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Bridge closure update

LUDLOW, Vt. - For Bridge 25, Walker Bridge, the 35-day closure will continue as crews work on the bridge replacement. Truck and through traffic, please follow the designated regional detour route utilizing VT 103, VT 11, and VT 100. Local traffic, please follow the local bypass utilizing North Depot Street and High Street. Truck traffic is prohibited from utilizing the local detour.

Flaggers will be present to assist in maintaining traffic flow on VT 100 and VT 103. No night or weekend work is scheduled.



Walker Bridge has been fully removed. PHOTO BY DONALD DILL. MORE PHOTOS AT WWW.VERMONTJOURNAL.COM

Crews have completed the demolition of the existing structure. Crews continue to drive piles, set abutments and begin backfilling. Structural steel should be set later in the week. No night work is anticipated for next week.

VT 100 Bridge 99 in Ludlow over Branch Brook.

Crews have completed striping and plug joints activities. Bridge 99 may be intermittently reduced to one lane with alternating one-way traffic at times during demobilization.

Taking small steps in different directions

BY BRANDY TODT
The Vermont Journal

Mt. HOLLY / LUDLOW, Vt. - The current deadline for meeting the Act 46 guidelines is January 2018; therefore each town and school board is looking for a way that best meets the needs of the students and taxpayers while complying with the legislation.

The majority of Mt. Holly residents voted yes on May 30 to dissolve Union #39 and go to Mill River, however because Ludlow voted no, Mt. Holly is not able to pursue this course of action. Determined to break the con-

tract that was formed in 1973, Mt. Holly has retained an attorney and has stated they will not be entering into another Act 46 study committee with Ludlow.

BRAIN met at the Ludlow Community Center Monday night to listen to guest speaker Roxanne Blake tell of how she was involved in setting up the independent Compass School in Westminster. She pointed out that the regulations for creating an independent school are still available on the State's website and that these are what the Compass School used in their development process. Currently the Compass School has 100 students with six

full time teachers; the curriculum is less traditional and more lead by the student interests.

Blake's first suggestion before pursuing independent school status was to develop a philosophy and vision for the future school; do research and visit other independent school models; hear from the Ludlow townspeople about what they want to see at the Black River Middle and High School.

Going independent is just one of the few options BRAIN is exploring and is open to suggestions and collaboration with Ludlow. The next meeting will be on June 27 at 6 p.m. in the Ludlow Community Center.

LES Students get books from Ludlow Rotary Club

LUDLOW, Vt. - In keeping with its partnership with the Dolly Parton

Imagination Library, the Ludlow Rotary Club recently distributed read-



Students listen as Suzanne Garvey reads aloud.

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ing books to the grade 1 students in Ms. Eckert class at the Ludlow Elementary School. Pictured above is Rotarian Suzanne Garvey reading with members of Ms. Eckert's class. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library is a unique program that mails a new, age-appropriate book to each registered children every month from birth to age 5. Dolly's Imagination Library is designed to inspire the love of reading in children by spending time with family and friends sharing these wonderful stories together. Dolly understands that reading is the key to a strong education, and that a child's imagination is the center of his or her dreams and creativity. By combining the two, this program inspires children to dream more, learn more, care more and be more.

Chester Rotary presents annual scholarship awards

CHESTER, Vt. - On Wednesday, June 7, The Chester Rotary Club presented its annual scholarship awards to six Green Mountain Union H.S. seniors. In addition to presenting the awards, Ms. Christine Saul's honors theater group at GMUHS entertained the one hundred twenty-five Rotarians, scholarship winners and guests with an original production "Murder She Croaked." Malcolm and Ann Summers hosted the event at their residence.

The scholarship awards were based on academics, financial need, community service and a written essay. Carol Gilbert introduced the scholarship winners to the Rotarians and guests. The recipient of the Andy and Heidi Ladd \$1,000 per year, a four-year scholarship was Skylar White. Skylar was a member of the National Honor Society, Interact, Student Government and played varsity soccer and softball. She will be a Rotary Outbound student to Brazil for a year and then attend American University.

The other recipients of the Chester Rotary Scholarship will receive \$1,000 each. Those recipients were



L to R: Kris Haselton, Riley Karl, Sean Kenney, Skylar White and Tuckerman Wunderle. Kimball Schultz was not able to attend the event.

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Riley Karl, Sean Kenney, Kris Haselton, Tuckerman Wunderle and Kimball Schultz.

Riley Karl was a National Honor Society member, class officer and headed up the yearbook for two consecutive years. She will be attending the University of Vermont.

Sean Kenney attended GMUHS and the Springfield Technical Center. He played varsity baseball and plans to attend Plymouth State as a business major.

Kris Haselton looks forward to getting an associate's degree in business at CCV. He plans to use his background experiences and degree to pursue a career in the food industry.

Tuckerman Wunderle played varsity soccer and actively participated

in the dramatic productions at the school and with the Springfield Players. Tuckerman was also involved with WOOL Radio and GM News. He will be attending Emerson College.

Kimball Schultz will be attending Syracuse University. During her tenure at GMUHS she was a member of the school chorus, actively participated in drama productions and played varsity softball.

The Chester Rotary Club is pleased to support the continuing education of these students. Scholarship money is raised through the support of local businesses and community members at the annual Chester Rotary Ladd Dinner and Auction held annually in March.

Students put murals of Vermont symbols on display

PLYMOUTH, Vt. - Fourth graders from Rutland Intermediate School brought two large murals with them when they came to visit the President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. These murals of Vermont symbols will be exhibited in the Coolidge Classroom and in the Schoolhouse. Art teacher, Deb Dauphinais, led the art integration project that had each student research one of the symbols and create art for the map. The fourth grades study Vermont throughout the year and this is one of the many projects they do.

All seven fourth grades from Rutland Intermediate School took part in History Exploration Programs this spring as well as students from Rutland Area Christian School, Chester Andover, Mt. Holly, Neshobe, Poultney, Springfield, Starksboro, Stockbridge, and Washington.

The Schoolhouse at the Coolidge Site

will be open and staffed by Coolidge Foundation volunteers on Thursdays and Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Education Programs for all ages are led by

the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation. For more information, Contact Diane Kemble at education@calvin-coolidge.org.



Students brought murals to the Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site. PHOTO PROVIDED



BRHS sports awards

Black River High School spring sports banquet trophy recipients stand with their trophies and awards.

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Plymouth Strawberry Festival

PLYMOUTH, Vt. - Join the Plymouth Emergency Services, Tyson Church and Tyson Ladies Aid groups as they put on yet another great community event, the Plymouth Strawberry Festival.

This fun annual event will have face painting and crafts for the kids, great music by Adam Boyce, a grand and wonderful raffle sponsored by the Tyson Church, a hamburger/hot dog/vegie burger BBQ with lots of homemade salads and baked beans sponsored by the Plymouth Emergency Services and, of course, the extraordinary strawberry shortcake with lots of homemade whipped cream and ice cream made by

the Tyson Ladies Aid. We will also have a 'touch a truck' display for young and old.

This popular event is not only a great way to kick off the summer season but also a great way to help our local organizations help serve the com-

munity. Proceeds from the BBQ go to help support the Plymouth Fire and First Response Teams. The Tyson Ladies Aid profits go right back in to the community in the form of scholarships (2) for local graduating high school seniors



The Tyson Ladies Aid will be celebrating the first day of summer with the Plymouth Strawberry Festival.

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from both Black River and Woodstock H.S. as well as support the free historical Tyson Library, co-sponsor the monthly Reach Out Luncheons for the community and support various other community needs. The proceeds from the Tyson Church also help support the Reach Out Luncheons as well as help support and aid individuals and needs within the community. In

addition, all three groups donate to a 'Campership Fund' for a local child to attend camp at Bethany Birches.

So, come on out on to the Plymouth State Park on Wednesday, June 21. Admission is FREE! For further information call Sue Poirier at 802-236-2683.

Bigger and Better Chester's 2017 Brochure

CHESTER, Vt. - The Chester Economic Development Committee is pleased to announce the release of the 2017 Chester twenty-panel print brochure, a new website and a Facebook page. This year's brochure presents Chester as a regional hub for tourism and gives citizens living in the area a resource for local events, shopping, dining and attractions. Twelve thousand print brochures are being distributed through VT Welcomes Centers, CTM Media kiosks, the Chester Information Center and brochure advertisers.

In addition to the expanded print copy, the brochure has an online presence at www.meetchestervermont.com and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/meetchestervermont/. The mobile friendly website makes the brochure information readily available, provides updated news about regional activities and showcases local businesses. If you would like to add your business or nonprofit to the website, add a community event to the calendar, need more brochures or update other information, contact a committee member at info@meetchestervermont.com.

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Chester's brochure features year-round activities. PHOTO PROVIDED

Margaret Barton receives community service award

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad is proud to announce the presentation of the community service award to Margaret Barton. Many folks might recognize Margaret as an employee of Clark's IGA or as the face of the Neighbor's Food Pantry, but few may be aware of the full extent of Ms. Barton's impact on the tri-mountain community.



Squad members stand to applaud Margaret Barton as she accepts the Community Service Award from Londonderry Volunteer Rescue. PHOTO PROVIDED

Margaret is the volunteer executive director of Neighbor's Food Pantry. Her responsibilities include: Ordering food from the VT Foodbank, ensuring that the shelves are stocked and that the bags are filled and distributed to Smith Haven, organizing volunteers to unload the food trucks, deliver grocery bags, assist with distribution and stock the shelves. Coordinating the weekly Flood Brook "Back Pack Program" which provides food to 12-16

children and their families year-round. Collecting food from the donation box at Clark's and bringing it to Neighbor's Food Pantry. Helping people with required paperwork and assist them through the process at each distribution, and ensuring compliance with all Federal and State Regulations.

Margaret also coordinates the Giving Tree program, which ensures that children of families in need received Christmas presents. She works with

Flood Brook School to make sure each child in the program (70 children) is signed up for 2 gifts (1 clothing and 1 toy). Margaret makes sure that each child's request is granted through church participation in the program. If for some reason a wished for gift is not received she will ensure that the purchase is made so the child receives his/her 2 gifts.

Further, Margaret is a coordinator with the Fuel Aid Program. The program is available to assist people in need of gas, propane, kerosene or heating oil. This program assists approximately 21 households.

On behalf of LVRS and the community, thank you Margaret for all you do!

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CHESTER, Vt. - The Northeastern Loggers' Association (NELA) recently honored Hanson Savage and

Savage Trucking of Chester, Vt., as the recipient of its 2016 Outstanding Forest Products Trucking Operator



Hanson Savage with his award. PHOTO PROVIDED

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Award. NELA Board President Ron Rich presented the award at the Annual Loggers' Banquet in Brewer, Maine, in a ceremony attended by over 250 members of the Northeast's forest products industry. During the awards presentation Rich told the audience, "For more than 20 years Savage Trucking, Inc. under the leadership of Hanson Savage has provided his customers with reliable trucking service. Savage has the equipment to haul logs, lumber, chips, sawdust, and bark. As we all know, trucking is a service business and Savage's level of service is top shelf. He can be relied upon for 'on-time' pickups and deliveries, and he communicates well with his customers." Rich concluded: "Savage Trucking equipment is well-maintained and his drivers are true professionals. Hanson Savage is a quality person and his customers love working with him. It is with great pleasure that we present the award for Outstanding Forest Products Trucking to Hanson Savage and Savage Trucking." The Northeastern Loggers' Association, headquartered in Old Forge, N.Y., is a trade group representing nearly 2,000 members of the Northeast's logging, sawmilling, and paper industry. The Loggers' Banquet is held each year immediately prior to the Northeastern Forest Products Equipment Exposition.

CAFC votes new officers and announces thrift shop hours

CHESTER, Vt. - At the June 12 annual meeting of the Chester-Andover Family Center board of directors, the board thanked and recognized the contributions of outgoing board members Nancy Lindsay and Derek Suursoo. Dee Robinson was also recognized for her contributions as board president during the past four years. The board also accepted the resignation of Sherry Willumitis from the board and as thrift shop manager. Sherry has played a major role in the center's growth, working with Food Shelf Manager Sandra Vincent to help the center expand and move to our building on Route 103S.

Board officers elected for 2017-18 include: Nena Nanfeldt, president;

Stephanie Mahoney, vice president; Mariette Bock, treasurer; and Georgia Ethier, secretary.

In other business, the board reviewed reports related to the lightning strike on our building during a storm last week and we are pleased to report that essential repairs are completed and the thrift shop is open for business.

Beginning on July 6, new thrift shop hours will be: Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

For thrift shop hours the remainder of June, we will post hours on the CAFC sign outside the shop or you can give us a call at 802-875-3236 before coming down.

Amanda Merk leaves Wilder Memorial Library

WESTON, Vt. - The Board of Trustees of the Wilder Memorial Library announces with regret that Amanda Merk will be leaving as Weston's Library Director on June 24, 2017. In the two years that Amanda has been with the Library she has done a brilliant job of increasing membership, introducing new programs for both children and adults and incorporating technology in a very

useful and imaginative way. Under her leadership, usage of the library has grown tremendously and we are grateful for the attention and loving care she has given to our little library.

We know that everyone will wish her well as she leaves Weston and moves on in her career as Executive Director of the Norman Williams, Public Library in Woodstock, Vermont.



Farm to School mural

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - On the final day of painting 200 Flood Brook School students ranging from 3rd - 8th grade finished the "Farm to School Mural" with artist in residence mural painter Kim Ray. It has been an amazing week! Thank you to Casey Bailey and everyone's support and enthusiasm with this incredible mural project.

Please stop by Floodbrook School to see the mural. More photos online at www.vermontjournal.com

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Mack's new members

ARLINGTON, Vt. - The company's newest recruits include five former interns who have chosen to officially begin their careers with Mack. Eleven students have now returned to the company full time in the last two years.

"Welcoming interns back to us full-time after the commencement season is starting to become a tradition," said Mack Molding President Jeff Somple. "It is a rewarding and valuable experience as they bring a unique combination of fresh insights and familiarity with our organization. ... The business has seen four consecutive years of excellent growth, and recruiting high-quality, skilled professionals and engineers is key to maintaining that momentum. It is an exciting time here, and with dozens of positions being filled from the shop floor to engineering to the front office, the time is right start your career with Mack."

Former intern Tracy Weinstein is no stranger to the Mack in her new position as a manufacturing engineer.

Mack has welcomed former intern Casey Magrath back as a business development manager.

Trevor Pollock joined Mack as a supplier quality technician in March 2017 and was recently promoted to supplier engineer, ensuring that Mack suppliers meet customers' quality expectations.

Kyle Pilote has been appointed as a supplier engineer within the purchasing organization.

Colin Derby, who spent two years in Mack's internship program, has joined Mack full-time as an associate manufacturing engineer.

Cody LaFlamme has joined Mack's purchasing team as a cost estimator, but he first entered the doors as an intern in 2014. During his internship, Cody became familiar with Mack's supplier base while gaining experience in ERP navigation, as

well as quality and risk assessments.

Castleton University graduate Alex Hawley has accepted a position as a manufacturing clerk. As an intern, he worked on bills of materials, inventoried products and assisted the metal fabrication team.

Learn more about Mack's new employees and their degrees at www.VermontJournal.com

Ludlow gardening



Friday, June 9 was a beautiful day for the Ludlow Garden Club and Streetscapes.

Working together the two organizations filled bridge boxes, town hall planters and flowerpots at Veterans Park with flowers and plants. Wednesday, June 14 the hanging baskets for Main Street arrived.

Welcome summer!

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What is shakin' on Main Street during bridge construction? A Sidewalk & Artisans Sale this weekend!



Main Street in Ludlow is still open! Take the local detour to access local merchants and the Sidewalk Sale this weekend, June 24 & 25.

MAP BY BRANDY TODT

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Walker bridge that crosses over the Black River is under construction and the bridge is officially closed for 35-days, however Ludlow Main Street is still accessible and open!

Arts and Crafts Fair Festival is June 24 and 25:
An art show and sidewalk sale; come support local artists and craftsmen.

1950's Weekend is June 30 – July 2:

On Saturday, July 1 there will be 1950s cars on Main Street. The Black River Academy Museum will be hosting an Old-Fashioned Workshop, Big Eyes Bakery will host a pie-eating contest, and The Book Nook will host live storytelling: "The Rumpus on the Road." On Sunday, July 2 the Rotary plans to serve hotdogs, and fireworks will begin at dusk.

This weekend also has several tentative plans, including a movie at the Town Hall and an Elvis impersonator on Friday, June 30. Restaurants may serve 1950s and Elvis themed specials, and an Elvis Scavenger Hunt will provide local fun for people of all ages.

Buy Local / Eat Local Festival on July 8 – 9:

This is the final weekend affected by construction. The Buy Local-Eat Local Festival will be hosted from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. next to Mr. Darcy's on Route 103 in Ludlow. Satin & Steel will be performing from 12 - 3 p.m. on Saturday and Jamie Ward from 12 - 3 p.m. on Sunday. Satin & Steel will be sponsored by Mr. Darcy's Bar & Grill and The Chophouse, and Jamie Ward by Vermont Rail System. This festival will be a celebration of local businesses, talented artists and craftspeople, exquisite food, live entertainment and the end of construction.

Visit the merchants' Facebook page @ludlowbridge for more information.

Don't let the Walker bridge construction stop you from reaching Main Street. Take a Detour Route to access Ludlow merchants.

Artists and Craftsmen are still needed!

Attention artists and craftsmen! June 24 and 25 has been set for artists to display their works and sell them at a sidewalk sale. Set up, show and sell your creations from Main Street Ludlow - for free!

Set up is 9-10 a.m. on Saturday, with the sale running from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday is open from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

We will have off street parking close by. Event will be held rain or shine. If you care to bring a tent - please limit it to a 10' x 10' size.

As of now we have no limit as to how many vendors we can accept - Ludlow will be full of tourists! If you are familiar with Ludlow - it is the section of Main Street east of the traffic light starting in front of Hammond Hall and extending to the Walker Bridge at the intersection of Elm Street. (Just east of the Shell Station & the Pot Belly Pub).

Any questions or to register please contact Sharon Bixby at Ludlow Insurance 802-228-8823 or email her at: seb1@tds.net. We look forward to your visit! Check out our Facebook Page for info: <https://www.facebook.com/ludlowbridge/>

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BY RON PATCH

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Bill Blake & Rag paper part 2

A couple weeks ago I wrote part one of Bill Blake's printing and publishing business in Bellows Falls. In that article I mentioned Blake making rag paper. Below is how he made his paper.

Blake's paper was made from clean cotton and linen rags. Girls sat at tables sorting the rags and cutting the rags into narrow strips. The strips were then pulverized in the "beating machine" which macerated the rags.

Next the macerated rags were placed in wooden tanks two or three feet tall with a solution of sodium hydroxide and mixed. This mixture was called "stuff". From this point on the paper was made entirely by hand. Blake had a number of different size frames made for different sizes of paper. The frames had wire screens with mesh of about an inch square.

Next the papermaker would dip this framed screen into the vat and collect the stuff on the screen. The stuff would stick to the screen when removed from the vat. Then the screen was turned upside down and emptied on a piece of felt of the same size. Next a paperboard was placed on top of that and the process was repeated as many as three hundred times creating a pile. Each layer when finished would be one sheet of paper.

Next this pile was placed in a press. This press had a large screw mechanism on top. As the papermaker screwed the press down rinse water was forced from the paper. Long iron extensions were added to the screw handle so the papermaker could apply more pressure. Then the sheets of rag paper were hung up to dry in the drying room. Once dry the paper was hand scraped to remove any imperfections.

The paper was then sent to the finishing room. Here the paper went through heavy rollers to obtain the desired finish. The amount of paper produced in this process was small and time consuming. If you hold a sheet of rag paper up to the light you can see the lines from the wire screen.

In 1820 an inventor came to Bellows Falls claiming he had invented a machine that would eliminate much of the laborious handwork in papermaking. He convinced Blake to build one of his machines. Employees were worried this machine would put them out of work if it were successful. It seems this first machine worked fairly well.

Where did the rags come from? Bellows Falls in the 1820s was producing more paper and books than elsewhere in Vermont. The demand for rags was intense. Numerous peddlers in area towns with peddler's wagons travelled around buying rags from people in those towns. The "Ragman" as he was known delivered and sold his rags to Blake.

As paper demand grew, the rag supply couldn't keep up, sometimes forcing Blake's paper mill to shut down until enough rags were acquired. White rags brought a pre-



19th century urban ragman with his cart. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

early documents and books I examine. It has a nice texture and has stood the test of time. Pulpwood paper was yet to come. I'm sure many readers have seen old newspapers that crumble when handled. These newspapers were made from pulpwood paper, which is very acidic. This doesn't happen with rag paper.

My next installment of this story will be about the Antiques Roadshow's 1844 Mormon Hymnal published by Blake and Bailey of Bellows Falls and Chester and Andover's 1830s Mormons. The photo with this article is the tank the macerated rags were mixed creating the "Stuff."

mium and the paper produced sold at 25 cents per pound. That doesn't sound like a lot today but it would have been at the time.

These frugal Vermonters threw very little away. Everything was reused. Clothing would have been patched and handed down to others. Scraps of cloth would have been used for making quilts, braided and/or hooked rugs. These Vermonters had few rags to sell. Finding suitable rags to meet Blake's needs would have been a constant problem.

I see rag paper in many of the

If you find the history of papermaking interesting, mark your calendar. On Thursday, June 29, at 7 p.m., David Deacon will give a talk at the Rockingham Library. His talk will focus on the paper industry in Bellows Falls from 1865-1900. I plan on attending.

The Chester Historical Society is looking for donations for our July 22 yard sale. Contact me to make arrangements for pickup.

This week's old saying, "In the 1929 stock market crash Consolidated Toilet Paper was wiped out."



Rag paper tank making stuff. PHOTO BY RON PATCH

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Life of a school house

GRAFTON, Vt. - Grafton's old school houses will be featured at the Grafton Historical Society's "History Dinner" June 27 at 6 p.m. in the White Chapel in Grafton, Vt.

After the dinner, two Grafton residents, who now live in two of the town's old school houses, will present the "Life of a School House." It will be an informal history of each of their homes and the stories that have been part of these buildings legacies.

This fundraising dinner is held in conjunction with the Flow of History seminar for Vermont teachers, who will be visiting Grafton that week to research and study the town's old school houses. The workshop provides a hands-on approach to teaching history in the classroom.

In the 1800s, Grafton had 13



The Pettengill School in 1906 when teacher Ned Ward was photographed with his class of students. PHOTO PROVIDED

of each of their school houses, and how it has survived over the years. Watson's home was the village's first schoolhouse built in 1856. Michaelson's home, the Pettengill schoolhouse, was also built in 1856 and continued as a schoolhouse until 1937. Some Grafton residents may remember attending this school.

Photographs and memorabilia from these and other school houses will also be on display.

The dinner and program is open to the public to attend. Admission will help support the Grafton Historical Society Museum. Seating is limited, so please call 843-2584 or email graf-hist@vermontel.net to register your names in advance.

Grafton residents, Bill Watson and Dan Michaelson, will discuss the "life"

Old Constitution House architecture

WINDSOR, Vt. - Judy Hayward, the executive director of Historic Windsor and the Preservation Education Institute in Windsor, Vt., will lead an architectural exploration of the Old Constitution House State Historic Site on Saturday, June 24 at 2 p.m. The program includes a slide show, lecture and investigation of the building from the first floor to the attic, inside and out. Ms. Hayward will discuss the significant architectural changes to this historically significant building as it evolved from an 18th-century tavern to a 21st-century museum. Her discussion will highlight Old Constitution House as an important example of early historic preservation efforts in Vermont, and will consider its role in cultural tourism today.

The program is registered with the American Institute of Architects Continuing Education System for 1 AIA Learning Unit. Architects, whether members of the AIA or not, may attend and earn credit.

Participants should wear comfortable, sturdy shoes. The first floor of the museum is ADA accessible, but parts of the tour will not be. The program is free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to

tour the museum afterward for a modest admission fee to learn more about the early history of Vermont and its 1777 Constitution.

The Old Constitution House State Historic Site is located at 16 North

Main St. in Windsor. The 2017 season is May 27-October 15, Saturday-Sunday and Monday holidays, 11a.m.-5 p.m. For further information call 802-672-3773, or visit <http://historicsites.vermont.gov> or Facebook.

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The Springfield Moose Lodge 679, 39 South St., will once again host a Springfield Humane Society fundraiser, Saturday, June 24, 1-3 p.m. All are encouraged to attend. This event will include free burgers and hot dogs with potato salad and macaroni and tuna salad. The Springfield Humane Society will bring pets to visit and have their Puppy Kissing Booth! For details, contact Springfield Humane Society, 802-885-3997.

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A fun free place for families to learn together

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - On May 20 the first Family Fun Day was held at the Springfield Community Center and Calvary Baptist Church. The day came about after hearing that people wanted a fun free place to take their families to learn and meet other people in the area. Families were able to come and participate in many different fun and educational activities including open mat play put on by Edgar May Recreation Center, reading and architecture by Springfield

Town Library and Rockingham Free Public Library, art with the Springfield Art Gym, making egg frittata muffins with the Vermont Department of Health and yoga with Windsor County Youth Services. Families were able to play together and also learn ways to bring these activities home with them so the fun could continue after the day was finished.

There was free bus transportation from Ludlow, Chester, Windsor and Bellows Falls as well as a free burrito

lunch and singalong with Martha.

The day was made possible by many local organizations including: Springfield Area Parent Child Center, Windham Northeast Supervisory Union, Springfield School District, Springfield Area Church Association, Edgar May Recreation Center, Family Center, Springfield Parks and Recreation Department, Building Bright Futures, Springfield Medical Care Systems, Bocolos, Springfield Town Library, Springfield Art Gym,

Rockingham Free Public Library, Springfield Prevention Coalition, Windsor County Youth Services, Vermont Department of Health, Windsor Rec Department, Windsor School district, Chester Andover Elementary School, Ludlow Elementary School, BF Bike Project, Montshire Museum and Vermont State Parks.

And a big thank you to all the families that came. We can't wait to do it again soon!

Springfield Elks Lodge #1560 scholarship awards

REGION - Springfield Elks Lodge gave out their 2017 Scholarship awards recently. Six graduating students from three local high schools were the recipients. Each scholarship is worth \$500 and goes directly to the college of their choice. There were a lot of applicants this year, which makes it hard for the judges to pick the best according to need.

Elks Scholarship chairman, Jackie Driscoll-Page and her committee had a tough time picking the six recipients.

From Black River High School, Aiyana Fortin will be attending UVM in the fall, her parents are Erik Fortin and Shireen Geimer. Julia Howard of Green Mountain Union High School will be attending South New Hamp-

shire University. She is the daughter of Heidi Huber and Rick Howard. Springfield High School recipients were as follows, Andrew Czwakiel the son of Bruce and Lisa Czwakiel and he will be attending the University of Maine at Orono in the fall studying Environmental Sciences. Madeline Macie, the daughter of Lisa Macie will be attending Oral Roberts

University in the fall studying Global Environmental Sustainability. Isabelle Vogell the daughter of Carl and Susan Vogell will be attending UVM and studying Business Administration. Katherine Worth the daughter of Linda Benoit and George Worth will be attending Roger Williams University and studying Marine Biology.



Volunteers needed to assist Senior

Solutions with energy efficiency grant —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Senior Solutions (formerly the Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont) and Efficiency Vermont are looking for volunteer home visitors to assess homes of eligible residents and do some simple installations of products to make them more energy efficient.

These volunteer positions en-

tail home visits to senior and low-income residents of Windsor and Windham counties, determining whether energy efficiency items such as light bulbs, shower heads and pipe insulation would be beneficial. If so, the volunteer would then make the installation and also determine whether a more in-depth energy efficiency retrofit would be feasible us-

ing a contractor. This work is funded through a grant from Efficiency Vermont.

The work hours are flexible and volunteers will be reimbursed mileage; the work is expected to start immediately and continue for at least six months.

Senior Solutions Executive Director Carol Stamatakis believes the energy efficiency work will help the region's elders and other residents save money.

"We are pleased to offer this service in partnership with Efficiency Vermont, because it will improve the lives of many residents who deserve our help," Stamatakis said. "We know this volunteer opportunity will be very rewarding to people who want to serve their communities and make a real difference in making our state more energy efficient."

Those interested in this volunteer opportunity should contact Senior Solutions at 802-885-2655.

Huntley Financial Services wrote the "Saving for College" article that ran in last weeks' June 14 edition.

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American Red Cross calls for new blood donors

REGION - The American Red Cross urges those who have never given blood before - as well as those who haven't given recently - to make an appointment to give blood or platelets now and help sustain a sufficient community blood supply this summer.

While about 38 percent of the population is eligible to give blood, less than 10 percent of those eligible actually do. The blood donation process takes about an hour with the actual donation only taking about 10 minutes. Whether new to donating blood or a lifelong donor, the Red Cross offers helpful tips for an enjoyable donation experience:

- As much as possible, eat iron-rich foods leading up to your donation.
- Hydrate - drink an extra 16 oz. of liquid before and after the donation.
- Have a healthy meal before arrival.
- Wear clothing with sleeves that can be raised above the elbow.
- Complete a RapidPass prior to arriving, to save time.
- Remember to bring a picture ID, blood donor card or two other forms of identification.

"Every day, we have thousands of lives to help save, but blood and platelet donations often do not keep pace with hospital demand during the summer months," said Mary Brant, external communications manager, Northern New England Blood Services Region. "In less time than it can take to go out to eat, you can make a lifesaving difference for cancer patients, accident victims and others in need."

Appointments can be scheduled by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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Residents capture a living history and future hopes for their town

READING, Vt. - On Old Home Day, July 2, residents of Reading will have the opportunity to tell the town their thoughts on the place they call home. The Speaking of Reading committee invites residents to talk about what they love about Reading, what some of their favorite memories are, what they wish was different, how they envision Reading in the future, whatever strikes their fancy as long as it's about Reading.

"The town is experiencing what many small towns in Vermont are facing," says Linda Fondulas, who started the project. "Few businesses, an aging population, and concerns about its school are often top of mind here. However, this place is still home to many unique, talent-

ed, and devoted folks. People invest their time and energy into the town's vitality. We want to capture that spirit and what it means to be a resident of Reading in 2017."

Fondulas, who does not live in town, but is the Director of Operations at the Hall Art Foundation, recruited two residents to help with this effort. Lisa Kaija, long-time resident and art teacher at Reading Elementary School and board member of the Reading Recreation Commission, and Stephen D'Agostino, a writer based in town, author of the weekly Vermont Standard column "The Reading Review," and on the board of the Reading Recreation Commission and the Reading Historical Society.

"The purpose of Speaking of Reading," D'Agostino says, "is to celebrate who we are today. What we love about Reading, what we want to preserve, and how we want to make Reading a better place."

The committee sees the discussion happening in many different ways. A person who was born in Reading can speak about childhood memories. A husband and wife new to town can interview each other about what attracted them here. Members of various volunteer efforts can say what it is that motivates them to give of their time and effort. Interviewees can be recorded on video or audio. The choice is up to them.

The recordings will be made pos-

sible with equipment from SAPA-TV in Springfield, Vermont, and they will be donated to the Reading Historical Society for availability to anyone who wishes to hear or view them.

Speaking of Reading... happens at the Reading Public Library from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Residents are invited to contact Linda, Lisa, or Stephen, or drop by before the Old Home Day Parade and barbecue to secure a spot, and then come back later and be part of the conversation.

The Speaking of Reading... committee wishes to thank SAPA for use of the recording equipment and the Reading Public Library for the use of the building for Speaking of Reading.



Young bears released

VF&W bear biologist Forrest Hammond releases one of four yearling bears back to the wild, somewhere in Windsor County. They had been found in a starving condition in early spring and have spent the last three to four months getting fattened up and tagged for release at a rehabilitation facility in New Hampshire.

"It's a rough life for bears in Vermont," says Hammond - there's often not enough food as they come out of hibernation, and underweight animals are common, he says. Rehabilitation was assisted by a monetary gift from the Vermont Bear Hound Association.

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"What's Cookin'" was co-produced by local actress

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - "What's Cookin'" written by actor, director, producer Canada Black is a new twist in the horror, suspense, thriller genre. Starring Springfield's own actress Alina Abraham; she also co-produced and directed alongside

Black. The movie is about poor, naive Ileana, who has had a string of bad luck with men walking out of her life. On the brink of giving up, she decides to give Internet dating a try. She meets Teli and invites him over

for dinner. He's quirky, sweaty, shady, and there's something not quite right about him. What is he up to? A dark secret is about to unfold!

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REGION - Be alert. Be patient. Be kind. That's the message state officials are sending to Vermont drivers this season, as farmers return to the roads with tractors and heavy equipment.

"Living in Vermont means living among our beautiful farms. Farmers are our neighbors, friends, and co-workers," added Tom Anderson, Commissioner of Public Safety. "We're asking all motorists to put safety first. Slow down, be patient and courteous, and enjoy the scenery."

"Attention, patience, and kindness are key to living and driving in rural communities," says Anson Tebbetts,

Vermont's Secretary of Agriculture.

Here are some specific actions motorists should take when they approach a tractor on the road:

1. Slow down: The first thing you should do is slow down. Remember, the top speed for most tractors is 20mph. Slow down and give yourself the time and space to assess the situation.
2. Pay close attention: You should always give the road 100% of your attention - especially when approaching farm equipment.
3. Don't get too close: Give the farmer some space. Do not tailgate - it causes stress and distraction.

4. Don't pass until it is safe: Wait for a safe opportunity to pass. When it's all clear, it's OK to pass a tractor, as long as you do so safely!
5. Be alert for turns: Looks for turn indicators, like hand signals and blinkers from the drivers. Farm machinery makes wide turns. Sometimes tractors will turn directly into fields - no driveway needed. Be especially alert for left hand turns. The left-turn collision is the most common type of farm machinery collision on public roads. It happens when the farm vehicle is about to make a left turn; meanwhile, the motorist behind the farm vehicle decides to pass.

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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

Some of us can try, but it seems no matter what we do, we fall short of being able to make ourselves look, or be perceived, as just a little bit younger.

Former Black River championship basketball coach Earl Washburn is of my generation, and like myself, is curious about some of the new means of communication. Both of us find it important to communicate certain messages, to a range of people at important times. We both sometimes send our messages in a variety of methods.

Washburn came up with a great idea a few weeks back. He thought it was the perfect time to celebrate Black River Basketball. I couldn't agree more. I think it is such a great idea; I'm here now helping him lead the parade.

This past weekend was Alumni weekend in Ludlow and festivities packed the calendar. When Washburn sat down to put a little extra bounce into the weekend, he figured Sunday morning was about the only place such a get together would work.

High school stars to compete in All-Star Classics

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal / The Shopper

REGION - Alice Faenza and Brady Illingsworth have been selected to represent their schools in Annual All-Star Classics in Baseball and Softball over the next two weekends.

Faenza from Black River was a standout shortstop and hitter for the Lady Presidents this spring and she will be part of the South squad for the annual North-South Classic played at Castleton University. The two squads match up for three games beginning with a doubleheader on Friday afternoon June 30th at 4 p.m., followed by a single game Saturday morning July 1st at 11 a.m.

Illingsworth is a pitcher/first baseman for Bellows Falls, and is a member of the Vermont State All-Star team playing in the Vermont/New Hampshire Classic, which takes

place this Saturday at 11 a.m. in Concord, N.H. The teams will play a doubleheader. Illingsworth stood out over his career for the Terriers.

Terrier Head Coach Bob Lockerby is taking the trip with his lefty officially as a member of the coaching staff and he said during the season, "he is someone we can always depend on to keep us in a game."

The Vermont/New Hampshire Classic originated in 1983 and ran through 2004, when support for the game was missing. The Classic officially returned in 2015 and will be alternately hosted by the two states. Last years games were at Lyndon State. The four games since the Classic has been renewed have been split 2-2 and all four encounters have been decided by one run.



Bellows Falls lefthanded pitcher Brady Illingsworth has been named to the Vermont All-Star squad, who will compete in the Vermont-New Hampshire Baseball Classic this Saturday in Concord, NH at 11 a.m. in a doubleheader.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Alice Faenza has been selected to play for the South squad in the Annual North-South Classic. She is pictured here following the Black River Sports Banquet this spring, after being named Black River Female Athlete of the Year and having received MVL All-Star recognition.

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Footnote on the BFUHS boys and girls track championships

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Did you know that in 1967 Coach Al Fletcher guided the BFHS Terriers track team to the Vermont State Track and Field Div. 1 Championship? It was the first Vt. state track and field championship in BFHS school history. It was also won exactly 50 years previously to the date, June 3, that the BFUHS boys and girls track team won their recent championships. The late Mr. Fletcher was and still is highly re-

spected and admired by the BFHS alumnus that attended BFHS during Mr. Fletcher's tenure at BF, 1963-1969.

With due respect, the BFHS Class of 1967 is donating a memorial park bench to BFUHS honoring Mr. Fletcher not only as a coach but, as an educator, mentor and a friend.

Written by Carl Watson, member of the BFHS class of 1967.

The long time President man about town, laid out what he thought was a grand plan. He wrote a release for the well read Vermont Journal and ran it a couple of weeks ahead of the event. He was told by this generation of in the know communicators to use Facebook and Twitter and the news would get out. He wondered how many would actually show up, but he was confident, it would be a decent celebration.

One of the reasons Washburn felt this would be a good time for his idea, was somewhat close to home. The year 2017 marked the 30th anniversary of the boys title team he had coached. It would be great to get that group together again but Washburn also thought it was extremely important to celebrate "success in a school that we still have. Our team was special, but there have been a number of boys and girls championships over the years and so many other good teams. I wanted everyone from every year to be proud of what we have and have had here, before it is taken away from us."

Black River (Ludlow) basketball touched me when I was a really young boy. I cannot remember who was on what team, when they first crossed my radar, but the names Stryhas and Libuda seem to go back as far as my mind will take me. The Southern Regional Tournament in Springfield was where I first laid my eyes on their success. They could play with the best of them. Was there a Washburn on one of those teams, I wonder?

Washburn was confident Sunday would be a good celebration of the sport. He reached out and was hopefully getting in touch with everyone with a part in the history of the sport in the town to come remember the wonderful tradition the town has pieced together. The political state of schools in Vermont made his effort a little more emotional, because no one knows for sure when or if the doors of Black River High School will close. They likely will at some time in the not too distant future, but, long live every ounce of pride the Presidents have collected over the years. Washburn knows this pride deserves a big celebration.

Obviously Sunday morning Washburn woke up wondering what was ahead. He didn't have much of an agenda other than celebration and a pot-

luck lunch. He did hope they would have enough food.

"I guess it was bad timing," he tells us. "I didn't have to worry about the food. We had plenty of food, but we had nobody to eat it. Six people showed up."

Tracing his steps, Washburn feels the most important step he missed, was coming up with the idea following the distribution of the Alumni newsletter. "I bet having it in there would have made a big difference," he reflects.

The celebration idea is not dead and it really shouldn't be. This is a big thing. People today, who may have no way of knowing about the pride so many over the years have had, just wearing a Black River basketball uniform, hopefully will have the opportunity of celebrating all the pride that still can be generated.

Washburn presently hopes to possibly connect the celebration closer to basketball season. Maybe it is perfect that somehow the word didn't get out or people had church conflicts or were celebrating Father's Day or some other important stop along their personal journeys. There is now an opportunity that this brilliant idea will become as big as it deserves to be.

Come later this year, wouldn't it be great to have Black River schedule a boys/girls basketball doubleheader and both teams come to be inspired to play their best game in a long time? The celebration on the surface has been created by a winning tradition, but all Black River teams deserve to be celebrated. The thought is that all Presidents who compete in Ludlow are following in the footsteps of pride earned over years and years of basketball competition. Let everyone celebrate a tradition that may not be in official uniform forever.

The idea of a basketball doubleheader may not come to full fruition, but there is still a chance to possibly combine some alumni games or something basketball related to a late year celebration. Like so many people I read about the celebration ahead of time, but the day, time and date didn't work out. I didn't grow up in Ludlow, but I unanimously vote there to be a celebration.

Let the idea continue to move forward.

GM contended against Leland and Gray

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. - The Vermont Division III Softball Semi-Final Play-Off game between Leland and Gray and Green Mountain was as close as close can be. The two teams were tied 1-1 after one frame and then the game swung back and forth until Leland & Gray hung on at the end for an 8-7 victory.

Green Mountain had an outstanding regular season finishing 14-2 with the third seed in the post-season action. The two Chieftain losses came at the hands of the same Leland & Gray team and Springfield. Interestingly enough, Green Mountain faced the Rebels only once during the regular season and bowed 15-8. The play-off contest was likely a much better indication of the two teams abilities in relation to one

another, because the regular season game was played under an unusual situation.

One of the high points of the 2017 Green Mountain season was their 6-2 victory over Springfield. The Cosmos are always "a team we can judge how good we really are against. They have good pitching and a bunch of hitters. If we play well against them, we know we are a good team. Their program is what we aspire to be," Chieftain Head Coach Terry Farrell told us, as we were discussing the recently completed season.

Farrell went on to say, "We played up to our potential this season. It would have been nice to beat Leland & Gray and we had our chances, we had some blunders, but we really did play good softball."

Going back to the win over the Cosmos, Farrell told us, that was a difficult day. "That was a big win for us, but the way things played out, that day ended up being a dou-

bleheader day and following the Springfield game, we had to then go to Leland & Gray and on a day like that, it's tough to have another good game. I thought we were better than we showed that day and the second game in the play-off game proved that to be true."

Back to that play-off game, in which Leland & Gray broke the early 1-1 tie and took a 3-2 lead through four innings until Cassidy Cummings struck a blow that almost carried Green Mountain into the finals.

The young ladies from Chester had their supporters hooting and hollering, as they put up a big five spot in the line score in the fourth inning. Cummings had four runs batted in, in the charge, with her grand slam homer.

"I thought the 7-3 lead had us in good shape," Farrell reflected, "but we didn't add on and they kept chipping away."

They chipped just enough to take an 8-7 lead and win a game, which allowed them to advance to the finals to meet Oxbow's team of destiny, who easily captured the state title contest.

Farrell had that special feeling from the start this year that this team could be in title contention and by

reaching their potential they were. Farrell also discovered part way through the season that to become Division III champions, the Chieftains would either have to grow a lot more or pull off a one day miracle.

Farrell's dream of being the best came back to earth when he scouted Oxbow. "They are much better than I expected. It will take something to beat them," he told us back then.

No one in Division III figured out what that something was and the Olympians took home the prize. That in no way diminishes in any way, the very special season Green Mountain had.

Not only did Farrell recognize his teams' potential early, but he realized he basically had a good young squad too but there were four important seniors who would (will) have to be replaced in the spring of 2018. Shortstop Hanna Veysey, center fielder Kim Schultz, right fielder Beka Washburn, as well as third baseman Cummings, will be lost to graduation and fellow Chieftains will have to slide along and take their places for the stellar play to continue.

Judging from Farrell's track record and the Chieftain returning talent, area fans could well be in for more of the same next season.



In a close game with that every inch matters theme, the closeness can often be seen in pictures. Our ace photographer, Doug MacPhee, captured that over and over in his game recap photos from the Green Mountain-Leland & Gray semi-final contest. This photo shows GM's Kim Schultz stretching it all out, reaching for a home run ball hit by L & G's Jessie Stockwell in the 8-7 Rebel victory. This one just might be a picture of the year nomination.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Another close play from Leland & Gray's 8-7 semi-final triumph over Green Mountain. This photo shows GM 5 Maddie Wilson caught in a run down.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Another close play in the Green Mountain-Leland & Gray play-off game. Cassidy Cummings, did all she could do to keep the Chieftain title hopes alive on the afternoon. Here she is safe on a close play at second with veteran area umpire Dick Long, just beginning to let everyone know Cummings fate. Cummings hit a big grand slam home run in the contest, but in the end, the Rebels had three home runs and the 8-7 victory.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Every inch was crucial in the semi-final contest between GM and Leland & Gray. The Rebels Erin Cutts just gets back to first in the nip of time with the Chieftains Lexi White taking the throw.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

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One-man show based on Manchester's 1819 murder-mystery

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - The Londonderry Arts and Historical Society presents "The Tarnation of Russell Colvin" at its annual meeting on Thursday, June 29, 6:30 p.m. at the Old Londonderry Town Hall on Middletown Road.

Oliver Wadsworth, actor and director, has created this one-man play based on the real-life story of

Russell Colvin. Colvin was a mentally challenged man in rural Vermont, who in 1812 was murdered by his brothers-in-law. His ghost reportedly haunted the town of Manchester until the malefactors were brought to justice and sentenced to hang. Colvin's story has many plot twists and many colorful characters. Wadsworth says of his performance:

"Playing multiple characters not only challenges my instrument as an actor -vocally, physically, and emotionally - it is also fulfilling in a deeply personal way. Playing against gender, age and ethnicity, allows me to inhabit characters I would not normally be cast as. The result is empathy for people I might otherwise know..."

Chris Hadsell, executive director of Curtains Without Borders, will also discuss the town hall's important hand painted curtains.

The mission of the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society is to be a beacon - helping people understand the rich history and culture of our little town. Bringing stories of the past to light. Igniting curiosity and awareness of how earlier Londonderry residents lived and thrived. Presenting creative works by past and current artists that highlight the rich cultural dimensions of our area.

This event is free but donations toward the lighting improvements at the Old Town Hall are welcome.



Oliver Wadsworth, actor and director, has created this one-man play based on the real-life story of Russell Colvin.

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2017 Southern Vermont Idol begins July 6

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 Bellows Falls, VT.

"I couldn't be more thrilled," said MacNeil. "This is the 13th year I've produced the event, our second year in Bellows Falls and we are finally able to offer a real stage to our performers in the

beautiful 550-seat Opera House! Being in front of an audience in this setting really enhances the experience for our contestants and audience alike. A larger stage means that singers can accompany themselves on guitar or keyboard this year as well, something I've always wanted to do but wasn't able to until now."

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,

Izzy Serebrov in the adult category and Christo Buckley in the youth category, will not be eligible to compete in 2017. The adult grand prize remains \$1500 cash and a day in the Guilford Sound recording studio. Returning as Emcee is Wade "The Great" Garrett.

For more information, watch for social media posts on Facebook, visit www.southernvermontidol.com, email susan@svidol.com or call 603-313-0052.

Myers' eclectic art show

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - This eclectic show comprises paintings, sketches, and photos created by Paul Myers from 1948 to the present. It includes scenes from his world travels, portraits, and local landscapes. All but two of these works are for sale. Come to the South Londonderry Free Library and share an experience of life in the far away places. Exhibit will be open through July.



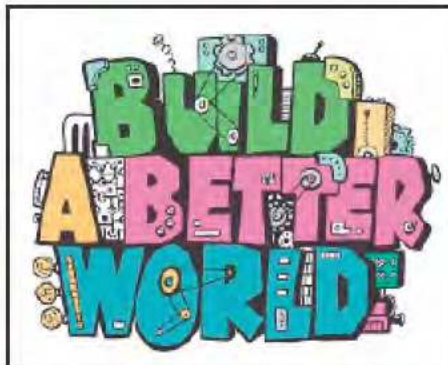
Eilean Donan castle, Scotland.

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"Build A Better World!" summer reading program

LUDLOW, Vt. - The school year is quickly coming to a close, and the Fletcher Memorial Library is gearing up for another exception summer of fun and learning. Families, children and teens are encouraged to participate in the 2017 summer reading program entitled, "Build a Better World!" Beginning June 26, readers can sign up for the reading log program which will allow them to keep track of the number of books, chapters, or minutes, they read or that someone else reads to them over

the summer. Members will be able to keep their literacy skills sharp while working towards fun incentives along the way. Upon registering each participant will receive a special library bag filled with surprises sure to inspire creativity and learning. Throughout the summer everyone is invited to participate in many exciting educational programs that will be offered. From bats and butterflies to hula hoops and bubbles,



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Spend the summer exploring Vermont's libraries

REGION - Explore Vermont's libraries with the Vermont Library Association's Passport to Vermont Libraries!

From June first to September first, 118 Vermont public and academic libraries will be handing out passports in the 3rd annual Passport to Vermont Libraries program, encouraging Vermonters and visitors alike to visit some of Vermont's unique, beautiful and creative libraries. Two libraries in Vermont are made of marble. West Rutland is one, can you find the other?

Local libraries, including the Rockingham Free Public Library, will stamp your passport and some offer small prizes. Four patrons statewide (adult, young adult, child and one wild card) will receive Vermont Library Ambassador awards for visiting the most libraries. This is also second year of the award for the librarian who visits the most Vermont libraries. Patrons are encouraged to post pictures and stories on the VLAs facebook page: <http://facebook.com/vermontpassport>.

More details about the program are available at <http://vermontlibraries.org/passport>. Let's come together to celebrate and enjoy our great public institutions this summer. See you at the library!

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“Trash to Tunes” at the Springfield Town Library

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Town Library will kick off the summer reading program, Build A Better World with “Trash to Tunes” on Saturday, June 24 at 11 a.m. The “Trash To Tunes” show is a performance using handmade and homemade musical instruments made from recycled materials. The instruments, created by ethnomusicologist Dennis Waring, are inspired from instruments form around the world. Interesting sights, sounds,



Dennis Waring turns trash into instruments.

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and stories about the instruments give audiences new insight into folklore, music, craft, science and world-view.

This all ages event will be held in the Children’s Library, is free and open to the public. A great time to sign up for the summer reading program and, if you don’t have one, a library card! For more information, please call Springfield Town Library at 802-885-3108.

Arts and Crafts Festival

LUDLOW, Vt. - Come celebrate the 34th annual summer Society of Vermont Artists and Craftsmen, Inc. Arts and Craft Festival! Special events are being held in celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts.

You won’t want to miss browsing amongst the artisans’ creations on Saturday, July 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine at the Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts, located on Route 103, south of Ludlow, Vermont.

Juried crafts include folk art, primitives, gold and silver jewelry, woodworking and woodcarving, photography, basketry, pottery, handmade soaps, party dips and herbal products, maple syrup, quilts and fabric products, and a variety of other creations.

There will be many of your favorite artisans returning as well as designs and quality products of new artisans, including Lesley Heathcote (pastel paintings), Shirley Holden (household furnishings), Cyndi Hurlbut (stained and fused glass), and Dona Nazarenko (basketry).

Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts instructors will offer demonstrations, as well as will some of our festival participants. Charles Dion shows us the art of chainsaw carving. There will be children’s activities and food concessions.

The Lazy Cow will sell ice cream and the Lemonade Ladies will sell lemonade. The Society offers delicious fresh strawberry shortcake to support the Young Artists program at the school. Uncle Hal’s Famous Crabgrass Band will entertain with a wide variety of live music throughout the day.

The Society Craft and Gift Shoppe is also open. Here you will browse through a wide variety of items from participating members. We look forward to seeing you on July 1.



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Western Codex Bookmaking

CHESTER, Vt. - The Community Art Garden will be hosting an afternoon of bookmaking on Saturday, June 24 from noon-3 p.m. in the afternoon. Western Codex Bookmaking is a versatile skill and can be used to make one-of-a-kind, handmade journals, sketchbooks, scrapbooks and works of art.

On hand will be all the necessary supplies to complete your own gorgeous handmade book, including truly scrumptious cover papers. Local artist, Amber Paris, will lead the class. Amber works in a wide variety of media but bookmaking tops her list of favorites!

Pre-register at: <http://www.communityartgarden.com/classes>. A mini-

mum of 5 people will be necessary to run this class.

The Community Art Garden is located at 295 Main Street, Chester VT in the Moon Dog Cafe building. For more information, contact: Emily Burkland, owner/director- theartgardenvt@gmail.com or Amber Paris, instructor- amberparis@gmail.com.



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“The Art of Hearing Heartbeats” book discussion

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Friends of the Ludlow Library are pleased to announce that the book discussion for the month of June will be the first novel of Jan Philipp Sender, “The Art of Hearing Heartbeats.”

A German born American correspondent for the German publication “Stern” from 1990 to 1995 and its Asian correspondent from 1995 to 1999, Jan Sandler received the Indies choice Honor Award in adult fiction for this book.

The beautiful love story at the center of the story spans the decades from the 1950’s to the present. A successful New York lawyer suddenly disappears and

leaves his wife and daughter with no idea of where he might be. They find a love letter written by him many years before to a Burmese woman.

His daughter is intent on solving the mystery and understanding her father’s past. Traveling to Burma she discovers a tale of passion, hardship and resilience. There is an interesting cultural comparison between family life in Burma with that of a fast paced New Yorker.

The book discussion will be held on Thursday evening, June 29 at 7 p.m. at the Fletcher Memorial Library. Books are available at the library. Please join us for a spirited, interesting evening.



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OVGC Ladies' League results

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Okemo Valley Golf Club Ladies' League played week 3 on June 14 under beautiful blue skies with temperatures in the upper 60s. The six-team field played a countdown format. It ended up being a two-team race with Stryhas Builders prevailing with a 51 total - five better than the 56 total of Knight Tubs. The team captained by Peg Margiotta, Donna Tedford, Lois McArdle and Sandy Diamond led the way to victory. Jude Falango, Lorraine Hughes, Karen Reynolds and Pam Plumb comprised the

second-place Knight Tubs squad. Laura Bellantoni took Closest to the Pin honors on Hole #8. Jill Tofferi proved to be the best putter of the evening with a 15-point total in the weekly Putt Off.

Season Standings:
Stryhas Builders 39 points
Northern Naturals and Gardens 35 points
Willie Dunn's 34 points
Ludlow Insurance 31 points
RVCCC 30 points
Knight Tubs 29 points

OVGC Mens' League results

LUDLOW, Vt. - Golfers participating in the Okemo Valley Golf Club Men's League returned to action June 3, after a two-week sabbatical provided by Mother Nature. Showing no signs of rust from all of the rain, Huntley Wealth Management thumped Knight Tubs as Clemente Delarosa, Dean Alexander, Ryan McGuire and Mark Huntley combined to win 21 holes. Finishing second for the night, but now on top of the season-long leaderboard, is Honey Dew Man. Peter Girouard, Eric Stocker, Larry Plumb and Tim Faulkner combined to win 20 holes. Benson's Chevrolet grabbed the 3rd spot. Tyler Coulter, Derek Karner, Trevor Benson and John Goffinet combined to win 19.5 holes. Closest to the pin winners were Peter Modisette and Chris Garvey.

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5th Green Mountain Appraisals 18.5 holes won/9 pts.
6th Diamond Realty 17.5 holes won/8 pts.
7th Skygate Financial 17.5 holes won/7 pts.
8th UBS 16.5 holes won/ 6 pts.
9th Stryhas Builders 16 holes won/ 5 pts.
10th Knight Tubs 15 holes won/4 pts.

Season Standings:
1st Honey Dew Man 43 pts.
2nd Huntley Wealth Management 42 pts.
3rd Skygate Financial 41 pts.
4th Diamond Realty 41 pts.
5th Built Rite MFG. 37 pts.
6th UBS 34 pts.
7th Bensons Chevrolet 34 pts.
8th Green Mountain Appraisals 29 pts.
9th Knight Tubs 26 pts.
10th Stryhas Builders 25 pts.

Weekly Results:
1st Huntley Wealth Management 21 holes won/15 pts.
2nd Honey Dew Man 20 holes won/13 pts.

47th annual Hackers Golf Tournament coming soon

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Join the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, July 13 for a day of fun in the sun! The 47th Annual Hackers Tournament is just around the bend, and the team slots are filling up fast. This popular event is open to all residents of Springfield and surrounding regions, welcoming players of all ability levels. Teams of four compete in a scramble for both gross and net prizes. Other possible winnings include \$5000

Cash Prize Putting Contest, courtesy of Richard and Carolyn Lane, and the famous Win-A-Car with a Hole-in-One on the 18th hole prize, thanks to Kelley Sales and Service. All-inclusive Entry Fee includes golf, cart rental, contests, gifts, hotdogs for lunch, and after-tournament buffet. Cash bar. Sponsorship opportunities also available! Contact Caitlin at the Chamber for more info: 802-885-2779 or springfieldrccoc@vermontel.net.

Artists and gardeners gather to celebrate summer

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Green Mountain Gardeners (GMG) of Weston/Londonderry/Landgrove and Peru is hosting Art in Bloom: Celebrate Summer exhibit and sale at the Custer Sharp House on June 24 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The exhibit will feature works from local artists plus student artwork from Flood Brook School

and The Mountain School at Winhall. Exhibited art will include watercolors, oil paintings, photography, prints and sculpture. These works will be interpreted and complemented with creative floral designs by GMG members. Artwork is available for purchase; 20 percent of proceeds will be donated to the Londonderry Art & Historical Society (LAHS) to support ongoing renovations at the Custer Sharp House.

"Pairing art and flowers is a special opportunity to recognize the creativity and artistry of our community," commented Elsie Smith and Barbara Ardell, co-presidents of the GMG. "We are very excited to have this event at the former home of artist Bernadine Custer Sharp."

The Custer Sharp House, a perfect venue for this exhibit and sale, was the summer residence of Bernadine Custer Sharp, a prolific 20th-century American painter, illustrator and WPA muralist who worked in New York City and summered in Vermont. Upon her death in 1991, she bequeathed her Vermont home to the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society to be designated as a local center for the arts. Two works of Bernadine Custer Sharp will for sale

at the GMG Art in Bloom exhibit. "LAHS is thrilled to have GMG and local artists celebrating summer in the space that Bernadine left for community events," stated LAHS President Annie Campbell. "We are thankful that proceeds will go toward keeping art and history alive in Londonderry."

In addition to the public exhibit and sale on June 24 GMG members will host their summer gathering on Friday evening, 5:30 p.m. to display their Art in Bloom floral arrangements and expand support of local artists and donations to LAHS.

Information about Green Mountain Gardeners and Art in Bloom: Celebrate Summer can be found at their website: <http://www.greenmountain-gardeners.net/>.



Beautiful blossoms

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View more outdoor & adventurous photos, including an amazing view of Blood Rock lookout on Mt. Ascutney, online at www.VermontJournal.com

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Pinnacle Cabin celebration postponed until October!

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - The Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association [WHPA] postponed the scheduled June 17 Cabin Celebration until a date to be determined in October. Holden Trail and the private access road - along which refreshments, chairs, and those who cannot hike to the site must be transported - are too wet for pleasant and safe travel. WHPA trail-maintenance experts have determined that, even if it doesn't rain from now until

June 17, both the trail and access road will still be too muddy for Pinnacle to responsibly encourage their use.

By postponing the celebration until a Saturday in October, the Pinnacle Association hopes to have drier weather. Please check www.windmill-hillpinnacle.org in late August to see the new date, as well as other programs. WHPA regrets any inconvenience the wet weather may have caused.



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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

THURSDAY, JUNE 22- BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Senior Center to host a free, one-hour retirement planning seminar Thursday, June 22, noon-1 p.m. Hans

Smith, a financial advisor with One Day In July, will discuss topics to help you plan for financial security during retirement and become better prepared for life's expenses. The Senior Center is located at 18 Tuttle St. in Bellows Falls. We are accessible with plenty

of free parking. Please call the center at 463-3907 to reserve a space.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25- CHESTER, Vt. – Lifestyle matters. Learn why cancer is increasing in America and about foods that fight or invite cancer. This class will teach practical ways to protect your family from cancer. Presented by Tabasuri Daniels, M.S. in nutrition, Sunday, June 25 at 7 p.m., at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 313 Main St., Chester.

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 Buddhaful Yoga Studio in the Fullerton Inn on the green in Chester. Register by May 16 for four weeks (choose as you go along) or all eight weeks. This yoga class is suitable for beginners and practicing yogis alike. Yoga mats, blankets, pillows and chairs provided. For more information and pricing options visit www.buddhafulyoga.com or call at 802-875-2868.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - River Voices Poetry meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Flat Iron Exchange building on the Square. All poets welcome. Discussion of all aspects of the poem. 802-463-2204. TFN

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@myrecenter.org. TFN

WEDNESDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Ladies' Night at the Bike Shop, 24 Canal St., Bellows Falls.

Wednesdays, 5-7 p.m., starting May 31. Ages 18 and up. Basic Maintenance/Open Shop: 1st, 3rd, 5th Wednesdays. Participants bring in their own bike to learn basic repair and maintenance. Clinics: 2nd, 4th Wednesdays. Each clinic focuses on one mechanical system. June 14- Derailleurs/shifters, June 28- Brakes, July 7- Wheels/ tires. The schedule will repeat for those that missed one. Space is limited, so preregister per class at least 1 week ahead. Limit 4 women per class. Donation suggested. Contact Bonnie Anderson for more info bonnie@bfbike.org. TFN

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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Play Group at First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls/Rockingham Recreation Center. 9:30 a.m. -11 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/gemstaiichi/>. TFN

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

THURSDAYS - CHESTER, Vt. – Strength-building chair yoga class with Liz Eaton, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Fullerton Inn, Main Street, Chester. This is a strength building yoga class in the hatha tradition for anyone looking to build bone density, physical strength, flexibility and endurance. Come as you are and do what you can. Use a chair, yoga mat, or both! Drop in anytime or purchase a few classes at once. No experience necessary. For details, contact 802-875-2868, eaton.liza@gmail.com or www.buddhafulyoga.com. TFN

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Edgar

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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 "tricks and tricks" of TV-video production is welcome. Reserve a space at pcody@lpctv.org or call 802-228-8808. TFN

FRIDAYS - CHESTER, Vt. - Liza Eaton, founder of Buddhaful Yoga, will be offering Kundalini Yoga Dance every Friday 9:30 – 11 a.m. Held at the Fullerton Inn, on the Chester Green. For more information visit www.buddhafulyoga.com or call 802-875-2868. TFN

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – 9-11 a.m. creative movement activities and playgroup held in the gym of the Community Center. All parents with young children are welcome. Contact Parks and Recreation Dept. at 802-885-2727. TFN

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 July 10, 2017 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, to consider a Conditional Use Permit located in the Village Residential Commercial District:

APPLICANT: Homestyle Hotel, LLC
119 Main Street
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
PROPERTY LOCATION: 112 Main Street
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 230433.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application for a Conditional Use Permit to allow for a small eight seat bar in the existing motel. The project is in the Village Residential Commercial District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 457-17-CU

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

Rosemary Goings
Board Clerk

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on July 10, 2017 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, to consider a Subdivision in the Town Residential District:

APPLICANT: Shirley Holden
511 South Hill Road
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
PROPERTY LOCATION: 511 South Hill Road
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 070227.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to subdivide one lot into two separate lots. The project is in the Town Residential District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: SUB17-006

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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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 July 10, 2017 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, Local Act 250 Review in the Village Residential Commercial District:

APPLICANT: Jewell Brook Development, LLC
31 Halls Point Road
Branford, Connecticut 06405
PROPERTY LOCATION: 1 Parker Avenue
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 220548.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Local Act250 Review to change previously permitted structure from a 34-condominium complex to a hotel containing 72 rental rooms and amenities and 3 Condominiums. The project is in the Village Residential Commercial District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 458-17-ACT250

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

Rosemary Goings
Board Clerk

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on July 10, 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: Mount Laurel Ski Club
c/o Chuck Hannah, General Manager
30 Stony Brook Drive C-7
Glastonbury, Connecticut 06033
OWNER: Mountain Laurel Skiers Inc
Attn: Rick Sullivan
52 Sheila Court
Bristol, Connecticut 06010
PROPERTY LOCATION: 82 Andover Street
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 220602.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Conditional Use Permit to add two (2) bedrooms on the third floor. The project is in the Village Residential Commercial District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 86-153-CU; Amendment No. 4

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 July 10, 2017 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, to consider an Amendment to a Conditional Use Permit located in the Village Residential Commercial District:

APPLICANT: Northeast Limited Property, LLC
PO Box 198
West Bridgewater, Vermont 05035
PROPERTY LOCATION: 64 Pond Street
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 030363.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application for an amendment to a Conditional Use Permit for an existing Mangiamo's restaurant to allow for additional outdoor seating. The project is in the Village Residential Commercial District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 84/85-119CU; Amendment No. 4

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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APPLICANT: Jewell Brook Development, LLC
31 Halls Point Road
Branford, Connecticut 06405
PROPERTY LOCATION: 1 Parker Avenue
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 220548.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Conditional Use Permit to change previously permitted structure from a 34 condominium complex to a hotel containing 72 rental rooms and amenities and 3 Condominiums. The project is in the Village Residential Commercial District.

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EVENTS CONT.

FRI., JUNE 23 CONT. - <http://www.yellowbarn.org/events/friday-june-23-2017>.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - The Charlestown Senior Center holds its second concert, featuring the Westmoreland Town Band, sponsored by Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497. At the Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield Road, Friday, 6:30-8 p.m. Refreshments will be on sale

including Burgers, Hotdogs, Popcorn, chips and ice cream sandwiches, hot and cold beverages and some sweets. So bring a lawn chair and come and enjoy the music. Rain or shine!

SATURDAY, JUNE 24-ACWORTH, N.H. - Acworth Music Fest & BBQ, Saturday, June 24, noon to dusk, rain or shine! Games, crafts & music with Picket Hill, Dan and Faith, Gary Skilling and Relic Review, Blackjack Crossing, Evelyn

Cormier, Bill Symonds and Friends. Acworth Village Store, 1068 NH Route 123A, So. Acworth. For more information, call 603-835-6547 or email acworthvillagestore@gmail.com.

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - The Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association [WHPA] offers a free guided hike at 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., with a stop at the iconic Pinnacle cabin overlooking southern Vermont. Board member Tony Coven will lead this 4-mile hike on the Janie Latham Trail and back along Holden Trail. Bring water, lunch, snack, insect repellent, and sunscreen. Meet at Westminster West Church to split cars and carpools between the start at Latham and finish at Holden. Please register with Tony Coven at 802-387-6650. For more information, access maps, and directions to the church, log onto www.windmillhillpinnacle.org. Pinnacle is also on Facebook at <https://m.facebook.com/windmillhillpinnacle/>.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Moose Lodge 679, 39 South St., will once again host a Springfield Humane Society fundraiser, 1-3 p.m. This event will include free burgers and hot dogs with potato salad and macaroni and tuna salad. The Springfield Humane Society will bring pets to visit and have their Puppy Kissing Booth! For details, contact Springfield Humane Society, 802-885-3997.

CUTTINGSVILLE, Vt. - Spring Lake Ranch hike and history tour, June 24, 4 p.m. Join the Vermont Land Trust and Spring Lake Ranch for a guided hike to learn about the history of this protected land. Light refreshments to follow. Sign up for this event at vlt.org/event/spring-lake-ranch or contact Cara Gauthier at 802-262-1222 or cgauthier@vlt.org.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - The Charlestown Senior Center is holding a barn dance at the Center, 223 Old Springfield Road, 2-5 p.m. Square and round dancing, light refreshments.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 24-25-CHESTER, Vt. - 15th annual Music in the Meadow, hosted by Pat Budnick and Motel in the Meadow, 936 Route 11, West Chester. Public 2-day music festival, June 24-25. Music, food, games, and fun for all! Raffles, silent auction and horseshoe tournament. Entry fee by donation. Benefits the 2017 Susan G. Komen Vermont Race for the Cure.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25-WALPOLE, N.H. - Native plant walk at Distant Hill Gardens Sunday, June 25, 1-4 p.m. Join owner Michael Nerrie in a quest to find native plants across many natural habitats, as well as unusual geological features. Registration is required at distanthillgardens.org. 507 March Hill Road, Walpole, N.H. Sponsored by

the New England Wildflower Society.

MONDAY, JUNE 26-CLAREMONT, N.H. - Monday children's musical series, 10 a.m. at the historic Claremont Opera House, downtown Claremont, 603-542-4433. "Anansi, Keeper of the Stories." Anansi, a spider of great cunning, outwits the Sky-God Nyami to bring stories back to earth. Based on the folklore of the Ashanti culture from Ghana.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - BF Hoop Camp begins June 26-30 in the Bellows Falls Union High School gym for boys and girls, grades 6-8. Participants will learn the fundamentals of basketball: dribbling, ball handling, passing, shooting, game situations and teamwork. Boys and girls will meet in separate time blocks. Boys: 9 a.m.-noon. Girls: 1-4 p.m. Instructors are Jayne Barber and Corrie Haskell. Participants must register by June 9. Cost covers instruction and a t-shirt. Call Jayne Barber at 802-463-4687 to sign up.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27-WESTON, Vt. - Weston Playhouse will premiere "Once," a multiple-award-winning musical, to open the 2017 Mainstage season, June 27-July 15. Show times: Tuesday through Saturday 7:30 p.m., Wednesday and Saturday matinees 2 p.m., and Sunday matinees 3 p.m. Pre-show Director's Talks June 27-30 and the July 1 matinee. Purchase tickets by calling the box office, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., 802-824-5288, or visit westonplayhouse.org.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28-CHESTER, Vt. - "Now is the Time," a film and discussion on the need for single payer

health insurance in the U.S., Wednesday, June 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of the First Universalist Parish, 211 North St., Chester. Cosponsored by Two Rivers Indivisible and the Human Rights Café of Saxtons River, two local activist groups concerned about the impact that the loss of Medicaid and health insurance subsidies would have on vulnerable Vermonters. Childcare will be provided for preschool and school aged children. Contact Susan at tworivers2017@gmail.com if you require childcare. Popcorn and other light refreshments provided.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29-BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - On Thursday, June 29 at 7 p.m., join David Deacon at the Rockingham Library for his presentation on the paper mill industries of Bellows Falls, 1865-1900. He will focus on the mills, the technology of papermaking and the lives of the workers. Deacon attended BFUH and earned his masters degree in folklore from the University of North Carolina. Free and open to the public. For details, see rockinghamlibrary.org, call 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by at 65 Westminster St.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30-CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - The Charlestown Senior Center is holding a free concert with our own Silver Country, Friday, June 30, 6:30-8 p.m. at the center, 223 Old Springfield Road. Refreshments on sale will include hotdogs, burgers, popcorn and ice cream sandwiches, hot and cold beverages and sweets. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy. Rain or shine.

TUESDAYS-ALSTEAD, N.H. - Pizza Night every Tuesday through Aug 29 at Orchard Hill Breadworks, 121 Old Settlers Rd. East Alstead, 5-7:30 p.m. Make your own pizza; crusts, sauce, cheese and you pick your own veggies are provided. Customers are to bring: cash or check, drinks, picnic blanket, plates and silverware. All proceeds benefit a nonprofit group for the summer. To view the nonprofit calendar, visit orchardhillbreadworks.com.

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 - GASSETTS, Vt. - Bingo will be held every Thursday night at the Gassetts Grange. Starts at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 5 p.m. Supper, raffle and 50/50 tickets are on sale. Come and join in. Call Donna at 802-591-4290 or you can call the hall at 802-875-1051. TFN

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

EVERY FOURTH SUNDAY - PUTNEY, Vt. - Dinner & movie, 5:30 p.m. 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 Next Stage. For pricing or reservations call 802-387-3052. Limited seating available. 15 Kimball Hill Rd.

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cat (I just can't help myself!) and I LOVE belly rubs. My ideal home would be one that has lots of soft beds, patches of sun to snooze in, and people that don't mind an affectionate and sometimes sneezy cat. If you've been looking for a kitty companion that will undoubtedly bring you lots of love and joy, stop in and meet me today!

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