 28 Vernon St., Brattleboro. Peter Yost of BuildingGreen will present both programs. Session 2, May 30, will address your own building science puzzles and will survey the tools and techniques used to diagnose building issues and energy efficiency. Register at www.seon.info/programs/. For questions, email admin@seon.info. We recommend registering early because of limited space.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3- WINDSOR, Vt. – Strawberry-vanilla preserves cooking class, June 3 at 9:30 a.m.–noon and 2-4 p.m. Blake Hill Preserves, Artisans Park, 60 Artisans Way, Windsor. Strawberry season is almost here! We will be sourcing super local early strawberries and will infuse them with pure Madagascar vanilla to make a decadent treat for triple cream cheese, Greek yogurt, or vanilla ice cream. Take home a complimentary jar, a detailed recipe card, and enjoy 15 percent off all jar purchases in our shop. Pre-registration required. For details, call Mary Ball, 802-674-4529.

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

TUESDAYS- CHESTER, Vt. – Eight-week yoga series “Strong, Fearless & Free,” May 23 through July 18 (no class July 4). 6-7:15 p.m. at Buddhalu 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.buddhaluyoga.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 the Londonderry Post Office. On Tuesday, May 30, at 10 a.m., Landscaping with Native Plants with Bob Little Tree.

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. TFN

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 - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center Knit and Stitch group meets Wednesdays at 9:00

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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@gmail.com or check for updates on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gemstaichi/>. TFN

CHESTER, Vt. – Liza Eaton, founder of Buddhalu 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.buddhaluyoga.com or call 802-875-2868. TFN

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WINDSOR, Vt. – Play Group 9:30 - 11 a.m. Come and enjoy an open gym, ball games and sometimes even a bounce house! Call Windsor Recreation Center 802-674-6783. 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 Buddhalu 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.buddhaluyoga.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! Free to member families. Call 802-885-2568 or info@myreccenter.org. TFN

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 6 months through 5 years! Free to member families. 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 Acutney 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. TFN

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, Tessa 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 info 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

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:

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- Prepare and publish legal notices in the Town's paper of record and special notices/information in the Chit Chat or other publications as determined by the Planning Commission
- Review all Planning Commission mail/email. Respond to general inquires that do not require Planning Commission attention and forward all other correspondence to the Planning 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.

TOWN OF LANDGROVE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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
4 PM
Landgrove Town Office Building
88 Landgrove Road, Landgrove, VT 05148

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.

TOWN OF ANDOVER NOTICE OF TAX SALES

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and 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 the following described land in such Town, to wit:

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 recorded in Book 29, at Page 45 of the Town of Andover Land Records on November 25, 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 Records 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 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 land located at 4525 East Hill Road.

So much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Andover, Vermont, a public place in said 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.

Attest:
 Jeanette Haight, Collector of Delinquent Taxes
 Town of Andover

GRIEVANCE HEARING

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM - BOARD OF LISTERS PO Box 370 Bellows Falls, VT 05101

Grievance hearings for the Town of Rockingham will be held on Tuesday June 6, 2017 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall third floor Listers office in Bellows Falls.

If you wish to grieve your 2017 Assessment, Homestead or Housesite value, or Current Use Allocation it is required to submit your grievance in writing before or on Tuesday June 6 by 4:30 p.m.

In addition, if you wish to have a hearing in person with the Listers Office, please call to make an appointment between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 802-463-1229 x 101.

ROCKINGHAM BOARD OF LISTERS
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Request for Proposal Buyout Reuse Project #3 434 Main Street, South Londonderry

The Town of Londonderry is seeking bids for site work and landscaping to establish reuse of the property at the above location as a village green space to include bike-ped rest area with natural access to the West River.

This property was damaged by flooding during Tropical Storm Irene and has been acquired by the Town through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Buyout Program. The Town acquired funding for this post-buyout reuse project under a HUD Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief grant.

Scope of Work: Village bike-ped rest area with natural access to the West River, pleasant views Former Creamery site, along the West River, residential apartments. Quiet, peaceful, pleasant, passive enjoyment. Native species, natural landscaping, low maintenance.

- Pine trees (2) at roadside to be removed by the Town of Londonderry road crew prior to work start.
- Installation of two green buffers or privacy screening as desired by the neighboring property owners.
- Efficient work plan with reasonable hours of construction for the peace and privacy of the neighborhood.
- Native plants installation for a very low maintenance natural landscape along the southern side of Main Street.
- New canopy trees of flood-tolerant species and heavy vegetation to stabilize the river bank.

Bids due: Sealed bids are due by 2:30 p.m. on Friday May 26, 2017. Bids may be mailed or hand delivered to the Londonderry Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry VT 05155.

Completion deadlines: All work as outlined in this RFP and the Scope of Work must be completed by June 15th, 2017. CDBG-DR funding ends on June 30, 2017.

For additional information and the full detailed RFP and attachments, contact:
 Sharon Crossman, Planning Commission
shacro@comcast.net | 802.548.8247



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PAVING CONTRACTOR

The Town of Westminster is seeking a qualified paving contractor for the .5” shim and 1” overlay of approximately 2 miles of roads in Westminster, Vt. The work will include: Shimming (.5”) the existing pavement to assure proper crown and placing a 1” overlay for the entire width of the road. The work will be required to comply with the State specifications for Road Standards found in the “Orange Book” created by the State of Vermont.

• **Specifics:** The Town will expect the Contractor to grind the start and finish of each section of road with tack coat going the entire length of the project. Sweeping and Traffic Control to be supplied by the Contractor in the bid price. The Contractor must use a State approved bituminous concrete pavement mix and the mix will not contain recycled asphalt shingles (RAS).

The section of road is as follows: Approximately 2 miles on Westminster West Road from the Town line at the north. This section is approximately 22' wide.

The contractor will be responsible for measuring the roads before bidding the project and will also be responsible for the amount of shim needed to create the proper crown in the roadway. Under no circumstances will added costs be accepted for these sections of road unless previously approved by the Town Manager in writing. The Town is requesting that this work be completed no later than October 1, 2017.

Proposals are due by noon on May 31, 2017 at the Town Hall or by mail (PO Box 147 Westminster, Vt. 05158) and at that time the bids will be opened and read out loud. Proposals are to include a complete description of the work to be performed and the tonnage to be used at a firm price. Please include a per ton price in place. The contractor is to be qualified and will have to supply proof of insurance at the time of the bid. Any and all bids, not supplying the proof of insurance or a complete scope as requested will not be considered. Your proposal should be sealed and marked “Pavement Bid 2017-01”. It is recommended to call the Town Manager and set up an appointment at (802) 722-4255 for the additional information and/or a site visit, if needed. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

LEGAL NOTICES

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COMMUNITY MEALS

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.

SATURDAY, MAY 27-LUDLOW, Vt. - Annunciation Church dinner and silent auction, 5-7 p.m. Menu features chicken cordon bleu. Located at 7 Depot St., Ludlow. All are welcome. For details, call 802-228-3286 or 802-228-4333.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3-CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - The Charlestown Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield Road, will hold a spaghetti and meatball supper Saturday, June 3. Tickets go on sale at 4 p.m. and we will start serving at 5. The menu includes spaghetti with marinara sauce, garlic bread and a side salad. Gluten-free pasta will also be offered. There will be a homemade dessert. For takeouts please call 603-826-5987 between noon and 3 p.m., to be picked up at 4.

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

THURSDAY, MAY 25-RUTLAND, Vt. - College of St. Joseph is hosting a free outdoor concert featuring the

Beatles tribute band Across The Pond, Thursday, May 25, 6-8 p.m. Guests are encouraged to bring their own blankets, chairs, and picnic fare. The concert will be held on the lawn behind Tuttle Theater, located on the CSJ campus at 71 Clement Road in Rutland.

FRIDAY, MAY 26-BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Nature Museum of Grafton is partnering with Great River Hydro in Bellows Falls to offer summer programs at the Bellows Falls Fish Ladder Visitors Center, 17 Bridge St. in downtown Bellows Falls, June through August 12. The June 9-10 program topic is Amazing Adaptations, the adaptations that help New England wildlife survive. The Fish Ladder Visitor Center opens for the season May 26 and hours are Friday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. through September 3. Programs are always free. For a complete listing of Nature Museum topics at the Bellows Falls Fish Ladder, contact the Nature Museum, 802-843-2111 (Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.) or go to www.nature-museum.org and click on Summer Community Programming Dates.

CHESTER, Vt. - John Felts: free, family-friendly comedy

at Grounded4Life Coffeehouse on Friday, May 26. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with food, coffee, and conversation. The program begins at 7. John delivers good humor in good taste on topics such as dating, marriage, parenting, American culture, and struggling to do the right thing. Lower level of the Chester Baptist Church across from "the green" at 162 Main St., Chester.

SATURDAY, MAY 27-WESTON, Vt. - Annual Weston Rod & Gun Club Fishing Derby, Weston Recreation Area, 426 Lawrence Hill Road, 7-9 a.m. Open to kids ages 0-15. Trophies for the kids. Refreshments will be served. For information or to help, call David at 802-376-9196.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Garden Club plant and bake sale, Saturday May 27, 9 a.m.-noon in front of Ralph's Supermarket.

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.com.

SATURDAY, MAY 27-SUNDAY MAY 28-SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - The folk quartet 2 X 2 makes a return engagement at the Main Street Arts Coffeehaus Saturday, May 27 at 7:30 p.m. Mark Grieco, Valerie Kosednar, Betsy Rybeck Lynd and Lee Rybeck Lynd will join their voices in a concert of a cappella and accompanied music in a broad range of styles. All four have also sung together in the group House Blend. More information about the Coffeehaus is available by contacting MSA at 802-869-2960 or online at mainstreetarts.org or on Facebook.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Humane Society is holding a giant tag sale, Saturday-Sunday, May 27-28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 401 Skitchewaung Trail (Route 143) in Springfield. All proceeds to benefit the animals!

SUNDAY, MAY 28-LUDLOW, Vt. - Drive-by Rail Jam at Okemo, May 28, from noon on in The Zone, named for its proximity to

Mountain Road, which is now open and allows participants to arrive by car. The event is free and open to the public, no pre-registration needed. Registration will take place at the bottom of The Zone, starting at noon. For details, email Okemo Parks Manager Mark Fiori at mfiori@okemo.com.

MONDAY, MAY 29-PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - Weathersfield Memorial Day program will be held on the Perkinsville Green, Monday, May 29, 12 noon to recognize the men and women who have boldly stood in harm's way carrying the torch of freedom fighting to protect our abundant way of life and have passed on.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, JUNE 2-3-ASCUTNEY, Vt. - Spring yard sale, Friday 7 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m.-1 p.m., to benefit the Ascutney Volunteer Fire Department, at the Ascutney Fire Station, 540 VT-Rte 131 in Ascutney. Now accepting donations for the yard sale on Tuesday evenings, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. and also by appointment. Call Katie, 802-376-5070 to schedule a time.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3-ALSTEAD, N.H. - Lon

Livengood and the Best Revenge, Hankey Bannister, Bill Symonds, and Julio Razquin headline at Mole Hill Theatre on Saturday, June 3, 6-11 p.m. at a dance to benefit Peter White, who faces medical and other expenses due to liver cancer and the passing of his beloved wife, Carol Pienkos. A silent auction will also be held that will include some of Carol Pienkos' and Peter White's artworks. Mole Hill Theatre is located at 789 Gilsom Mine Road in Alstead, N.H. Owner Dennis Molesky explains the venue is bring your own bottle, but no hard liquor is allowed.

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

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town & Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on June 12, 2017 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, for Local Flood Hazard Review located in the Special Flood Hazard Area of the Lakes District.

APPLICANT: Robert Bellezza
Kathleen Bellezza
95 Chesapeake Drive
Shelburne, Vermont 05482
PROPERTY LOCATION: 71 Thomson Drive
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 020136.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application for Local Flood Hazard Review to raise the house out of base flood elevation, add square footage to the existing deck and enclose it as a screen porch and add square footage to the existing mudroom. The project is located in Special Flood Hazard area of the Lakes District.
APPLICATION NUMBER: 456-17-FHR

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

Rosemary Goings
Board Clerk

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on June 12, 2017 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, to consider an amendment to a Conditional Use Permit in the Village Residential Commercial District:

APPLICANT: Circa 1810
Jennifer McBride
4203 Twenty Mile Stream Road
Proctorsville, Vermont 05153
OWNER: Equity Trust Co Custodian
Ira McLernon III
1 Equity Way
Westlake, Ohio 44145
PROPERTY LOCATION: 116 Main Street
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 230429.006

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Conditional Use Permit to add outdoor seating on the porch and on the brick patio. The project is in the Village Residential Commercial District.
APPLICATION NUMBER: 88-191-CU; Amendment No. 6

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

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

A heads-up alert to all free-spirited Ewes and Rams: Be wary of a deal that could result in compromising your independence. Check every detail before making a commitment.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) New facts emerge that help put an irksome workplace situation in perspective. Meanwhile, pay more attention to a family member who needs your wisdom and strength.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A slight setback in plans is nothing to worry about. Use this delay to deal with a number of matters you might have ignored for too long. Expect news from someone in your past.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're entering a period of stability. Use it to straighten out any outstanding problems related to a very personal situation. Also, pay closer attention to financial matters.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As much as you love being a social Lion, you might well benefit from staying out of the spotlight for a while. You need time to reflect on some upcoming decisions.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A difficult family situation improves, thanks to your timely intervention. You can now start to focus more of your attention on preparing for a possible career change.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) An on-the-job change works to your benefit by offering new opportunities. It's up to you to check them out. Meanwhile, a stalled romantic situation starts up again.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) That flare-up of Scorpion temperament cools down, leaving you more receptive to suggestions about changes that might need to be made in your personal life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An unusual period of indecisiveness is a mite frustrating. But things soon clear up, allowing the sage Sagittarian to make those wise pronouncements again.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might feel that you know best, but it's not a good idea at this time to try to force your opinions on others. Best advice: Inspire change by example, not by intimidation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some setbacks could affect your plans to fortify your financial situation. But things start moving again by early next week. Meanwhile, enjoy your resurgent social life.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Show that often-hidden steely spine of yours as you once again stand up to an emotional bully. You've got the strength to do it, especially as friends rally to your side.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your ruling planet, Mercury, endows you with a gift for writing. Have you considered penning the world's greatest novel?

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EVENTS CONT.

THURSDAYS CONT. - 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 event, the chefs at the Gleanery will serve a special menu in time for diners to make it to the hosted 7 p.m. film screening

around the corner at the newly renovated Next Stage. For pricing or reservations call 802-387-3052. Limited seating available. 15 Kimball Hill Rd. TFN

HISTORIC SITES

SATURDAY, JUNE 3- WALPOLE, N.H. - The Walpole Historical Society Museum and Gift Shop opens for the season on Saturday June 3, with two new exhibits in addition to the popular Louisa May Alcott exhibit. The main gallery offers a timeline of over 200 years of Walpole history. Another new exhibit "When They Were Young" features children's clothing from the 1800s to the 1960s. The gift shop offers books, colorful home accessories and fun

items. Open hours are every Saturday through October 14, noon to 4 p.m., or by appointment. We are located at 32 Main St., Walpole, N. H. Call us at 603-756-3449.

LIBRARIES

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.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31- CHESTER, Vt. - Wednesday, May 31 at 6 p.m., Whiting Library, 117 Main St. in Chester, presents speaker Michael Wanigasekera, a former Peace Corps Volunteer who served from 2013-2015 in Cambodia. The program is free and open to the public. Mr. Wanigasekera taught English, developed a school library, organized a basketball team, created a filter system for clean water for the village, and financed each of these projects with private donations that he raised in the United States. Mr. Wanigasekera now serves as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer in Springfield, Vt. For more information, call the library at 802-875-2277.

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, 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 30, Soaring Dragons. Dragons are magical creatures that soar through the sky. Today we will make our own shimmering dragons that will fly!

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. TFN

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. TFN

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

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. TFN

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

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 diagnosis. HCRS, CRT Room, 390 River St. Meets every Monday from 1 - 2 p.m. Info: call 800-639-6480 or visit www.namivt.org. TFN




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My favorite pass time is car rides! I will be the best travel buddy there is in cool weather of course. I have been around cats in my last home, so adding me to a feline friendly home with dog savvy cats would be OK. I also have been around children as young as 3 years old, but would be more comfortable living with kids 10+, as I am not fond of restraint. I have heard that kids like to hug, which I could easily confuse for restraint, so lets keep us all safe!
I came into the shelter with a terrible skin infection that the vet believes was caused by an environmental allergy that wasn't addressed properly. I am on antibiotics and am doing great for now! My new owners will have to understand that environmental allergies can be tricky to deal with and usually require more vet visits than average. My friends here are hoping that it will not be a huge deal, but there is that possibility. Please talk to one of the staff members for more information on my condition. I would love to meet you, so please come visit me. You will just fall head over heels for me!
The Springfield Humane Society is located at 401 Skitchewaung Trail, Springfield, VT 05156. Call 802-885-3997 or visit www.spfldhumane.org.

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TUESDAYS-SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Breast Feeding Support Group 2nd and 4th Tuesday at the

Springfield Hospital Library Level D. 12 - 2 p.m. It is free and no registration is required. For more information call Erin at 885-7511. 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 sarahcoda2016@gmail.com. TFN

WEDNESDAYS - LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Weekly clean and sober 12-Step Meeting. Support Group meets at Neighborhood Connections next to the Londonderry Post Office at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday. 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. Weigh-in starts at 8 a.m. and the

meeting begins at 9 a.m. TFN

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Getting more young Vermonters to college

REGION - The good news is that Vermont has one of the highest high school graduation rates in the country; fully 88 percent of our kids leave high school with a diploma. All of us - parents, educators, community members and most of all, our hardworking students - should feel great pride in that accomplishment.

The bad news is that Vermont is close to the bottom in terms of college enrollment rates. While nearly 75 percent of high school seniors say they want to pursue postsecondary education, just 53-59 percent (depending on the survey) ac-

tually enroll. Not surprisingly, the gap is widest for students whose parents didn't attend college, students from low-income families, and students with disabilities.

Fifty years ago, if you received a high school degree, odds were that you could get a decent job and make it into the middle class. But that has changed. While not all middle-class jobs in today's economy require a college degree or other forms of post-high school education, an increasing number do.

Moreover, the median worker with a bachelor's de-

gree will earn almost \$1 million more over their career than the median worker with a high school diploma (the figure is \$360,000 for the median worker with an associate's degree).

Yet, while the U.S. once led the world in college graduation rates for young people, today we are in 11th place. We are falling further behind because the ever rising cost of college requires many students to take on a mountain of debt. This year, nearly 70 percent of graduating college students will have some debt, and the average debt exceeds \$30,000. We are placing a very heavy burden on our young people, before they even apply for their first jobs.

In the richest country in the world, everyone who has the

ability and the desire should be able to get a higher education. That is why I introduced the College for All Act, which would eliminate tuition and fees at public colleges and universities, and substantially reduce student debt.

But in Vermont, cost is not the only reason for low college enrollment rates. If you're the first person in your family to go to college, as my brother and I were, you might find yourself overwhelmed by the college application and financial aid process. There are hundreds of colleges out there. How do you find the one that is right for you? How do you get through the mountain of complicated financial aid forms? Once you are in college, how do you successfully fit into an environment

which could be very different from home?

The U.S. Education Department funds some excellent programs in Vermont, like Upward Bound, Talent Search and GEAR UP. Over the years, these programs have been enormously successful in preparing students for college and providing support services so they stay enrolled and graduate.

But clearly, we must do more. I recently met with educators from across Vermont to identify ways to do just that. Here are a few of the conclusions that we reached.

First, we must let every child know from a young age - especially first generation and low-income Vermonters - that college is an option. Yes, even if your parents never

went to college, or your family doesn't have a lot of money, you can get a higher education. Psychologically, many children develop a sense of whether or not they will go to college by the 7th grade, so we must start the conversation early. Something as simple as an annual field trip to a local college, and a talk with students on campus, can spark the imagination of young Vermonters.

Secondly, we must do a better job supporting school guidance counselors. Today, many school counselors are spending much of their time reacting to disruptive classroom situations rather than providing help to students who are struggling with the college admissions process. Some schools in Vermont do not even have a single full-time counselor.

Third, we have to make sure all students and parents understand federal and state financial aid options and have the help they need navigat-

ing the forms. Vermont ranks near the bottom in terms of the rate of kids from poor districts applying for financial aid versus kids in wealthier districts.

Fourth, we have to do better in letting our young people know about the excellent college options right here in Vermont, and there are many. Just one of many examples: I recently visited Vermont Technical College, and was surprised to learn that 100 percent of VTC graduates either go on to further learning or get jobs - with an average salary of \$43,600 a year. I was even more surprised to hear that VTC is under-enrolled.

Like any complex problem, there is not one simple solution to our low college enrollment rate. But at a time when a college education is more important than ever, we must work together to solve this crisis.

This article was written by Sen. Bernie Sanders.

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