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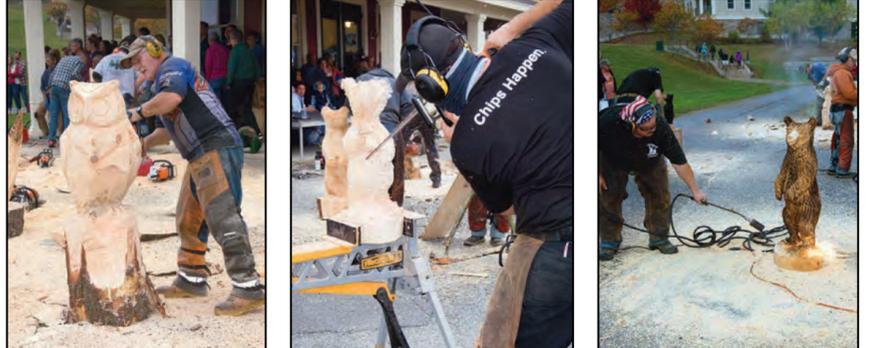
The press crew pressed many crates of apples for fresh apple cider. Watch out, the press is over 100 years old!
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Enjoying cider browsing decorative gourds.
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Big Buzz chainsaw carving contest

Many chainsaw carvers participated in the Big Buzz contest. Watch out for the saw dust, "chips happen!"
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Londonderry Board approves Town Plan and debates the art of road maintenance

BY LYZA DANGER GARDNER
The Vermont Journal

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - The Oct. 2 Londonderry Select Board meeting was part two of a double-header, following a 5:30 p.m. special hearing on the 2017 Londonderry Town Plan. The board voted unanimously to adopt the plan, with some minor edits as suggested during the public hearing.

Londonderry Emergency Management Director Kevin Beattie announced that the town is now "approved and qualified" to put out alerts on the Vermont Alert network. The notification system allows state and local authorities to issue alerts via text message, email, or phone call. But first users have to enroll for the service.

"We currently have 400 or so people signed up in town, but the more people that are signed up, the more effective this is going to be," said Beattie.

He proposed that next steps include public outreach to raise awareness and enrollment, as well as the creation of user groups for targeted messaging in certain circumstances.

For example, a user group could be formed for local shelter volunteers, who could then be contacted through the system if a shelter needed to be activated. For the town's volunteer rescue squad, Beattie suggested an additional user group on the system, which could provide the ability to "self-dispatch, in case our normal dispatch system fails, which can happen and, in fact, did happen once this year."

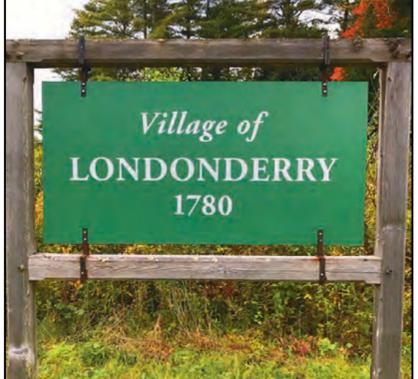
Resident Kelly Capen raised a concern over a stretch of Vermont Route 11 near Glebe Mountain Gardens, where she claims multiple bears have been struck and killed by motorists. She suggested that the "edges of the road be cut back earlier" - that is, that brush or other sight-obscuring vegetation be cleared earlier in the spring so that bears wandering near the road could be spotted more easily.

Road Foreman Mathew Rawson explained that, "unfortunately, there's one group of, like, six guys that does the entire state of Vermont" and that trying to schedule that area specifically is likely not feasible.

The discussion of roads and views evolved as Hubert Schriegl lamented a loss of the broad, open vistas, and airy rural character during his several decades of residence. Schriegl's concerns included historic rock walls being buried by road-grading debris and the over-zealous widening of roads.

Board Chair Paul Gordon remarked that the town's "road crew has continued to attend a number of classes to learn how it is recommended that we grade and work on our roads," adding that "we're going to have as many opinions as to the right way to do that as there are people...sitting in this room." Ultimately, the town needs to be able to "ditch [the roads] properly, to be able to get the water to drain properly," a process that is sometimes at odds with residents' sense of aesthetic.

Oct. 2 also marked the transition date after which punch cards are required to dispose of solid waste at the Londonderry transfer station. Gordon said that despite a "couple of hiccups," transfer station supervisor Steve Twitchell "wasn't bloodied" - raising some chuckles from attendees - and the changeover is proceeding smoothly.



Londonderry approves their Town Plan.
PHOTO PROVIDED

Chester Select Board hears plans to refurbish Town Hall

BY JULIA PURDY
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. - Chester Select Board held its regular meeting Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017. The town of Chester has received a disbursement of funds distributed to member towns after the dissolution of the New Hampshire -Vermont Solid Project. When the New Hampshire-Vermont Solid Waste Project was terminated, a sum was left over after the establishment of a capital reserve fund. Participating towns are being compensated for operating losses.

Lillian Willis of the Historic Preservation Committee appeared before the board to describe tentative plans for refurbishing the Chester Town Hall building, the committee's biggest project. She said she is looking for ideas and inspiration for low-cost, simple ways to make various repairs while preserving the historic features of the building. She would like to apply for a USDA grant similar to that for the work on the library. She said she has spoken with Tom Keefe, who prepared a conditions assessment, which will be used as a basis for the work. Keefe is available to help write the grant.

Willis mentioned numerous conditions needing attention. The roof slates will need to be replaced. She said they may be replaced with slates saved from the Academy building, but very old slates become porous and crack and replacement will be an ongoing task. She said she requested a bid.

She urged people to visit the Ludlow Auditorium, which is a hall similar to Chester. She envisioned the Chester stage will be retained for uses in the future, including a full screen to show movies, and the kitchen should be made more functional.

Willis said that to show immediate progress on the town hall, the entryway could be spruced up by sanding and refinishing the floor, lighting, and power-washing the walls.

Julie Hance, the assistant town clerk, said that USDA makes grants (35 percent grant to 65 percent loan). One of these is being used for the library. She recommended doing both the interior and exterior work in a single project and said that a loan amount of \$200-250,000 would be doable. Historic Preservation grants such as used for the Academy building are also an option.

The Select Board commended the efforts of the Historic Preservation Committee. Dan Cote told Willis, "You're a breath of fresh air" and offered support.

The Visioning Process item was touched on. The board had received a document from David Pisha that compares last year with this year, which will be useful as a "guiding document" for budget discussions. The discussion then digressed to budget matters. Cote suggested involving the committees as well as the department heads in the budget discussions. Pisha said the budget process should begin in November to get the "big picture."

The members signed the USDA loan documents for the library work, a process that began in 2014. The loan is for \$57,900 at 3.25APR. The next step is the actual closing.

Citizen Frank Bidwell spoke with concern about the confusion between old and new business is postponed to future meetings. There was much discussion about how to clarify the difference.



Lillian Willis distributes material for town hall.
PHOTO BY JULIA PURDY

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Chili Con Carlos wins Ludlow Rotary Chili Cook-Off

LUDLOW, Vt. - Carlos Iglesias won the coveted People's Choice First Place Award and \$200 on Oct. 7 at the 27th Annual Ludlow Rotary Club Chili Cook-Off. Iglesias, of Stoughton, Mass., and a multiple past winner, garnered 93 votes out of more than 400 ballots for "Chili Con Carlos." Iglesias has won 11 awards during the 19 years that he has participated in the cook-off.

Two fledgling Proctorsville restaurants earned the Number 2 and 3 slots. Second Place People's Choice accolades and \$100 went to Murdock's, which opened on the Proctorsville Green last February, with 61 votes. Neal's, which opened last month in the former Table 19 space on Route 103 by the railroad crossing, earned \$50 and the Third Place People's Choice plaque with 52 votes.

Neal's also earned the Best-in-Show award from cook-off judging panelists Gordon Dritschilo of the Rutland Herald, celebrated local author and journalist Bruce Farr, and Ludlow Fire Dept. Chief Peter Kolenda. Judges awarded the Spiciest Chili plaque for "Chili Con Carlos" and Team Spirit award to The Downtown Grocery restaurant. An honorable mention award was presented to the Ludlow Health Center.

The annual Columbus Day weekend event was well-attended by the public, who paid a small fee to gorge on chili, bread, cider and vanilla ice cream. A crowd estimated in excess of 500 people sampled 19 different chili recipes served up by their creators, Ludlow Rotarians, Black River High School students and members of Green Mountain Union High School's Interact club. Additional set-up and break-down assistance was provided by teens staying at the Mountainside House on Mill Street, operated by Windsor County Youth



Cook-off participants served samples of their chili. PHOTO BY DONALD DILL



Attendees sampled all of the chili and casted their votes. PHOTO BY DONALD DILL

Services. This year marked the fourth year of the club's "green initiative" to reduce waste by serving chili in ceramic mugs. Intended as keepsakes, any mugs not taken home will be washed and recycled for next year's event on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018.

Proceeds for this year's cook-off will go into the club's charitable fund, which awards scholarships to local high school students and supports preschool and elementary school reading programs, Rotary International's effort to eradicate polio, and an orphanage in Uganda, among other non-profit services.

Sponsors included Black River Produce, Clark's Quality Foods, Cota & Cota Fuel Co., Garvey and Garvey Inc., George B. Tucker, Inc., Good Commons, Inside Edge Rentals at Okemo, LaValley Building Supply, Ludlow Insurance Agency, Inc., Okemo Mountain Resort, The Castle Resort and Spa, Wilcox Ice Cream and Wright Construction Co.



Entrance to the Chili Cook-Off in downtown Ludlow. PHOTO BY DONALD DILL

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LUDLOW, Vt. - Echo Lake Inn, Brook Farm Vineyards, and Plymouth Artisan Cheese co-hosted our September mixer at the Echo Lake Inn. Our special guest was the new commissioner of Tourism and Marketing, Wendy Knight.

Thank you to Vermont Rail Systems, Mr. Darcy's, and The Chop-house for co-hosting a fun scenic train ride on the Green Mountain Flyer.

Save the dates:

On Oct. 18 is the Legislative Luncheon, noon - 2 p.m. at Murdock's On the Green in Proctorsville. There is a fee. It is open to the public, but please RSVP to the Chamber office at 228-5830.

On Nov. 11 is Casino Night from 7-10 p.m. at the Roundhouse at the Jackson Gore Inn. Discount for chamber members for 75 chips. Must RSVP Chamber, 228-5830.

Past life readings & regression

CHESTER, Vt. - On Saturday, Oct. 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., third

generation psychic Dan Churchill will be at Dream Barn Hollow to share insight and information about life after death. He will share stories from his life and family, answer questions and then give individual past life readings. He receives his information from the librarians of the Akashic records, after requesting to review a lifetime that would have the greatest impact on the individual's lifetime, now.

Then, on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Elaine DeMasi, who studied with Brian Weiss, will be at Dream Barn Hollow. Elaine, who has performed numerous enlightening, individual past-life regressions, will lead a group regression here, as well as facilitating discussion around personal experiences.

Perhaps you have heard of past life regression? Or have had a distinct impression that you had a memorable past that is having an impact on this current lifetime? Unlike a past life reading, a regression gives you the opportunity to experience the memory of your past, yourself. You get the emotions, the clarity, the understanding to help shift your perspective to a new awareness and understanding of patterns in this lifetime.

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Joe Iconis raises the new roof at Walker Farm

BY LYZA DANGER GARDNER
The Vermont Journal

WESTON, Vt. - Joe Iconis eased into the Wednesday evening performance at the Walker Farm Theater, affectionately referring to the brand-new building as "yet another barn in Vermont."

"But," he added, "this barn is special: inside is musical theater!" His eponymous "Joe Iconis and Family," the first production at the Weston Playhouse Walker Farm, ran Oct. 1 - 8. The show, rollicking and sentimental, youthful yet timeless-feeling, felt at home in the fresh theater.

The show's format combined what Iconis called "short stories set to music" with unabashed cabaret enthusiasm. Behind that veneer of all-grins confidence lurked bittersweet humor. Each musical number was simultaneously hilarious and lonely, the lyrics laced with hints of dread

and self-doubt.

Not that there's a manifest storyline, but troupe members repeatedly end up (unintentionally) solo on Friday and Saturday nights while cooler people ostensibly frolic happily elsewhere. Lauren Marcus faced this sadness: "I put a party hat—on my cat!" she sang, pantomiming the forced frivolity of the desperately lonely. In another number, George Salazar feigned indifference at unresponsive friends, but eventually devolved into a panicked and furious chorus - everyone's at the bar without him, and it's awful and unfair.

The interior of the theater itself, a simple rectangle clad in warm, blond wood panels, receded as the momentum of the evening builds. For Iconis' production, the seats were oriented along one long wall, facing toward a simple platform stage in the middle. Producing Artistic Director Steve Stettler claims the space

can be configured in "over a dozen" layouts, meaning that the theater can flex to the ideas of the playwrights and artists, not the other way around.

It was a beautiful night, and Iconis seemed genuinely thankful that the audience has chosen musical theater over the spectacle of the huge harvest moon and the mountain twilight just outside. In a town where the population now barely exceeds the combined seat count of the two theaters (300 at the main Playhouse; 140 at the new Walker Farm), the turnout for a Wednesday night was indeed strong.



"Joe Iconis and Family" was the first show at the new Walker Farm Playhouse.

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Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm.

PHOTO BY GABRIEL VAUGHAN

No character in "Joe Iconis and Family" is happy in love or fortune. But they are very funny - not to mention multi-talented; each cast member juggles multiple instru-

ments, sings and acts. The night ended in good cheer. The audience seemed to have picked up some of the performers' eager energy. As

families and friends walked to cars, many exclaimed that they couldn't wait to see what happens next at Walker Farm.

Grace Cottage Hospital receives "Top 20" national award

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Grace Cottage Hospital recently received national recognition as a Top 20 Critical Access Hospital [CAH] for Best Practice-Patient Satisfaction.

Chief Nursing Officer Lisa Eaton represented Grace Cottage at the awards ceremony Sept. 28 during the National Rural Health Association's CAH Conference in Kansas City, Mo.

Grace Cottage was chosen for this exclusive "Top 20" list out of all 1,339 CAH facilities throughout the U.S. It is the only CAH in the Northeast to receive this designation.

The Top 20 Best Practice-Patient Satisfaction winners, including Grace Cottage, scored best among CAHs on iVantage Health Analytics' Hospital Strength Index™. These Top 20 CAHs have achieved top percentile rank on independently collected patient surveys, which measure Overall Rating and Highly Recommended.

"This is an extraordinary achievement," said Grace Cottage CEO Roger Allbee. "This does not happen without good teamwork, the commitment of all staff in their interactions with patients and their families. I am extremely proud of the Grace Cottage Hospital staff. We will continue to provide our community with the services they need in a compassionate and friendly way."



Chief Nursing Officer Lisa Eaton accepts Grace Cottage's "Top 20 Critical Access Hospital for Best Practice - Patient Satisfaction" at the National Rural Health Association's awards ceremony Sept. 28 in Kansas City, Mo. PHOTO PROVIDED

Grace Cottage Family Health and Hospital has served the healthcare needs of patients in and around Windham County since 1949. For more information, visit www.gracecottage.org.

National Rural Health Association is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and wellbeing of rural Americans and providing leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education and research. For more information, visit www.ruralhealthweb.org.

Dash to the Dam 5K race

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - West River Valley Thrives will host their annual costume 5k run/walk this Oct. 21 at 9 a.m. along the West River Trail in Townshend. Runners will race from the Old Route 30 trailhead to the Townshend Dam rec area. At the finish there will be food, drinks, and activities including bobbing for apples, pumpkin painting, and more. At 10:30 a.m. prizes will be handed out to top finishers as well as those with the most creative costumes! There is a registration fee.

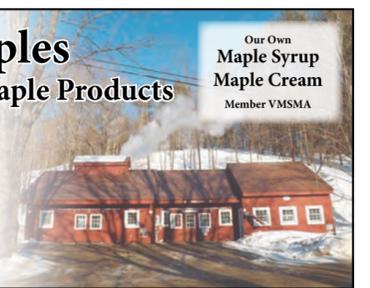
For more information and to register, visit www.runreg.com/dash-to-the-dam, or call Rebecca Keppler at 802-365-4700. This race is a fundraiser for West River Valley Thrives,

a youth substance abuse prevention coalition in Townshend, Vt. All proceeds will be donated to area Girls on the Run and Heart and Sole programs.

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REGION - Winter's chill is approaching soon, and many local people have a great challenge to keep warm. For the tenth year, churches, schools, and organizations in Chester and Andover have joined forces to collect new and gently used outerwear and blankets. Hundreds of coats, hats, mittens, sweaters, boots, and blankets will be distributed free to anyone who needs them.

In the past nine years, the response has been amazing, with many people taking advantage of the offer. What has been outgrown or no longer needed in one household will be welcomed by other people unable to purchase enough warm things to keep the chill away. This year, we expect even more people to be in need of this assistance because of the poor economy.

To participate in this community event, look through your winter wear and blankets and donate any extra warm things you no longer need. We are especially interested in coats, boots, and snow pants for children. Having items come clean and ready to use would be very much appreciated.

Donations are requested starting now. The collection boxes will be found at various locations throughout Chester and Andover and include the Andover Community Church, Chester Town Office, Chester Jiffy Mart, Whiting Library, Chester Congregational Church, Green Mountain Union High School, Chester-Andover Elementary School, St. Joseph's Church, and First Unitarian Parish. You may make your donations at any of these locations through October 23.

The free "shopping" event is scheduled from 10-1 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, October 27 and 28, in the Fellowship Hall at the Chester Congregational Church located at the intersection Main and Church Streets, Chester.

All items are free. Anyone may choose from the selection of blankets and outerwear. If there are items left, they will be delivered to the Chester- Andover Family Center and other local agencies.

This project has a lot going for it. By passing on usable clothing and blankets, we are Recycling. By working together and sharing with each other in the area, we are building Community. People will be warmer, our environment will be greener! We all win!

If you have any questions, please contact Edie Brown at 875-3889.

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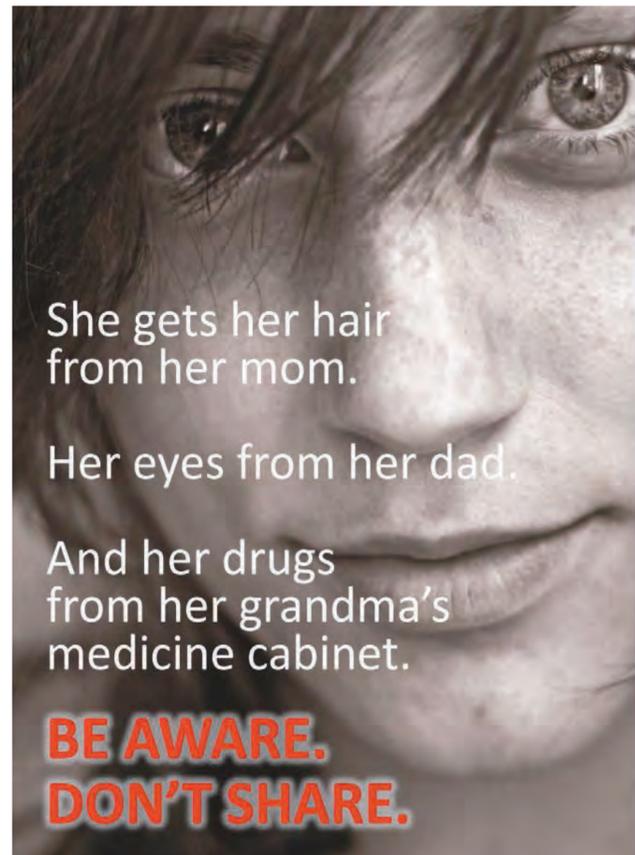
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Vermont Milk Commission evaluates the dropping value of milk and how it affects dairy farmers

BY AMANDA WEDEGIS
The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

REGION – On Sept. 26 the Vermont Milk Commission met for the first time in six years in Montpelier to discuss the low price of milk. In the summer of 2014, the price of milk per hundredweight (approximately 11 gallons) was about \$25. Last year, the price dropped substantially to less than \$16. Now, the price of milk is hovering around \$17 per hundredweight. The value of milk has always fluctuated with the trends of supply and demand, but dairy farmers and processors are concerned that the price has not increased as much as it should have by this time.

Many factors contribute to the situation, including the rise in organic dairy farms when conventional milk prices were slipping and the lowered prices of the two organic buyers, Horizon Organic and Organic Valley, who purchase more than half the organic dairy produced in the state. According to the Agency of Agricul-

ture Foods and Markets, Vermont has about 900 dairy farms and 100 processing firms. Dairy accounts for 70 percent of the state's agricultural sales.

When the price of milk is high, farmers are more likely to invest in new supplies, cattle, feed, etc. However, when the prices are low and there's a surplus of milk, farmers have to compensate. There are national price protection programs that offer financial assistance to compensate the difference between the price of milk and that national average feed costs. Many Vermont farmers apply for these programs, but even these programs have their pros and cons.

With all the concerns facing the dairy industry in the state and region, the Legislature passed Act 77, which declares that the secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets should convene the Vermont Milk Commission "to review and evaluate proposals that enhance and stabilize the dairy industry in Vermont and

New England that may be appropriate for inclusion in the federal Farm Bill 2018."

The Vermont Milk Commission met on Sept. 26 to discuss the situation, mostly projected numbers for 2018 milk prices and the current status of the dairy industry. Most notably, John Rutherford, the director of economics, planning and operations for Dairy Farmers of America, explained that the current Milk Margins Protection was passed in the 2014 federal Farm Bill and needs to be adjusted for the current situation. There are several adjustment suggestions, including: removing the 10 percent reduction in the feed cost calculation, adjusting the data used to calculate the feed cost calculation, changing the deadline for signing up for the program, and other negotiations.

Other presentations included Tom Bivins, the executive director of the Vermont Cheese Council, who explained that Vermont cheese artisans have seen an increase in sales in and out of state but face challenges mar-

keting to the West Coast and internationally. Leon Berthiaume, general manager of the St. Albans Cooperative Creamery, provided information on the state's milk volume and dairy products processing capacity in the Northeast. Berthiaume also called for more standardized and transparent calculation of the milk price within the Margin Protection Program. He voiced concern that different parts of the country are receiving reports of different rates.

Three more meetings are scheduled for the Vermont Milk Commission with the next one on Oct. 13. They will discuss milk and dairy products in school systems, the organic dairy industry, Conservation Title of the Farm Bill, and the USDA Farm Service Agency. The goal of these meetings is to gather information from dairy farmers, handlers, and even consumers to produce recommendations to the Vermont Congressional delegation for a five-year farm bill to be decided on in 2018.

More information can be found at the Vermont Agency of Agricul-



There are over 800 cow dairy farms in the state of Vermont, and they are feeling the strain of the lower value of milk as well as the high operational costs. STOCK PHOTO

ture Food and Markets website at agriculture.vermont.gov/node/1613. More information about the Act 77 legislation can be found at legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/sec-

tion/06/161/02922. The meetings of the Vermont Milk Commission are open to the public with agendas, minutes, and informational packets available online.

Give the "Gift of Warmth" for the 12th annual coat drive

LUDLOW, Vt. - Every year with the help of our friends and community members, William Raveis Vermont Properties has been able to collect more than 100 winter clothing items to donate to Black River Good Neighbors. This will be our 12th year, and we hope to make this our best yet and know that we can with your help.

The forecast for this winter is expected to be another cold one; and if you come to Vermont in the winter, well, you know what that means!

From Oct. 7 to Dec. 1, we will be collecting gently used, clean outerwear to support our community

and friends. We are especially looking for children's coats and snow pants. Since beginning our yearly efforts, we have collected over 1,450 coats and other outerwear. All donations help keep local families warm, in one way or another. The outerwear will either be given to someone in need or sold at the Black River Good Neighbors store where the proceeds will fund programs that provide heat, utilities, or food to local



Thank you for helping to keep others warm. STOCK PHOTO

families. Please drop your gently used, clean coats and other outerwear off at our office at William Raveis Vermont Properties at 29 Locust Hill Road from Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. It's time to give the gift of warmth and keep a local family warm this cold winter season. Thank you for joining us to make this happen for the 12th year in a row.

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International investing: still a journey to consider

REGION - Columbus Day is observed on Oct. 9 this year. And while it may be true that Leif Erikson and the Vikings beat Columbus to the New World, Columbus Day nonetheless remains important in the public eye, signifying themes such as exploration and discovery. As an investor, you don't have to "cross the ocean blue," as Columbus did, to find opportunities - but it may be a good idea to put some of your money to work outside the United States.

So, why should you consider investing internationally? The chief reason is diversification. If you only invest in U.S. companies, you might do well when the U.S. markets are soaring, as has happened in recent years. But when the inevitable downturn happens, and you're totally concentrated in U.S. stocks, your portfolio will probably take a hit. At the same time, however, other regions of the world might be doing considerably better than the U.S. markets - and if

you had put some of your investment holdings in these regions, you might at least blunt some of the effects of the down market here.

Of course, it's also a good idea to diversify among different asset classes, so, in addition to investing in U.S. and international stocks, you'll want to own bonds, government securities and other investment vehicles. (Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can help reduce the effects of volatility, it can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss.)

International investments, like all investments, will fluctuate in value. But they also have other characteristics and risks to consider, such as these:

- Currency fluctuations. The U.S. dollar rises and falls in relation to the currencies of other countries. Sometimes, these movements can work in your favor, but sometimes not. A strengthening dollar typically lowers returns from international investments because companies based overseas do business in a foreign currency, and the higher value of the U.S. dollar reduces the prices, measured in dollars, of individual shares of these companies' stocks. The opposite has happened in 2017, when

the weaker dollar has helped increase returns from international investments.

- Political risks. When you invest internationally, you're not just investing in foreign companies - you're also essentially investing in the legal and economic systems of countries in which those companies do business. Political instability or changes in laws and regulations can create additional risks - but may also provide potentially positive returns for investors.

- Social and economic risks. It is not always easy for investors to understand all the economic and social factors that influence markets in the U.S. - and it's even more challenging with foreign markets. U.S. markets are now worth less than half of the total world markets, and growth in the rest of the world is likely to keep expanding the number of global opportunities. You can take advantage of that global growth by putting part of your portfolio into international investments, including developed and emerging markets.

In any case, given the more complex nature of international investing, you'll want to consult with a financial professional before taking action. If it turns out that international investments are appropriate for your needs, you should certainly consider going global.

Article written by Gabriel C. Lajeunesse who specializes as a financial advisor with Edward Jones Investments



Orchard Hill Breadworks celebrates 20 years

ALSTEAD, N.H. - Orchard Hill Breadworks will celebrate their 20th anniversary with an open house on Oct. 21 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with tours of the bakery, baking demonstrations, and meals. Staff will be on hand to answer questions, offer samples, and share bakery history.

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“The Impressionists - and the Man Who Made Them”

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - RAMParts in partnership with Exhibition on Screen presents “The Impressionists - and the Man Who Made Them” to the Bellows Falls Opera House on Thursday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m.

Manet, Monet, Degas, Renoir. They are the world’s most popular artists and their works fetch tens of millions of dollars. But just who were they really? Why and how did they paint? What lies behind their enduring appeal? The 90-minute feature film follows the exhibit as it traveled from the Musee d’Orsay Paris to the National Gallery, London and onto the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

It features 19th-century Parisian art collector Paul Durand-Ruel, the outspoken champion of Impressionism. Durand-Ruel’s brave decision to exhibit the Impressionists in New

York in 1886 introduced enlightened, wealthy Americans to modern French painting and kept impressionism alive at a time when it faced complete failure. This energetic and revealing film shares his remarkable story in concert with that of the Impressionists themselves.

Robert McBride, Director of RAMP, is expanding arts programming locally, in the broadest sense, by making it accessible in cost and availability. “Not everyone is able to afford travel to a city to see art exhibitions or Broadway shows. A trip can easily cost over \$100 per person in travel and ticket expense and becomes a barrier to the art experience. By creating the RAMParts ticketing platform and partnering with the Opera House, we are removing this barrier and can create unique, spectacular box-office offer-

ings right here in Bellows Falls. Arts events are a proven economic driver for any community. Merchants benefit from increased traffic to events held at the Opera House.”

Broadway shows will also be scheduled in the coming months at the Opera House. According to McBride, “We’ll be working closely with the Opera House to create an online streaming experience so that current Broadway shows are available, much like Metropolitan Opera HD Live performances.”

Tickets for “The Impressionists - and the Man Who Made Them” can be purchased online through the RAMParts ticketing platform, www.rampartstickets.com or at the door. Seating is general admission. Contact Susan MacNeil at 603-313-0052 or email susan@svdol.com for more information.

Open Studio tour and landscape painting in oils

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Statewide Vermont Crafts Open Studio Tour is coming right up on Oct. 14 and 15. Booklets, which contain details on all 83 of the Open Studios and exhibits, are now available at Gallery at the VAULT.

Open Studio Weekend is a statewide celebration of the visual arts and creative process, offering a unique opportunity for visitors to meet a wide variety of artists and craftspeople in their studios, some of which are only open to the public during this event. The Vermont Crafts Council is a non-profit organization serving the Vermont visual arts community. Open Studio Weekend is supported by the Vermont Arts Council and by the Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing. Information is available at www.vermontcrafts.com.

Gil Perry currently has a lovely show at the VAULT called “Little Gems II” and will be doing a demonstration on Saturday, Oct. 14 from noon until 4 p.m. This is a great time to meet him and learn about his techniques before taking his upcoming class.

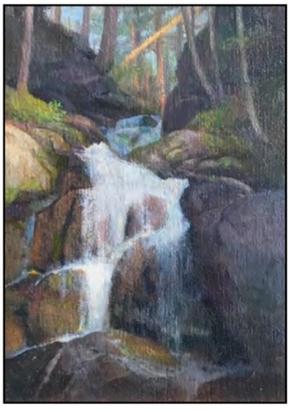
Perry, will be giving a workshop on Landscape Painting on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 4

p.m. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn from such a fine artist.

The process of creating a landscape painting evolves in stages. You will explore composition and design, value and color, atmospheric conditions, and how to create a light effect. There will be a demonstration and plenty of painting time. A materials list will be provided at registration.

Gallery at the VAULT, a Vermont

State Craft Center, carries the work of 160 artisans so you’ll be sure to find something beautiful and unique. VAULT’s usual hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The VAULT will be open this special weekend from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. It is located on 68 Main St. in Springfield. For full details see www.galleryvault.org.



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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

Ron Patch is a Chester native, Chester Historical Society president, and a lifelong antiques dealer.

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‘Gramp,’ A working man’s man

Many Chester people will know Gramp Spaulding. Like Gordon Gates, Gramp wrote some of his memories of working in Chester. These writings include his Army service, his days at Readex (now Newsbank) and a lot about moving safes, pianos and trucking.

“My brother started school in Weston. I started in Gassetts. Then he went to North Street in Chester and I went to Gassetts for grades 1-6. During those years when I was in 3rd or 4th grade I got the nickname “Gramp” by one of the other boys. They said the reason was because I acted like an old man, and the name has stayed with me all these years. For years folks around town didn’t know who John Leon Spaulding was. It’s me, ‘Gramp.’

“Valley Oil was out of Chester behind where the Soap Shed (Chester Laundromat) now is. I hauled truck load after truck load of used bricks from Walpole, New Hampshire, to Mt. Holly, Vermont.

“While working with Guy Earle, who was a mason, we put up a lot of chimneys in the Chester and Londonderry areas and built cement block foundations for houses as well.

“In 1956 I was a Vermont delegate to the National Convention of the Future Farmers of America in Kansas City, Missouri. We stopped at Swift and Company Packing and the stock yards in Chicago. Later that year I was made honorary member of the Vermont Chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

“The Congo Church at Chester has had many pianos and I moved a lot of them.

Wayne Stowell and I have moved many pianos to and from the parsonage for the church and many other pianos for people in town. John Aldrich helped me on one at the Baptist Church as my truck was broke down. It was taken to the Senior Center in town.

Furniture jobs—many, many of



Gramp in his Army uniform. PHOTO PROVIDED

“Trucking
“I hauled slab-wood from Dorset, Vt. to Stevens & Thompson charcoal plant in Chester. Some days I was able to make three trips. That was tight but it could be done.
“Buildings
“I used to take down camps at Stevens & Thompson wood jobs and put them back up. They had a large cook hall in Grafton and many camps for the men that were built in sections. Some 4 ft. sections and some 8 ft. sections, some wood and some wood frame and metal siding. When the woods operation went out, I bought nine of them and have them in use even today.
“Trash and plow-

ing
“For 25 years I had a trash route and had thirty-four customers I took care of. Used to do it once a month. Sometimes had to run two Saturdays. I miss seeing the folks and sometimes wonder how I found time to do it.
“The day Bob Turco moved to Munson, Maine
“Bob Turco had rented a U-Haul truck, but all of the things didn’t fit in it, so Wayne Stowell and I went to Munson with a load of items. Wayne drove up and I drove back. I had been in an accident at work and crushed my foot with the fork truck, and was hard to walk. But we made the trip up and back. Bill Burton and Mike Turco rode in the back of the truck on the way back.” To be continued....
Gramp is now at the Gill Home in Ludlow. You can send him a card at, John L. Spaulding, 8 Gill Terrace, Ludlow, Vermont 05149.

This week’s old saying is from Gramp and refers to a check. “If a person’s word is no good then their paper isn’t either.”

them!

“Wayne Stowell and I have moved many, many houselots for folks around Chester, Weston, Londonderry, Cavendish, Springfield, Grafton, Bellows Falls and other areas. Never charged much, but we helped out those in need the best we could.
“I used to haul hardwood to welfare folks and other people around the area many nights after work. I used to haul 4-ft wood to Crossman from Windham and Stratton.

“When I worked for Stevens & Thompson, they sold four-foot hardwood to people around the area. One time my boss had sent me after a load of hardwood. I loaded it and took it to Bellows Falls. He had told me to get my money before I unloaded it. Well, the folks said you will have your pay when it is unloaded. I thought maybe I will be putting it back on, but when it was unloaded the money was there. That was an eight cord load, loaded out of hellville, up behind the Grafton village, up by the brick church. I guess my back has reason to feel like it does at times!

CPR A annual meeting and public program

BELMONT, Vt. - The non-profit Crown Point Road Association invites the public to its annual meeting, potluck and a history program of interest starting at 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 15, in the Odd Fellows Hall, 37 Lake St., Belmont, Vt. The association welcomes first-time guests and is seeking more members, especially people from Windsor County, Vt., and Sullivan County, N.H.

The program is an illustrated

lecture by Vermonter and novelist Deborah Lee Luskin, who will address the topic of “Getting from Here to There: A History of Roads and Settlement in Vermont.” The difficulties of traveling in Vermont played a significant role in the state’s settlement, culture, and politics. But Vermonters were not always eager to build better roads. Opposition began in 1753, when the Abenaki joined forces with the French to protest the building of

a British military road along the route of an established Abenaki trail. Resistance to new roads has continued ever since, from the Green Mountain Parkway proposal to the building of the Interstate.

No admission fee is charged. If readers have a question, Jim Rowe, the C.P.R.A. president, can be reached some evenings at 802-434-7415. The lecture is a Vermont Humanities Council event, hosted by the Crown Point Road Association.

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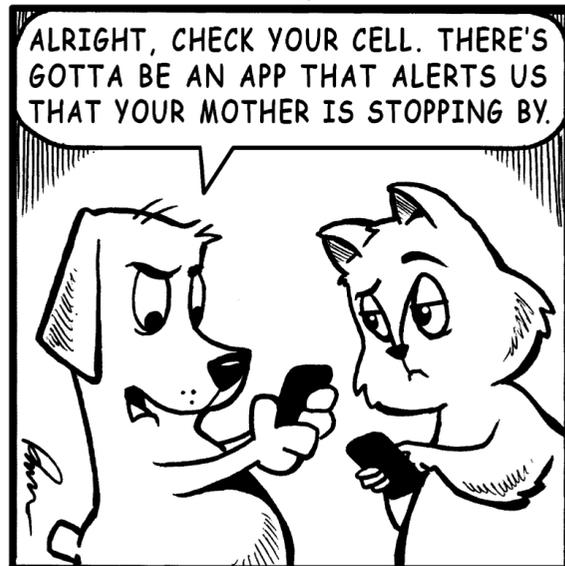
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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"He saw a mouse."

Op-Ed: Animal rights group gives Vermont D-plus for animal slaughter practices, state cries foul

The Animal Welfare Institute has given Vermont a near failing grade when it comes to enforcing humane treatment of animals at slaughterhouse facilities, but the state's agriculture agency disagrees with the rating.

"Consumers like to think that if they do eat meat, the animals were humanely treated," said AWI Director Dena Jones. "So, it's important that there be a watchdog over the slaughterhouses, and that is the government, and there should be somebody that is a watchdog over the government, so that's what we're doing."

The AWI report lists two main concerns that largely account for Vermont's D-plus rating - one is the frequency of reported violations at slaughterhouses, and the other is the response to those incidents.

Jones said it highly suspicious that only three serious incidents were reported over six years. "Are the plants just performing really, really well, or are the inspectors just not doing their jobs?" she said.

According to the report, Vermont lists one record in 2010, two records in 2014, and one in 2015. "That means for 2011, 2012 and 2013 they didn't do one citation at any slaughterhouse for anything to do with animal handling," she said. "It's just extremely unlikely that they were all operating perfectly for three years. In my experience, it's just not possible."

The Vermont incidents that were listed involved animals not being rendered unconscious from a single gunshot. In one case, an animal had to be shot three times, which is considered

egregious under federal guidelines and can result in a shutdown.

The state's response

Randy Quenneville, program chief of meat inspection services at the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, disputes AWI's findings. He said the National Association of State Meat Inspection Directors is preparing a response that cites inaccuracies within AWI's report. "Given some of the inaccuracies identified, and a lack of inclusion of some other important pieces of relative data that we have so far noted in the report, we are doing our best to understand what processes and data were used in this piece ... before we comment," Quenneville said in an email sent to Vermont Watchdog.

He added that state and federal statutes concerning handling of ani-

mals is pretty detailed and includes the submission of an annual written plan to the state. "To avoid a conflict of interest, the State sends the plans to a third party verification consultant for review," Quenneville said. "The review includes evaluation of meeting the minimum requirements of the Humane Handling regulations in 9 CFR 313 as well as other components that go above and beyond those requirements."

Quenneville said a formal response to WFI's report will be issued later this month.

Article written by Michael Bielawski, a freelance reporter for Vermont Watchdog.org. You can contact him at atmbielawski@watchdog.org.

Op-Ed: Vermont is not wavering on clean water

Despite the Scott Administration's commitment to restoring Vermont's waterways and funding clean water initiatives, recent news stories have contained inaccurate information and given the false impression that we're decelerating our efforts. This is simply not the case.

The Agency of Natural Resources, and all the partners engaged in this work - including sister state agencies, Vermont municipalities, regional planning commissions, conservation districts, non-profit and watershed organizations, and private landowners from farms to real estate companies - are moving ahead as quickly as possible to develop, design, fund, and implement clean water projects.

The lack of care in these stories can be seen in the facts they get wrong. For instance, they neglect to inform readers that it was always anticipated that less would be spent in the early years on certain types of projects - such as retrofitting existing developments with stormwater controls

- as regulatory drivers are put in place, and more would be spent in later years. More importantly is the fact that neither I, nor the governor, nor anyone in his administration, have called for spending less money on clean water. Further, the articles ignore that the actual spending on clean water is increasing year-over-year, not decreasing - there was a full 70 percent increase in clean water funding between FY17 and FY18.

We do have an obligation to put funding to work with appropriate management and oversight. Taxpayers expect, and rightly so, that their money will be invested in our water environment as quickly as possible, but also in a way that ensures it is spent effectively and with accountability. That is our great challenge.

Vermonters may remember President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, or ARRA, and the search for "shovel-ready" projects to fund. We face a similar challenge in lining up projects which are ready to go to construction. Al-

though we understand where many of the water quality needs lie across our landscape, it takes time to develop the expertise and resources in both public and private sectors necessary to implement projects in accountable ways and to ensure we will be measuring what we get for our money. That is what I have been, and am, advocating for - a realistic, practical and effective long-term strategy - and what was unfortunately misrepresented as a desire to slow down spending on the cleanup of Lake Champlain and other waters.

Together, through the course of decades, even centuries, of living, building and farming on Vermont's landscape, we created the problems in our waters. And it will take time - measured in years, not weeks or months - to correct those problems. Ensuring that we are laying the proper foundation is essential. We will, and we are, getting it right. That is a strength, not a weakness.

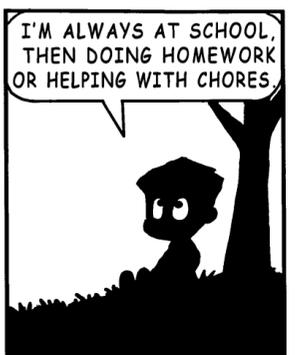
Unfortunately, the incorrect narrative has taken on a life of its own.

I have heard from many involved in the great effort to restore our waterways - including those who sometimes disagree with us over the best way to achieve our mutual goals - about how frustrated they are by this mischaracterization. More worrisome is that these inaccurate stories may be weakening Vermonters' resolve to take on this monumental task.

I will not let that happen. So, I urge those readers who are concerned to get involved, and learn the real story of what we are doing, how we are doing it, and why. Come to a public hearing on the issue, or look at the documents we have gathered related to clean water funding here: www.anr.vermont.gov/about/special-topics/act-73-clean-water-funding. See for yourselves what progress we are making, and what work lies ahead.

Article written by Julie Moore, secretary of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources in the Scott Administration.

Amber Waves



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by Dave T. Phipps

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

When the Ludlow and Cavendish transfer stations recently increased their fees, our donation shed saw a steep increase in unusable donations we cannot resell - especially those made at night and on weekends when the store is closed. As a result, our trash disposal cost has skyrocketed. Black River Good Neighbor

Services has and always will depend upon your donations to provide services to our clients. Our mission and responsibility, though, is to buy food and heating fuel for people who need it. Instead, we are increasingly paying more to dispose of trash.

It is with great regret that we have had to close our after hours donation

shed and ask that all donations be made during business hours - Monday through Saturday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Please remember that items left outside and exposed to the elements often become damp or wet and unsellable, and even more expensive to dispose of.

New signage at the store warns our policy change. We have multiple security cameras and will be monitoring the yard for people who dump trash outside. We will continue posting videos of anyone caught doing so on Facebook.

Peter LaBelle, BRGNS

Dear Editor,

The Cavendish Green Mountain Snow Fleas thank all who came out to our annual Pig Roast on Oct. 7. The clouds and rain did not stop folks from attending, as this year we served over 130 dinners! We were thrilled to be able to host 23 of our Cavendish landowners as a thank you for allowing us to have trails on their property.

We also want to acknowledge and thank those who supported this event by their donations and volunteering their time: Anthony and Denise Scricca; Gary Gnazzo; Brian and Kim Villa from Snow Country Snowmobiles; our chef extraordinaire, Ned Bowen; Duane Carleton; Ballard-Hobart American Legion Post 36; Benny's Power of Chester; Calm Moments Massage Studio; Central Vermont Motorcycles; Ches-

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Charles "Artie" Aiken, 1913-2017

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Charles "Artie" Aiken, 104, of School Street died Thursday, October 5, 2017. Artie was born in Townshend, Vt., on June 10, 1913, the son of Dana and Flora (Riendeau) Aiken. He worked as a dairy farmer, did construction, and worked for the railroad. He also served in the Army during World War II.

He is survived by his siblings: Ruth Pugliese, Barbara Bulley, Dalpeme Feather, Trudy Westcott, and

Peral Russel. He is predeceased by his parents and his brothers Ralph, Maynard, and Lewis, and his sister Myrtle Narkiewicz.

There will be a graveside service at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 13, in the Westminster Cemetery, Westminster, Vt.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Westminster Cares, 3534 US Route 5, Westminster, VT 05158, or to Westminster Fire Department, P.O. Box 111, Westminster, VT 05158.

Allan George Moch, 1945-2017

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Allan George Moch, 71, of Pleasant Valley Road died Sept. 25, 2017. Allan was born in New York on Oct. 14, 1945, the son of George and Pearl (Ayer) Moch. He attended Kurn Hattin School and worked locally as a mechanic. Allan was a very selfless person when it came to helping others.

Allan is survived by his daugh-

ter, Crystal Turkmen; his son, Shane Moch; his companion, Mary McDermott; his brother, Richard East; his sister, Anita Westcott; and two grandchildren. He is predeceased by his parents and his daughter, Heidi Moch.

There will be a memorial service at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home. There will be no burial.

Nancy Elizabeth Narkiewicz, 1923-2017

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Nancy Elizabeth Narkiewicz, 94, of Rockingham passed away on Oct. 7, 2017, at Springfield Rehab with her loving daughters by her side. Nancy was born on Feb. 6, 1923, in Bellows Falls, Vt., to parents Flora and Reuben Merrill. She was the first of their 10 children. She attended local schools and later worked for many years at Robertson Paper Company. In September 1945, she married the love of her life, Jacob Narkiewicz of Pine Banks Road in Westminster, Vt. Together, they managed Jacob's honey business (Riverside Apiaries) and raised their family up near Herick's Cove.

Surviving Nancy are her two daughters, Mary Narkiewicz of Bellows Falls, Vt., and Carol Heady of Bellingham, Wash. Also surviving are son-in-law Raymond Heady and sisters Barbara Nichols, Madeline Taylor, Arlene Blake and Lorna Merrill, as well as numerous nieces and nephews on both sides of the family.

Our mother Nancy had a long and beautiful life. She was a "people person." It seemed that everyone was her friend. She was a great dancer, a snappy dresser, a passionate collector of trinkets and tchotchkes, loved listening to music, and watching television and movies. She loved babies and animals (especially cat friend Gwendolyn). Back in the day, she could be found in T-Bird socializing with a group of friends. In recent years, she had a habit of waving to say hello to anyone who might be

around - whether she knew them or not! Bellows Falls' hot spots, goings-on, people and places were the center of her life. She loved the village and surrounding areas.

Two or three trips to visit daughters in Washington and Oregon were major events back in the 1980s. "Seattle is the cleanest city I have ever seen," she often said admiringly. One of her favorite places in the world was Newport, Vt., where she spent summers near Lake Memphremagog with her Aunt Nan and Uncle John back in the 1930s. And all along these many life paths she was taking photographs. She filled dozens of photo albums.

Nancy's charming personality, vitality and infectious laughter will always be remembered, along with her gentle, tender spirit. Oh how we loved her! How we hated to say goodbye! But there is a peace in knowing her recent struggle is over.

Thank you to all the compassionate and capable people at Sterling House, Springfield Rehab and Bayada Hospice, who took such loving care of Nancy. You can rest now, Dear Mother.

There will be calling hours 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, at the Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt. A funeral mass will be celebrated at St. Charles Church in Bellows Falls on Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. Burial at Oak Hill Cemetery following funeral service. Refreshments at Sacred Heart social center after the burial.

Ruth Parker Sherwood, 1935-2017

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Ruth Parker Sherwood, 82, passed away Sunday morning Oct. 8, 2017, at the Springfield Health & Rehab Center in Springfield, Vt. She was born Oct. 8, 1935, in Springfield, Vt., the daughter of Clair John and Mary Alice (Blodgett) Parker. She attended and graduated from Springfield schools and later earned a bachelor's degree in nursing.

She married William M. Sherwood, who predeceased her in November 1962.

Ruth was employed as a registered nurse at the Springfield Hospital for a number of years, and later worked as the first aid technician at the Bryant Grinder Corporation for many years.

She loved animals, collected spoons and was a very accomplished painter, and artistic in many other ways as well.

She is survived by her son, William M. Sherwood of Lehigh, Pa., and her sister, Mary Swanson of Springfield, Vt.; and three grandchildren: Kasecia Sherwood, Rhylee Sherwood, and Randy Klinge, as well as by nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by her parents and by her brother, John Parker.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017, at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Peter Williams will officiate. Burial will follow in the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield.

Contributions may be made in her memory to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10 Pleasant St., Springfield, VT 05156.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield.

Catholic churches celebrate Fatima miracle

REGION - On Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017, Church of the Annunciation in Ludlow and St. Mary's in Proctorsville will join with Our Lady of the Snows in Woodstock and other Catholic churches in honoring the 100th anniversary of the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Fatima, Portugal.

Evelyn J. Crate, 1924-2017

ENFIELD, N.H. - Evelyn J. Crate, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, and friend passed away on Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017, at her home on Sargent Street, surrounded by her family.

Evelyn was born on July 19, 1924, the third child of Mabel Gertrude Bennett and Elmer Martin Sanford. She grew up in Randolph, Vt., with her siblings, Elmer George Sanford and Elizabeth "Libby" Sanford Chamberlain, all of whom predeceased her.

After graduating from high school, Evelyn worked for Vermont Telephone Company in Fairlee, Vt. and Hartford, Vt. She also lived in Boston and worked for Raytheon. She moved back to Randolph and later met and married Donald A. Crate of Lebanon, N.H. They were married for 67 years at the time of Donald's death in 2013. They were an inseparable couple and business partners who loved their ever-growing family.

After their marriage, the couple purchased the Mascoma Hotel on Main Street in Enfield. The two of them ran the hotel and a small grocery store.

Evelyn also supported her husband while he was Enfield's volunteer fire chief for nearly 50 years. One of her main roles was to man the siren and answer phone calls from their home during each fire, typically in the middle of the night. Many in her family felt she was one of the first women on the Enfield Fire Department. For several years, she assisted the Supervisors of the Check List in Enfield.

While running the hotel and grocery store in Enfield, she and her husband started Don Crate General Trucking and later Don Crate & Sons Trucking and Excavating. Up until his passing, Evelyn worked with her husband running the trucking company. After his death, she continued to work with their sons, Donald and David, and grandsons, Donald and Duane. Evelyn also managed several rental properties and continued to work in her office up until this past June when she became seriously ill.

In the 80's and 90's, Evelyn and Don spent winters in Zephyrhills, Fla., never completely retiring from their businesses in New Hampshire.

Gertrude L. Robbins, 1922-2017

LANGDON, N.H. - Gertrude L. Robbins died Oct. 2, 2017. She was born Nov. 7, 1922, in Alstead, N.H., the daughter of G. Marion (Jacobs) Batchelder and Ernest F. Batchelder, Sr.

Her childhood was spent in Alstead and Langdon and she was a graduate of Vilas High School. Her family operated the Meat Market in Alstead and she would tell how she enjoyed working there with the produce and groceries. On Aug. 2, 1942, she married Carroll A. Robbins. For many years they operated a dairy farm on Ball Hill Road, Langdon. Gertrude also worked seasonally at Woodward's in Walpole making Christmas wreaths, as other area women did at that time.

In 1967 they sold the farm, retaining land across the road where they built a new house. They lived there the rest of their lives. Gertrude also worked at Walpole Wire until she retired. She continued to live in her home and for many years did all the upkeep of home, lawns and gardens

herself.

Gertrude enjoyed caring for horses, having grown up with them, having one of her own as an adult, and later caring for her sister's horse. She had been active earlier in choir, church summer musical productions and later in the Langdon Players, participating in plays they performed. She enjoyed hosting family gatherings for special events.

She was predeceased by her husband in 1986 and later by her brothers and sisters: Robert H. Batchelder, Dorothy and Stanley Ring, Mildred and Joseph Gryzko, Floris and Ernest F. Batchelder, Jr.; a niece and nephews. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Madeline Batchelder; nieces, nephews, and their extended families. This includes some who spent childhood summers at the farm and several who assisted her in later years.

At her request, there will be no services and burial will be private. Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home, Bellows Falls, Vt., is in charge of arrangements.

Her family extends a special thank you to the staff of Bayada Home Health Care of Norwich, Vt., and Dr. Roshini Pinto-Powell at DHMC, for their support and compassion to Evelyn and her family during her final days.

Messages of condolence may be expressed with the family through an online guestbook by visiting www.rickerfuneralhome.com.

a miracle. After a rainstorm, the crowds that had gathered witnessed the clouds parting and the sun dancing in the sky. The sun fell towards the earth and then returned to its normal position. The people also reported their wet clothes were completely dry, as was the rain-soaked, muddy ground under their feet. This well-recorded incident is known as The Miracle of the Sun.

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churches across the United States to publicly pray a rosary at noon, Eastern Time. Over one million people will join together to pray the rosary to celebrate the anniversary of The Blessed Mother's appearance and for peace throughout America and the world. These events are open to all. For further information please contact your local Catholic church or contact Barbara Wanamaker at be-wanamaker@gmail.com.

Christie May (Rawson) Hidy, 1929-2017

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Christie May (Rawson) Hidy, 91, died peacefully on Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017. Christie was also a long time resident of Windham, Vt., where she made her home with husband John (Jack) C. Hidy, who predeceased her.

Christie was born in Londonderry, Vt., on Sept. 9, 1929, to Ethelbert and Celia (Capen) Rawson. She was one of 10 children. Christie attended grade school in South Londonderry and high school in Taunton, Mass. She moved with her family to the Midwest, where she met John c. Hidy at a USO dance. They married and together they had five children.

In Christie's full life she touched many others with whom she worked or befriended in other ways. Christie worked as the telephone operator in South Londonderry, at the Texas Nursing Home in Bellows Falls, at Destals Lodge at Magic Mountain for several years, and as a server at the Londonderry Inn. She enjoyed many years working in distribution at the Vermont Country Store as well, first in Weston, then in Manchester when the "new" building opened.

She received recognition from Americorps for five years of volunteer work. She often volunteered at Windham Elementary school. She also enjoyed teaching Bone Builders exercise classes for several years. Her church family at the First Baptist Church in South Londonderry meant the world to her, and she often volunteered at church suppers and other events. She was a member of the ladies' auxiliary of the Windham Volunteer Fire Department. She enjoyed knitting, Yahtzee and Bunko, religious retreats, traveling, camping, reading, listening to music, and spending time with her

large extended family as well as her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Christie will be remembered for her kindness, sense of humor, and beautiful spirit. In addition to her husband, Christie is predeceased by her infant child Jacqueline, daughter Rebecca, and Stuart, her only son. Christie is survived by her daughters Cheryl Wiggins and Rosemary (Stoddard) Hubis and grandchildren Christian Stoddard, Darcy Gibney, Heidi Nobles, Stacey Daley, Christel Hidy, and Melody Wickens, and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She also leaves four brothers: Alfred Rawson and wife Ruth, Hugh Rawson, Ralph Rawson and wife Shannon, and Robert Rawson; and two sisters, Ruth LaFogg, Maude Gabert, and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at the town hall in Londonderry, Vt., on Friday, Oct. 13 at 11 a.m. Her family and friends are welcome to attend.

Burial was held at a private graveside ceremony for the immediate family.

Adams Funeral Home in Chester is in charge of arrangements. Contributions may be made in Christie's memory to the First Baptist Church rebuilding fund at P.O. Box 278, S. Londonderry, VT 05155. The rebuilding of her church was very important to her.

Thank you to the members of the community at Smith Haven who looked after Christie and helped in so many ways, and to Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad, Springfield Hospital E.R., Dartmouth Hitchcock, and the staff of the Springfield Health and Rehabilitation center who assisted with her care.

James "Jim" L. Chandler, 1956-2017

WALPOLE, N.H. - James "Jim" L. Chandler, 61, of Thompson Road, passed away peacefully on Sept. 29, 2017, in his home, surrounded by family, after a battle with COPD and lung cancer. He was born Jan. 6, 1956 to Gilbert and Grace (MacNevin) Chandler of Walpole. Jim attended Walpole grade schools and graduated Fall Mountain Regional High School, Class of 1974. He spent three years in the Army at Fort Hood, Texas, where he married his wife, Gerry Hill Latham, on Aug. 15, 1975. After the service he worked at Central Screw, Findings of Keene, N.H.; ABEX in Salisbury, N.C.; and Fulflex of Brattleboro, Vt.

Jim loved his special times with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and playing horseshoes. One of his fondest memories, thanks to Al Kittredge of Fayetteville, N.C., was salmon fishing in Alaska and hunting in Martinsville, Va., where, one year, he harvested three deer in two days.

Jim is survived by his mother, Grace Chandler of Walpole; his wife, Gerry Chandler of Walpole; daughters Donna Latham and husband Rob Schneider of Bellingham, Mass., and Tammy Blake and husband Roy of Swanzey, N.H.; his siblings, Lee

Cooper and Mark of Tulsa, Okla.; John Chandler and Ann of Worcester, Mass.; Jerry Chandler and Susan of Keene, N.H.; Tamara Chandler of Walpole; and Brian Chandler and Sandy of Hillsborough, N.C. as well as grandchildren Cori Hildreth and Kevin of Westmoreland, N.H.; Joshua Watson and Jamie of Gilsum, N.H.; Danielle Southwell of Brattleboro, Vt.; Jaime Pearsall and Jim of Keene, N.H.; Deanna Savola and Marc of Troy, N.H.; great-grandchildren Anna and Liam Hildreth, Troy and Cole Rabold, Andrea and Jenna Pearsall, Emma, Courtney, and Alex Savola; his aunt Ruth and uncle John Ramsey of Walpole and uncle William Winslow of Seekonk, Mass.; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews. He is predeceased by his father, Gilbert, and his son, Marshall Latham.

Special thanks to his friends and classmates for all their love and support.

Per Jim's wishes, there will be no service. There will be a celebration of his life on Oct. 21, 2017, at his home, 93 Thompson Road, Walpole, N.H.

Donations may be made to Walpole Fire and EMS; FMRHS Class of 1974 c/o Sharon Brookes, P.O. Box 201, Walpole, NH 03608; or to the "Be The Change" Fund to help children in the Fall Mountain School District.



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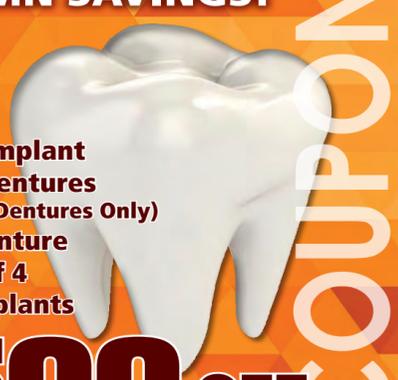
She has been gone for 35 years since October 16, 1982. She is always on my mind and in my heart, and I miss those days we had together.

Love ya,
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I have done this memorial of Brenda for 35 years. This is the last year that I will do this in writing, but she will always be with me. I will never, ever forget her!

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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

Bellows Falls won kind of a ho-hum football game 54-0 last Saturday. The coach on the receiving end of the defeat was Mount Abraham coach Lee Hoddsden.

You say the name sounds familiar? Certainly it should, to many of our readers. Lee was once a very good Bellows Falls Union High School running back. He was good enough to go on to a Division II college career at American International College. Few area players ever get the chance to compete at that level.

How down is he about the loss? Down to an extent like he is every week, when your team isn't competitive, but Hoddsden is a realist.

"I love seeing the Purple and White. The sight of those Purple helmets goes all the way back to when I was four or five and I use to live down on Westminster Street and I remember all those football players running by on their way to practice. I would always remember those Purple helmets," the Mt. Abe head man said.

Flashing back to another day and age, Hoddsden is referring to the days before the Union was added to the high school name. Bellows Falls High School was located on School Street. Hadley Field was born in 1961. For about ten years, the football team would dress in the locker room at the school and run up to the field in uniform. That served as Hoddsden's dream parade.

"Doug MacPhee, our top notch photographer, brought me a Pee Wee program," Hoddsden said of last Saturday, "that is one of the biggest differences between our program and Bellows Falls. Most of our players are in the first or second years of wearing pads. They have had that program in Bellows Falls since 1968. I am trying to start that here and our numbers keep increasing, but right now at the high school level, we just can't compete."

Hoddsden was what was called a gamer when he played. It appears he has been able to install that part of his make up in his charges because he told us, "I was pleased it was only 6-0 at the quarter and 20-0 at the half. We can stay with people for a while, but eventually our experience catches up with us. We have yet to play four quarters," the former Purple helmet guy said. Lee's competitiveness showed through in the next sentence. "You know if we can beat North Country, we could make the play-offs," he both stated.

"I loved seeing Timmy Waryas and enjoyed having a conversation with him. I saw his father Fred and Freddie (Waryas), Kevin Vancor, Mike Randall, Shawn Burke, Mike Burke and Mary Jo Kiniry (Clark) and that was a lot of fun. I also had the chance to chat with Coach Lockerby and Ryan Stoodley and that is always fun."

The Mt. Abe coach went on to say, "I have used what Coach Bisbee taught us about growing up and becoming a productive member of society with the team. I want our Eagle football players to meet the standards we have set here. Do the right thing, the right way, on time, all the time."

Speaking of Coach Bisbee, Hoddsden turns to his former coach in times of need. Lee mentioned, "I call Coach Bisbee when I need a motivational talk. He is still good at picking me up."

We spoke to BFUHS Principal Chris Hoddsden, Lee's brother and he spoke of their time together growing up. Chris said, "When you are referring to Lee keep in mind, there is a difference between competing and being competitive. We had a great sibling relationship, but there was not a thing that we played against each other, that we didn't want to win at. He has always been very competitive."

I know in Boston, that the Eagles and Terriers are two schools that really don't like each other. Boston College and Boston University would never consider doing things the other team's way, regardless of the sport. In the communities of the Green Mountain State, the Terrier Way is becoming the Eagle Way.

Looking at action on the football field last week, in the Terrier victory, Logan Cota threw for two touchdowns and ran for two scores. The passes were of 38 yards to Noah Rawling and 26 yards to Ryan Kelly, while the runs were from 23 and 21 yards away. Shane Clark, Julian Christensen, and Andrew Elliott added touchdown runs. Severt kicked six extra points.

Coach Lockerby said, "It was a good game for us. We gained more experience and nobody got hurt. The tough games start now. If we don't play well, we lose." The Terriers travel to Fair Haven Friday night and then will host Union 32 the following Friday night in the season finale.

Springfield proved to be a little more competitive in a 35-12 loss to third place Mill River, despite what the final score might look like. Matt LaChapelle, who has had a number of strong games in the running department for the Cosmos, rushed for over 100 yards and scored the first Springfield touchdown to bring the Cosmos within 22-6 in the first half. Donivan Sprano



Lee Hoddsden (on the left) is the Mount Abraham head football coach. Mt. Abe fell to the Terriers 54-0 last Saturday. Hoddsden grew up playing football for the Terriers and vividly remembers being struck by the vision of seeing those purple football helmets as a young child. He is pictured here with fellow running back Tim Waryas. Hoddsden enjoyed catching up with friends. PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

tallied the locals final points on an 11-yard scamper.

Coach Rich Saypack felt that "their passing game broke the game open with a few deep passes that receivers made great catches on. Offensively, it seemed like every positive play we had came back drive after drive." Saypack was frustrated by the penalties referred to in the quote, making the offense sputter and a continuation of turnovers which have plagued his team all season.

Saypack's 11 will be home for Senior Night Friday versus Missisquoi and the coach says, "Hopefully, a win is in store for our hard working seniors."

Fall Mountain was idle last week and Orion Binney's team is prepping for a home game Saturday night versus a Newfound team the Wildcats can likely be competitive against. "The week off has given us some time to get healthier. We have missed Aaron Blair and Reggie DeCamp and they both should play and be able to make us stronger. We had a good week of practice and are looking forward to this game," Binney said.

Four more games to go for undefeated teams

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

REGION - There are four games to go for two undefeated area teams. One team, the Bellows Falls Field Hockey team, has been there before. They are the undefeated defending Vermont State Champions. In fact, they are two-time Vermont Division III defending champions and have moved up to Division II this fall.

The other present undefeated team is the Green Mountain Girls Soccer team. They have fielded strong teams in recent years, knocking on title's door the past two seasons, advancing to the semi-finals a year ago, before falling short. They are undefeated and probably even hungrier than their southern field hockey neighbors, who have enjoyed the ultimate success before. It is interesting the teams both have the four contests remaining.

When we last visited Green Mountain Girls soccer, they were 4-0. When one adds victories over Windsor 4-0, Otter Valley 6-0, Leland + Gray 3-2, West Rutland 3-1, Bellows Falls 6-0 and Twin Valley 3-0, everything's adds up to 10-0. They play Leland + Gray again Wednesday and Coach Carolynn Hamilton worries about the

toughness of this get-together.

"Except for us, everybody seems to be beating everybody. Leland & Gray may be a rivalry, but especially this year. They played us tough, Hannah Buffum had the game winner and although we went through a stretch when we were a little lax in our game, we played well enough to win, but Leland & Gray was really tough." The fact that Buffum transferred from Townshend to Chester may just have added a little to this rivalry. Hamilton noted, "Because of her, it made it more dramatic."

When the team was in that lax state and not scoring goals, Hamilton credited the GM midfielders and defense to keep the streak going. She presented a game ball to Rachel Guerra specifically for her play in one game. The team has certainly shown depth and strong play from many, because the Lady Chieftains recently went through a few games without top goal scorers Paige Karl and Erin Otis, who were both injured. Hamilton expects both players to return for the Leland & Gray game but knows every team is now aiming for her team. "We are definitely taking things one game at a time, but we are playing really good soccer."

Karl leads the team in scoring with 13 goals and three assists, while Micah White has eight goals and seven assists. Otis has tallied seven goals and three assists and Avery Prescott's numbers are seven goals and two assists. Eleven GM players have scored in all.

Following the Leland & Gray match, GM travels to Windsor Saturday at 11 a.m. and then next week faces Otter Valley at home on Senior Day at 4 p.m., before completing their regular season at Bellows Falls next Friday. The Chieftains hold the top seed in Division III Soccer ahead of Thetford 8-1, Peoples Academy 7-3, Rivendell 9-1, Bellows Free Academy of Fairfax 8-2, and Enosburg Falls 7-3, who will all be in contention come play-off time. L + G only has a break-even record, but they lost a close one to Thetford 3-2.

Although Green Mountain has at times dominated opponents, the BF Field Hockey team has taken things a step further. Their last six victories were versus Hartford 5-0, Rutland 6-1, Fair Haven 9-0, Mount Anthony 8-0, Woodstock 7-0, and Windsor 10-1 and the numbers are piling up similar to GM. Windsor has BF's old top ladder spot, first in the state in the



Micah White, Green Mountain Girls Soccer second leading goal scorer, is looking to make a play here. PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Bellows Falls Field Hockey player Madison Streeter is on the go looking towards the net. PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

Division III standings.

The Lady Terriers have outscored their opponents 70-3 and their closest game was a 4-0 triumph over Hartford. Coach Bethany Coursen said, "That was a close game. It was 0-0 at the half and then we made a few adjustments and were able to open things up in the second half. That was a good challenge. We must be getting better because we didn't have such a tough time with them the second time."

Dani Marchica leads the Purple and White in the goal department with 18, followed by Abbe Cravin-ho with 16, Reagan Baldasaro has

totalled 13 with Molly Kelly 11, Sophia Hyslop 7, and Madison Streeter 5 adding plenty of help. Coursen also pointed out the strong halfback play of a couple of sophomores Halle Dickerson and Taylor Goodell as making a major compliment to the teams play. Emma Lober "has done well in goal."

The team plays a night game on Tuesday at Brattleboro as this paper is printing and then hosts Rutland on Thursday and hopes to complete their 14 game season perfect, just like Green Mountain Girls Soccer hopes, with success in games at Burr & Burton next Tuesday and on Senior Day

at home a week from Thursday again against Brattleboro.

Spaulding is at the top of the Vermont Division II standings, also unbeaten, with Coursen pointing further down the list at number 5 as the team's biggest challenge, where Mount Abraham's Connie Larose's team sits.

Two undefeated teams putting things together on the local scene once again this fall. Fall has been the areas' best season in recent years. Here's hoping they both stand in the winners' circle when the leaves have fallen from the trees.

Fall Mountain Special Olympics scores big at the Regional Games

LANGDON, N.H. - The Special Olympics 13th Annual Upper Valley Regional Fall Games took place at Maple Lanes in Claremont, N.H. on Oct. 1, 2017. The event was sponsored by Hypertherm based in Claremont. The teams that participated were the Claremont Cool Cats, Connecticut River Special Olympics, Fall Mountain Special Olympics, and the Upper Valley Hawks.

The Regional Games are broken down into divisions based on the re-

ported scores from practices. The objective is to place athletes who have similar abilities in the same divisions, creating equitable competition. The competition was ten pin "big ball." There is also a bumper division of which nine athletes utilized and there were several athletes that utilize ramps without bumpers.

There were 13 athletes who represented Fall Mountain. Debra Hall won first place in the bumper division, with Olivia Rounds coming in third. Dalton

Hutchinson, Rachel Maxim, Mark Pebbles, Richard "Buddy" Judd, Jacob Barboza, and Sarah Johnson all placed first in their division. Eric Swain came in first place in the assisted ramp division. Bonnie Kyle took third place. Sean Anderson came in fourth with Mariah Pratt also scoring fourth place. Patrick Cannon overcame a tough division to bring home sixth place.

As always, the athletes had a great day representing all teams. Special Olympics offers friendship, competition, athleticism, and just great fun for all the athletes and the spectators. One volunteer told us that she has volunteered for this event for about three years. "I love the smiles, laughter and the competitiveness of all the athletes." She also said that she "admires the athletes and how kind they are to one another and that they cheer each other on, even if they are on opposite teams." She added, "That's not something you see usually, and that's what makes this so rewarding."

The Regional Games will set the field for the New Hampshire State Games, which will be held on Nov. 18 at Yankee Lanes in Keene, N.H.



Fall Mountain Special Olympics played well at Maple Lanes. PHOTO PROVIDED

Springfield Elks Lodge #15690 held two soccer shoots

REGION - With soccer shoot chairman, Victor Baskevich leading the way, Springfield Elks Lodge held their annual soccer shoots in Chester and Springfield recently. Springfield had 80 locals turnout, and Chester had 58 kids participate. If everybody who had signed up showed up, there would have been 216 competitors. It was a good turnout, the members of Springfield Elks felt and do thank the kids that showed up.

First place winners will be competing in the Vermont Elks State Soccer Shoot in St. Albans on Oct. 15 at noon. If a first place winner cannot go, the second place winner will be sent in their place. Good luck from the Springfield Elks Lodge!

The following list is the winners and runners-up for the two shoots:

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1st Nicholas Burlew, Springfield

2nd Jackson Groner, Springfield
and Jameer Cosby, Springfield
7 & 8 Year old girls
1st Addelyn Snide, Springfield
2nd Sydney Poole, Springfield
8 & 9 Year old boys
1st Jake Tostrup, Springfield
2nd Ryan Gould, Springfield
8 & 9 Year old girls
1st Harper Palmer, Springfield

2nd Ayla Bosley, Springfield
10 & 11 Year old boys
1st Forest Garvin, Chester
2nd William Anderson, Chester
10 & 11 Year old girls
1st Abby Williams, Chester
2nd Grace Wright, Chester
12 & 13 Year old boys
1st Tristin Parker, Chester
2nd Brady Roy, Springfield

Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Knights of Columbus Council 7324 Ludlow invite all boys and girls ages 9-14 to participate in our local soccer challenge on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 11:30 a.m., Dorsey Park in Ludlow. Registration forms will be available, and parent signatures are required.

The Soccer Challenge is a competition designed for players to demonstrate their skills in the penalty kick. Each player will be allowed 15 shots at the goal from the penalty line, 12 yards from the goal. Winners progress to the district, regional, state, and international levels.

Fall Home Improvement



Grow fresh vegetables in the snow

BY TRINA MENARD

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

REGION - No greenhouse? No problem! Just because we live in New England, doesn't mean the end of summer determines the end of fresh veggies. See green through the deep winter months by cultivating a winter garden; some things are improved by the cold weather!

What grows in the snow?

Spinach grows better within a raised covered bed, but it will endure the cold temperatures continuing to grow below the soil as well as above.



You can grow some veggies in the snow. STOCK PHOTO

A simple raised bed with a glass top - even an old window you found free by the side of the road - will not only allow you to collect fresh spinach all through the winter months but also guarantee fast verdant growth come springtime.

Leeks are not bothered by winter's chilly winds or short daylight hours. Check your seed packets to see which varieties will tolerate the cold better than others.

They do not require a raised bed to grow during the winter.

Kale, collards, and chard are vital, diverse sources of iron and B vitamins. These trouper will grow and show all winter long! They do not require a raised bed, but it could be a sensible way of keeping the snow from overcoming them during our deep freeze.

Parsnips love the snow, and the cold temperatures turns up the production of the sugar, making them taste even better. They are also very beneficial in the diet for fiber, poly-acetylene anti-oxidants and vitamin C.

Another vegetable, like Parsnips, that is improved by the cold temperatures is cabbage. Varieties with crinkled leaves bear winter better than flat leaf varieties. They are better when planted in late summer so they're an edible size for winter. The plants do not require covering in a raised bed.

Carrots are best left to two frosts before harvesting. The starches turn to sugars and taste better when left to survive in cold weather.

Planting garlic in October gives you a harvest the following June through August. Best results come from using a cold frame, which is a simple box made of any number of materials topped with glass or



Kale withstands a blizzard in Chris Timmons' winter garden in Buzzards Bay, Mass. PHOTO PROVIDED

clear greenhouse plastic. The earlier in October you plant it, the better your summer harvest will be. Take care to keep soil aerated and loose so bulbs are free to grow.

There are many more varieties that grow well in the snow: brussel sprouts, beets, turnips, lettuce etc. With a little ingenuity and elbow grease, you can keep a bumper crop coming out of your winter garden without the expense and space commitment that comes with having a

greenhouse.

For more information, check out:

- <http://www.nutrition-and-you.com/parsnips.html>
- <http://www.offthegridnews.com/survival-gardening-2/8-snow-hardy-vegetables-you-really-can-grow-during-winter/>
- <http://eastcoastliving.ca/2011/11/gardening-winter11/>
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Five home maintenance projects to tackle this fall

StatePoint - Fall is the perfect time to complete those pesky home maintenance projects left on your to do list. If you've been putting off these chores, you're not alone, but it could cost you. In fact, a national survey from Erie Insurance shows many Americans are putting themselves and their homes at financial risk by delaying important home maintenance tasks.

Make sure you're protected by focusing on these five areas:

- **The Roof.** Twenty-three percent of homeowners admit they never in-

spect their roof or have it inspected unless there is a problem, according to the Erie Insurance survey. Unfortunately, replacing a roof is also one of the biggest expenses a homeowner may have if not maintained properly. Nationally, the average homeowner spends about \$6,600 to install a new roof, but prices can soar upwards of \$20,000.

Don't be stuck with a hefty roof repair bill. Have it inspected to see if any shingles are damaged and need to be replaced. The fall season is the optimal time to do so, since roofing is best installed when temperatures are cooler. Plus, you'll catch any problems before winter weather kicks in.

- **The Gutters.** Make sure downspouts drain away from the foundation and are clear of debris. Clogged gutters can lead to major issues like uneven floors, cracks in walls and interior water damage. This type of claim, also known as seepage, is a maintenance issue and often not covered under your home insurance policy. To prevent any major issues, clean gutters at least twice a year in fall and spring.

- **The Dryer Exhaust Duct.** Does it take you two to three cycles to dry a load of laundry? If so, you may need to clean your dryer vent. One in five (21 percent) admit they never clean their clothes dryer ducts, unless they have a problem. But lint build-up can catch fire easily. Over 15,000 dryer fires occurred nationwide from 2010-2014, with the majority being ignited by dust, fiber and lint, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Avoid this disaster with a thorough cleaning at least once a year.

- **The Fireplace Chimney.** Erie Insurance found nearly half (46 percent) of people who own a home with a fireplace never have their chimneys cleaned. However, uncleaned chimneys are a leading cause of structure fires, reports the National Fire Protection Association. So, get the chimney cleaned before the cold weather hits and you find yourself tossing logs in the hearth to keep the house toasty, and then have it cleaned annually.

- **The Sump Pump and Pit.** Sump pumps remove excess water from homes that would otherwise cause property damage. It's important to clean a sump pump and its pit annually to keep basements dry and help prevent mold growth and water damage. Do this maintenance project in fall to help protect against

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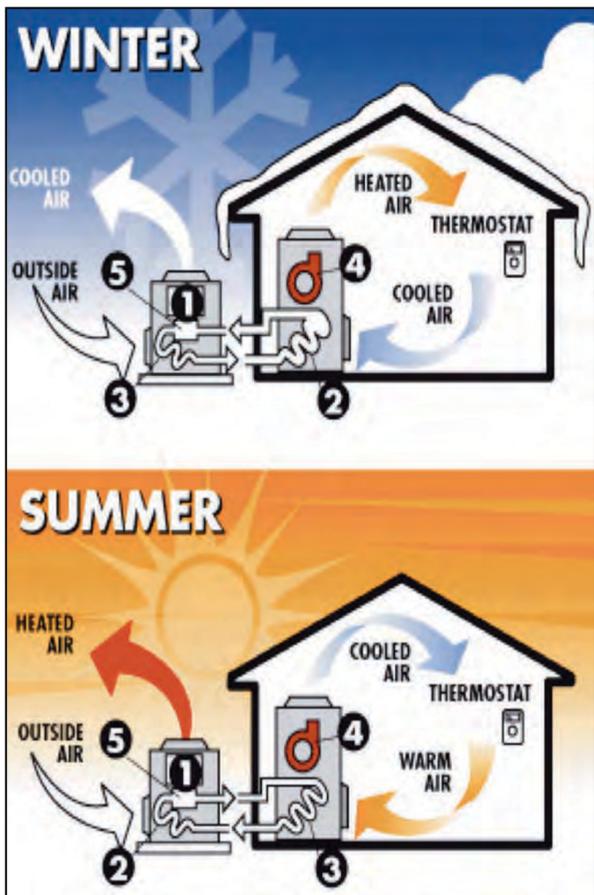
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Fall Home Improvement

Cavendish to host workshop on Heat Pump Technology



Learn about heat pumps, how they work and how they save you dollars while making you comfortable! This Heat Pump Workshop will be at the Cavendish Town Office on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m.

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CAVENDISH, Vt. - Are you fed up with the high cost of heating your home? Are you ready to look into alternatives? The Cavendish Energy Committee will host a heat pump workshop on Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017 at 6 p.m. in the town office meeting room, 37 High Street in Cavendish.

The workshop will include a presentation by Brent Coleman, a local heat pump installer who will talk about how air-to-air and ground source heat pumps work and why they can be an effective heat source for a climate such as ours in Vermont. While nobody can predict future housing concerns, energy consumption should be at the top of the list.

Heat pumps can cool a house in summer, and warm it in winter, and

each owner can recognize an immediate payback in comfort and significant energy bill savings, while lowering his or her carbon footprint.

The presentation will be both informational and educational, focusing on the steps to take in order to make homes more energy efficient with new technology. There will be plenty of time for discussion. At the end of the workshop, you will understand more about the way your home uses energy and one way that you can use to make it more efficient.

The workshop is free, and residents of any town are invited to attend. For more information about the workshop, please call Peter LaBelle at 802-226-7250.

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It's time to roll up your sleeves for some home maintenance projects while it's still nice outside. PHOTO PROVIDED

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Pumpkin Festival

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Vendor spaces are still available at the 33rd annual Townshend Pumpkin Festival on Saturday Oct. 14 held on the Common from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Route 30. There are spaces available for craft vendors and artists who wish to sell their products. Vendors interested in a booth space or have questions, may call Ian Harrison at 802-289-2336 or by email ianselbyhar@hotmail.com. You can also find a Pumpkin Festival application at www.townshendvermont.org.

Join the Pumpkin Festival that includes a pumpkin decorating contest, a costume parade, and free pony rides for the kids. The Townshend Pumpkin Festival is sponsored by the Townshend Business Association.



Join the festivities of this year's Pumpkin Festival.

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Gross is the Split Man

CLAREMONT, N.H. - Best known for his hilarious Split Man prank, with over 200 million views and counting, comedian internet sensation Andy Gross is heading to the Claremont Opera House on Saturday, Oct. 14 with an amazing performance of comedy, magic, and ventriloquism.

Gross is a nationally known magician, comedian, and ventriloquist who has been featured on The Ellen Show, CNN, ABC, CBS, FOX, MSNBC, VH1 and more for his mind blowing antics. Some of Gross's amaz-

ing feats include the ability to actually throw his voice, read minds, levitate objects, make a signed \$100 bill vanish and reappear inside of an orange, and he even turns an audience member into a human puppet! Suitable for children ages 12 and up.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.claremontoperahouse.org, by phone at 603-542-0064 or in person at the Opera House Box office in City Hall Complex at 58 Opera House Square.



Christmas Story

Save the date! The River Theater Company's performances will be on Nov. 17, 18, and 19 at the Claremont Opera House.

The Parker family in River Theater Company's "A Christmas Story: the Musical" will be played by Wesley Nadeau, John Luther, Laura Carboneau and Miles Sheehan.

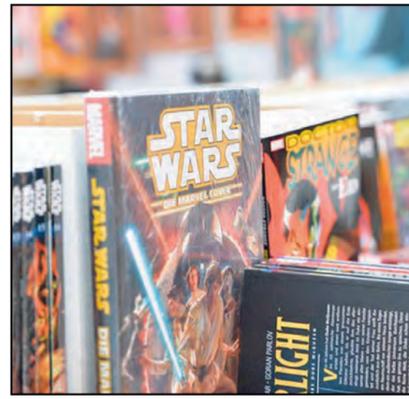
The group is always looking for backstage volunteers. Email mwright@rivertheater.org.

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Rockingham Library celebrates 6th annual Star Wars Reads Day

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - While the Empire would most likely be displeased, Star Wars Reads Day - a celebration of a galaxy far, far away and the joy of reading - is back! The Rockingham Free Public Library will be celebrating the Sixth Annual Star Wars Reads Day on Oct. 14 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Star Wars Reads Day is an initiative of Lucasfilm and its publishing partners to celebrate literacy and Star Wars. Reading and Star Wars have gone hand-in-hand since 1976, when the novelization of the original Star Wars movie was released. Over the years, many fans have discovered the joy in reading through Star Wars books.

Costumes are encouraged during this event. There will be ongoing activities for kids and families throughout the day along with



Star Wars books and comics.

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special scheduled events:

- 11 a.m. Join the Jedi Training competition and show off your Star Wars knowledge
- 11:30 a.m. Kids can take part in

the "Wookiee-Calling" contest

• 12 p.m. Make your own light saber. Supplies are limited. Take part in the costume contest.

• 12:30 p.m. Make Wookiee cookies and other Star Wars inspired snacks.

Youth Services Librarian, Sam Maskell, says, "One of the great things about Star Wars is its popularity across a wide range of ages. It's one of the rare fictional worlds that's exciting for younger children to discover and still cool for teenagers and adults to enjoy."

This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at 802-463-4270, email youthservices@rockinghamlibrary.org, stop by the library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls, or go online to rockinghamlibrary.org.

James Bond returns to Ludlow in "Spectre"

LUDLOW, Vt. - FOLA's next movie will be "Spectre," a James Bond feature, on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium.

"Spectre" (2012) is the 24th spy film in the James Bond film series produced by Eon Productions for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and Columbia Pictures. It is Daniel Craig's fourth performance as James Bond, and the second film in the series directed by Sam Mendes following "Skyfall," with a screenplay written by John Logan, Neal Purvis, Robert Wade, and Jez Butterworth.

The story sees Bond pitted against the global criminal organization



Daniel Craig is James Bond in this sequel of Skyfall.

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Spectre and their leader Ernst Stavro Blofeld. Bond attempts to thwart Blofeld's plan to launch a global surveillance network and discovers Spectre and Blofeld were behind the events of the previous three films. The film marks Spectre and Blofeld's first appearance in an Eon Productions film since 1971's "Diamonds Are Forever" with Christoph Waltz playing the organization's leader. Several recurring James Bond characters, including M, Q, and Eve Moneypenny return, with the new additions of Léa Seydoux as Dr. Madeleine Swann, Dave Bautista

as Mr. Hinx, Andrew Scott as Max Denbigh, and Monica Bellucci as Lucia Sciarra.

"Spectre" was filmed from December 2014 to July 2015, with locations in Austria, the United Kingdom, Italy, Morocco, and Mexico. The action scenes prioritized practical effects and stunts, while still employing computer-generated imagery made by five different companies. "Spectre" was estimated to have cost around \$245 million, making it the most expensive Bond film and one of the most expensive films ever made.

The film was released on Oct. 26, 2015 in the United Kingdom, 50 years after release of "Thunderball" (1965), 30 years after release of "A View to a Kill" (1985), and 20 years after release of "GoldenEye" (1995), on the same night as the world premiere at the Royal Albert Hall in London, followed by a worldwide release which included IMAX screenings. It was released in the United States one week later, on Nov. 6. Upon its release, "Spectre" received mostly favorable reviews from critics, with its acting, suspense, action sequences, and the performances of Waltz and Bautista receiving notable acclaim. The theme song "Writing's on the Wall," performed and co-written by the British singer Sam Smith, won an Academy Award and Golden Globe for best original song. "Spectre" grossed over a total of \$880 million worldwide, the second largest unadjusted income for the series after "Skyfall." A sequel is set for a 2019 date.

The movie is open to everyone and is free; donations are appreciated. Popcorn will be supplied by Berkshire Bank with water provided by FOLA. For information, call 802-228-7239 or visit the FOLA website, www.foia.us.

Paint 'n Sip fundraiser is back

LUDLOW, Vt. - Paint 'n Sip Fundraiser part two will take place on Thursday, Oct. 19 at the Black River Academy Museum on 14 High Street in Ludlow from 6 to 8 p.m. As mentioned before, no painting experience is needed. Assistance will be given if needed. The soup bowl is yours to take home after a fun evening of socializing and painting. There is a charge for the unpainted bowls and painting supplies. This is a BYOB evening. For more information, call 802-228-8690 or email willettt@comcast.net.

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Village Green Gallery
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Owners Annie Bolognese Aft and Rob Aft opened the Village Green Gallery in 2015, taking it over from friends.

The gallery displays contemporary art and photography from local artists and photographers. The shop offers Vermont-made fine jewelry, glass, pottery and woodenware and Christmas gift boxes.

Annie Bolognese Aft grew up next door in Landgrove, Vt., the daughter of professional author-illustrators Don and Elaine Bolognese. The Gallery includes a nonprofit initiative in memory of Annie's mother to provide drawing classes for youth, called Elaine's Art Club.



In addition to new art, the gallery carries signed prints from Elaine's book illustrations and original acrylics and book illustrations by Don. Both have been compared to Edward Hopper, Thomas Hart Benton, Grant Wood, and other Depression-era painters.

The gallery serves fair trade organic coffees, espresso drinks, artisan teas and offers free wifi. The Afts host local community meetings, drawing classes and theatre discussions for each new play at the Weston Playhouse, pop-up art shows and openings. They hope to offer musical salons. Check the website for news.

Village Green Gallery is open seasonally, between Memorial Day weekend through Christmas. Winter hours are now in effect: Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m.



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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18- WINDSOR, Vt. - Free seminar, "What Does My Insurance Cover for Long-term?" with Denise Vanguilder, director of financial services, Cedar Hill Continuing Care Community. Wednesday, Oct. 18, 10 a.m. at Village at Cedar Hill, 92 Cedar Hill Drive (off Route 5). Focus on Medicare plans, Medicaid eligibility, Medicare supplemental insurance and long-term care insurance. There will be Q&A at the end. Admission is free but space is limited. RSVP suggested. Call 802-674-2254 or register at goo.gl/kTkhBA.

SATURDAY, OCT. 28- SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Usui-Holy Fire II Reiki I Certification Class, Oct. 28, 8:45 a.m.-6 p.m. at Studio Time & Space, 59 Main St., Springfield. Attunement to Reiki energy, demonstration and instruction in the basic Reiki techniques, practice for healing oneself and others. There is a fee for the manual, book and certificate. Refreshments provided. Open to the general public. For info, call 802-591-0507 or email lauren.pottervt@gmail.com. Website: www.laurenpotterreikihealing.com.

SUNDAY, OCT. 29- ACWORTH, N.H. - Folk dancing featuring the dances of France and Brittany. Sunday, Oct. 29, 3:30-5:30 at the Acworth Town Hall, 13 Town Hall Rd., Acworth. Live band with four French bagpipes, two hurdy-gurdies, three accordions, and a didgeridoo! All dances taught, beginners welcome. Beginner lessons, 2:30. Dance, 3:30-5:30. Modest fee. Contact: nhbalfolk@gmail.com, or 603-209-7926.

MONDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center Knit and Stitch group meets Mondays at 9 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. playgroup 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

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 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 St., Springfield, Vt. 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

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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/gemstaichi/>. 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

CHESTER, Vt. - Meditation class with Liz Eaton begins Thursday, Oct. 5, 10:45-11:15 a.m. at the Fullerton Inn, Main Street, Chester. Learn simple yet profound meditation techniques for beginners (all levels welcome). There is no fee for this class; donations are appreciated. For details, contact 802-875-2868, liza@gmail.com or www.buddhafulyoga.com. TFN

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WINDSOR, Vt. - Play Group 9:30 - 11 a.m. Come and enjoy an open gym, ball games and sometimes even a bounce house! Call Windsor Recreation Center 802-674-6783. TFN

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

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Fridays, 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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Free Open Art Nights, second Fridays from 7 p.m., open to people of all ages. Try something new, make mistakes, learn, and try again at the Art Gym on 62 Clinton Street, Springfield. Visit www.facebook.com/springfieldartgym/. TFN

SATURDAYS - PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - Live Authentically wellness course, Saturdays until Nov. 18, 9 a.m.-noon at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St., Proctorsville. This program explores a range of topics and offers guidelines that encourage personal growth and wellness in a safe and confidential environment. To register, contact Martha Mott at Martha@liveauthentically.org or 802-356-5984. For more information, go to www.liveauthentically.org.

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WEEKLY - CAVENDISH, Vt. - DGBodyworks will offer the following October schedule of weekly classes:
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- Tuesdays - 6 a.m., Yoga & Meditation with Karen; 6 p.m., Barre with Erin
- Wednesdays - 4 p.m., Chair Yoga with Lori; 7 p.m., Boot Camp with Denise
- Thursdays - 5:45 p.m., Advanced Tai Chi with Djemila; 7 p.m., Beginner Tai Chi with Djemila
- Fridays - 6 a.m., Boot Camp with Denise
- Saturdays - 10:50 a.m. - Zumba
- Sundays - 8 a.m., Yoga Series with Lori
Classes will run through Oct. 31. Any requests for additional classes or workshops will be considered. DGBodyworks is located at 7 Depot St., Cavendish. Contact Denise Gebroe, denisegebroe@gmail.com, 802-554-0006, or DGBodyworks.com.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Come swim with a great group of adults in our masters swim group at the Edgar May Center. The group meets on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 8 a.m. The group is comprised of a wide range of abilities including new swimmers. Call 802-885-2568 or visit www.myrecenter.org. TFN

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

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CLUBS

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

QUECHEE, Vt. - Upper Valley Stamp Club meets second Mondays at the Quechee library located at 1957 Main St. For more information contact John Lutz at 802-728-6212. TFN

CHESTER, Vt. - Please join the Chester Senior Citizens Club for their monthly luncheon meeting, third Mondays at 11:30 a.m. at the Chester Congregational Church on Main Street. Enjoy lunch, jokes and funny stories, and possibly Bingo. Just bring your place setting, if possible a dish to share, and a friend. If you need a ride, just call Georgia 802-875-6242. TFN

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

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

RUTLAND, Vt. - Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club meets from 7-10:30 p.m. at the Godnick Center in Rutland, Vt. Snacks provided. Come join for a fun evening. More info call 802-228-6276. TFN

SATURDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Rockingham Library will launch a Google Computer Science First Game Design Club for youth ages 9 to 14, to learn to make their own computer video games. No computer experience necessary. Club sessions will be held Saturdays, noon to 1 p.m., in the library's youth department, beginning Oct. 21, ending Dec. 9. Participation is free but spots are limited and registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Sam Maskell

at the library, 802-463-4270 or email youthservices@rockinghamlibrary.org.

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - Still life drawing. The Mount Holly Artists Group meets at 10:30 a.m. in the community center room (under library) and sets up a still life. The sessions are open to all and free of charge. All that is needed is pen and paper. TFN

SUNDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol meets at 3:30-6:30 p.m. most Sundays at Squadron Headquarters, 13 Airport Road, N. Springfield. Membership is open to ages 12 and up. Call Commander Capt. Tom Williams at 802-558-5571, Twilliams@vtcap.org. TFN

COMMUNITY MEALS

FRIDAY, OCT. 13- BARTONSVILLE Grange monthly dinner, Friday, Oct. 13, at the grange hall, 116 Upper Bartonville Road, Rockingham (across from the state police barracks). Menu includes Shake-N-Bake chicken with all the fixings and a variety of desserts. Admission; children under 5 free. Questions, call 802-376-5504.

TUESDAY, OCT. 17- PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - Monthly potluck and friendly conversation, Tuesday, Oct. 17, 12 noon at the Community Church Vestry on Main Street (Route 106), Perkinsville, Vt. All are welcome. Bring a hot dish, salad or dessert. Paper goods and beverages are provided. Contact Lorraine Zigman 802-263-5245; lzigman@comcast.net.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18- SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Free community lunch at the First Congregational Church-United Church of Christ, 77 Main St. in Springfield, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Menu: tomato mac & cheese, salad, rolls & apple crisp a la mode. No take out. All are welcome.

TUESDAY, OCT. 24- PUTNEY, Vt. - Putney Cares community luncheon, Tuesday, Oct. 24, noon-1 p.m. at 54 Kimball Hill, Putney. The menu will include: chicken pot pie or tofu pot pie, buttermilk biscuits, green salad with cranberries and toasted pecans, pumpkin spice jelly roll, tea and coffee. Donation is suggested. Please RSVP by Monday, Oct. 23 at 3 p.m. to Abby Jacobson, program coordinator, 802-387-5593. Co-sponsored with Senior Solutions.

SATURDAY, OCT. 28- CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - The next semi-annual Boy Scout spaghetti dinner is being held on Saturday, Oct. 28, 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the FVW on Lower Lovers Lane in Charlestown, N.H. All-you-can-eat with your choice of homemade meat or vegetarian sauce, salad, rolls, and a slice of pie and a beverage. Proceeds go towards camp costs for Troop 31.

TUESDAYS - PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - Monthly potluck, third Tuesdays at the Perkinsville Community Church vestry located at 33 Church St. Bring a hot dish, salad or dessert and have a nice visit. 802-263-9539. TFN

SATURDAYS - CHESTER, Vt. - Gassetts Grange holds a buffet breakfast every month on the 1st Saturday at 8-9:30 a.m. It consists of eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, pancakes (blueberry and plain), real maple syrup, juice, coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. All are welcome! Admission at the door. Hope to see you there. We are located on Route

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM Temporary Positions Sidewalk Plow Operator, Winter Laborers

The Town of Rockingham is accepting applications for the temporary part-time, on-call positions of Sidewalk Plow Operator & Winter Laborer for the 2017-2018 winter season. The positions report to the Highway Supervisor or Crew Leader. Pay classification range is \$10.00 to \$15.00 depending on training and experience. Applications are available at the Municipal Manager's Office, Town Hall, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or on the municipal web site, www.rockbf.org under Public Notices. Pre-employment medical exam and drug testing may be conditions of employment.

Applications must be received no later than Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. Applications may be sent to Municipal Manager, P.O. Box 370, Town Hall, Bellows Falls, VT 05101. EOE.

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Salary range is \$62,000 to \$68,000, depending on qualifications. Applications will be accepted until October 30, 2017. Apply to: Shane O'Keefe, Municipal Manager, Bellows Falls Village Corporation, P.O. Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT 05101, or excasast@rockbf.org. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

October 6, 2017

FINANCE DIRECTOR Town of Rockingham, Vermont

The Town of Rockingham, VT is accepting applications to fill the full-time position of Finance Director. This position assists the Municipal Manager in carrying out the functional and operational responsibilities of both the Town of Rockingham and the Bellows Falls Village Corporation. A Bachelor's degree in accounting and 3-5 years of experience in municipal government finances is preferred. An equivalent combination of training & experience may be considered. This is a full-time salaried position with excellent benefits. A full job description is available at the Municipal Manager's Office or on the Town web site at www.rockbf.org. Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on October 20, 2017 or until position is filled.

Apply to: Shane O'Keefe, Municipal Manager, Town of Rockingham, P.O. Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT 05101. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY Possession of former Frog's Leap Inn Legal Notice

The Town of Londonderry ("Town") took possession of the former Frog's Leap Inn located at 7455 VT Route 100 following a tax sale process. The Town acknowledged the presence of a holdover tenant at the premises, known as Robert Zmayerski. Upon Mr. Zmayerski quitting the premises, certain vehicles were left on the premises which Mr. Zmayerski stated he may return to claim. On July 28, 2017 the Town sold the lands and premises at 7455 VT Route 100 to a third party. The vehicles stored at 7455 VT Route 100 are being stored by the Town at the Transfer Station.

Pursuant to the terms of 9 V.S.A. §4462(c)(1) the above described vehicles will be stored for sixty (60) days from the date of this publication. If Mr. Zmayerski does not claim the vehicles by December 11, 2017 by 5:00 pm, the Town will treat the vehicles as unclaimed, and the vehicles will become the property of the Town. This publication is intended to provide notice to former holdover tenant Robert Zmayerski.

FACT TV Meeting Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 6:00 pm

Falls Area Community Television (FACT TV) is holding its annual meeting on Wednesday, Oct 18th, 2017 at 6:00pm at the board room of Greater Rockingham Area Services located at 1 Hospital Court, Bellows Falls, VT. Members of the Public are welcomed to attend.

Anyone wishing to serve on the FACT TV board of Directors should submit a letter of intent no later than Oct 16th, 2017. For More Information please calls FACT TV at 802-463-1613.

NOTICE OF PROPERTY SALE Town of Rockingham VT

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Rockingham, Vermont will accept sealed bids on one Town-owned property. The property information and all bidding instructions are specified in a bid solicitation available at the office of the Municipal Manager at Rockingham Town Hall, 7 Square, Bellows Falls, VT, or in the "Public Notices" section of the Town's web site - www.rockbf.org.

The property will be available for inspection at specified times on October 13, 2017, and sealed bids must be received in hand no later than 4:00 p.m. on October 17, 2017. The property will be sold to the highest qualified bidder for that property, subject to 24 V.S.A. 1061(a). The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Shane O'Keefe, Municipal Manager
Town of Rockingham, Vermont

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMUNITY MEALS CONT.

SATURDAYS CONT.- 103N, just above junction of 103 and Route 10. Any questions, call Dave at 802-875-2637. TFN

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

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - Belmont's Summer Supper series runs until Oct. 28 at the Odd Fellows Hall, 37 Lake St., Belmont, to benefit the MHV Auxiliary, Colfax Lodge, Mount Holly fire Dept., Mt. Moriah Mason, the Historical Museum, the MHV Rescue Squad, and Gill Home, IOOF. Settings start at 5 p.m. All you can eat, served homestyle. Takeouts available with all dinners. Menu varies, call 802-259-2460 for details.

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

EVENTS

THURSDAY, OCT. 12- BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Free screening of film "Being Mortal," Oct. 12, 4-6 p.m.,

at the Rockingham Library, 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls, hosted by Brattleboro Area Hospice. A surgeon shares stories from the people and families he encounters, underscoring the importance of planning ahead and talking with family members about end-of-life decisions. For more information or to RSVP please contact Patty Dunn at 802-257-0775, x 102 or patty.dunn@brattleborohospice.org.

FRI-SAT, OCT. 14-15- WINDSOR, Vt. - Historical demonstrations at Old Constitution House. The Old Constitution House, the birthplace of Vermont, hosts a weekend of period reenactments on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 14-15, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Organized by reenactors Carl and Carolyn Malinkowski, October's event will feature 18th-century woodworking and powder horn carving, outdoor cooking techniques and a discussion of early harvesting and food preservation. The Old Constitution House State Historic Site is located at 16 North Main Street in Windsor. The site is open Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and closes for the season on Sunday, Oct. 15.

SUNDAY, OCT. 15- CHESTER, Vt. - Gassetts Grange will hold its monthly Open Country Mic Jamboree on Sunday, Oct. 15, at the Grange Hall, located 200 feet above the junction of routes 10 & 103N in Chester. The time is 1-4 p.m. Our House band, The Green Mountain Express is hosting this event. A donation is requested. Refreshments will be sold in the kitchen. Raffle

and 50/50 tickets are on sale also. Everyone welcome. For more info, call Donna, 802-591-4290.

MONDAY, OCT. 16- CHESTER, Vt. - VNA flu shot clinic at Chester Congregational Church on Main St., Chester, Monday, Oct. 16, 9-11 a.m. Free with your Medicare card. Everyone is welcome.

THURSDAY, OCT. 19- PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - TOAST, Monthly tasting event and dinner at The Weathersfield Inn, 1342 Route 106, Weathersfield, Thursday, Oct. 19, 5:30-7 p.m. Von Trapp Brewery's Mike Whitty will be on hand. N.H. potter Molly Harper will exhibit her unusual work, followed by optional three-course, wine-paired dinner, hosted by Mike Whitty, 7-9 p.m. Call to reserve, 802-263-9317.

SATURDAY, OCT. 21- BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Old Country Fiddler Adam Boyce will portray Charles Ross Taggart, a Vermont humorist and musician who performed on the Chataqua circuit and was famous as a cross-dresser. Saturday, Oct. 21, 1 p.m., in the top floor meeting room of the Rockingham Library, 65 Westminster St., Bellows

Falls. For more information, go to rockinghamlibrary.org or email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Caravan of Thieves will perform at the Bellows Falls Opera House Saturday, Oct. 21. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the music will begin at 7:30. Their multiple styles include elements of swing, bluegrass, alt-country, folk, Americana, big band and gypsy jazz. The Meadows Brothers will open. Partial proceeds will go to the Dartmouth-Hitchcock's cancer center to subsidize transportation for cancer patients in need. For tickets and information, go to brownpapertickets.com/event/2974749.

ALSTEAD, N.H. - Orchard Hill Breadworks 20th anniversary open house, Saturday, Oct. 21, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., 121 Old Settlers Road, Alstead. Bakery tours at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. with free fresh-baked samples. Two wood fired feasts, noon and 4 p.m. -Bakery Tours. Ongoing cider pressing, ice cream making. Classes: Bread Baking with Master Baker Jefferey Hamelman at 10 a.m. and Pie Making with professional pastry chef Addie Davis at 12:30 p.m.

Preregister for the classes at orchardhillbreadworks.com/Orchard_Hill_Breadworks/Home.html or call 603-835-7845.

SUNDAY, OCT. 22- BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -The Northeast Fiddlers Association is planning a repeat of last year's well attended "fiddle meet" with another gathering at the Moose Club in Bellows Falls Sunday, Oct. 22, beginning at noon. The NEFA is inviting local fiddlers, musicians, and folks who enjoy listening, dancing and socializing to traditional fiddle music to join them for the event. Further information is available by calling NEFA member Jill Newton at 802-869-3515.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - Popular blues/jazz vocalist Jenni Johnson returns to the Black River Valley, Sunday, Oct. 22, 4 p.m. at Gethsemane Episcopal Church, 89 Depot St., Proctorsville (Cavendish). This will be a stand-out concert, with backing from the Jazz Junketeers on keyboard, horns, bass and percussion. A native of Harlem and now residing in Burlington, Johnson especially appreciates the church's big, crisp acoustics. Admission at the door.

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CHESTER, Vt. - Book talk, "Before We Sleep" by Jeffrey Lent, Sunday, Oct. 22, 2 p.m. at Phoenix Books Misty Valley, 58 Common St., Chester. Join author Jeffrey Lent for the first event this year in the annual Vermont Voices series. Set in Vermont through the seasons, this novel is about family, family secrets, and the love that holds families together. Jeffrey Lent is also the author of "In the Fall," "Lost Nation," "A Peculiar Grace," "After You've Gone," and "A Slant of Light." Free and open to all. For more information, contact Phoenix Books, 802-875-3400 or phoenixbooks.biz.

GRAFTON, Vt. - The Nature Museum presents Big Woods Voices Sunday, Oct. 22, 4 p.m. at the White Church, 55 Main St. in the heart of Grafton. Big Woods Voices is an a cappella group of professional singers performing the work and arrangements of Will Danforth, including interpretations of contemporary poetry. This concert benefits the programs of the Nature Museum. Doors open at 3:30 p.m.; tickets can be purchased in advance at www.naturemuseum.org or at the door.

SATURDAY, OCT. 28- CHESTER, Vt. - Hugging Bear Inn & Shoppe at 244 Main St. in Chester will host a free Steiff party, Saturday, Oct. 28, 11 a.m. on. New 2017-2018 Steiff. Handmade artist bears will be marked 40-70 percent off. Attendees will get at least 25 percent off all Steiff in the store. Presentations at noon by Steiff rep Carolyn Smith and Steiff collector Debbie Kaczmarek. Door prizes and refreshments. RSVP 802-875-2412 or email info@huggingbear.com.

THURSDAYS - LUDLOW, Vt. - Gypsy Reel plays regularly at The Killarney, in Ludlow. Music always begins at 6:30 p.m. and continues until 8:30 p.m. or later (depending upon football schedule). Fine ale, good pub food, and great music in the traditional Irish style. TFN

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Ludlow - Mt. Holly Unified Union School District - School Board Directors Petitions Due by Thursday, October 19, 2017

On Wednesday, October 18th we expect the Vermont State Board of Education will approve the formation of the Ludlow-Mt. Holly Unified Union School District. Residents from Ludlow and Mt. Holly will serve as School Directors for the new District.

Each town school district by Australian ballot on November 28, 2017 will be voting for the formation of the Ludlow-Mt. Holly Unified Union School District and electing officers to serve on the School District Board. There will be two ballots, one for the formation of the District and the other for the election of the Board of School Directors.

The initial election of school directors include the following terms of office for each town: Ludlow-(4 members) (1) one-year term, (2) two-year terms, and (1) three-year term; Mt. Holly-(4 members) (1) one-year term, (2) two-year terms, and (1) three-year term.

Pursuant to 16 VSA § 706e(b), nominations for the office of the Ludlow-Mt. Holly Unified Union School Directors representing Ludlow and Mt. Holly shall be made by filing a petition signed by registered voters with their town clerk.

Please pick up your petition at your respective Town Office and return with signatures no later than Thursday, October 19, 2017.

Meg Alison Powden
TRSU Superintendent of Schools
609 VT Route 103 South
Ludlow, Vermont 05149



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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King Crossword

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're eager to Ram headfirst into that new project. But before you do, find out why some of your colleagues might not appear to be as gung-ho about it as you are.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) All that dedicated hard work you've been putting in pays off better than you expected. So go ahead, reward yourself with something befitting a beauty-loving Bovine.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to take on that new challenge. And if your self-confidence is sagging, instead of telling yourself why you can't do it, list all the reasons why you can.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) This is one time when you might want to put some distance between you and the job at hand. It will give you a better perspective on what you've done and still need to do.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Resist that occasional lapse into Leonine laziness that sometimes overtakes the Big Cat. Don't cut corners. Do the job right at this time, or you might have to redo it later.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You know how you like to do things. And that's fine. But watch that you don't impose your methods on others. A current financial crunch soon eases.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Someone might try to take advantage of your generosity. But before your sensitivity toward others overwhelms your good sense, check his or her story out carefully.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your strong Scorpion sense of fairness lets you see all sides of a dispute. Continue to remain impartial as you help each person work through his or her particular grievance.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Trust your keen Sagittarian insight to help you see through an offer that might not be all it claims. A closer look could reveal disturbing elements.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With the Goat exhibiting a more dominant aspect these days, you could find it easier to make your case in front of even the most skeptical audience.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Take things nice and easy as you continue to build up your energy reserves for a big change that's coming with the full Hunter's Moon on Oct. 29.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Recent news from someone you trust could help you make an important decision. Also, be prepared to confront an upcoming change in a personal situation.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can be firm in your own views, but also flexible enough to welcome the views of others.

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TAKE A BREAK!

calendar

PETS OF THE WEEK

EVENTS CONT.

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Kids' Night at the Edgar May Dive-In, every third Saturday through October 21, 5-8 p.m. Gives parents/caregivers the night off. Pizza supper, supervised swimming and games, popcorn, beverages, and a recently released movie (rated PG). For ages 6 and up. Call or visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/theedgarmay/> to see what movie is playing. Space is limited, so register early online or by calling member services, 802-885-2568.

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

LIBRARIES

THURSDAY, OCT. 12-
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Free screening of "Being Mortal" Oct. 12, at 4-6 p.m. at the Rockingham Library, 65 Westminister St. in Bellows Falls. Brattleboro Area Hospice will host the screening. After the screening, audience members can participate in a facilitated conversation about

the film, including a focus on the importance of talking about and planning your healthcare wishes throughout one's life. The film follows a surgeon, Dr. Atul Gawande, as he shares stories from the people and families he encounters. RSVP, please at 802-460-1142.

SATURDAY, OCT. 14-
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Sixth annual Star Wars Reads Day on Saturday, Oct. 14, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Rockingham Library, 65 Westminister St., Bellows Falls. A day of Star Wars-related activities and crafts. Costumes are encouraged! Free and open to the public. For more information call the Library at 802-463-4270, email youthservices@rockinghamlibrary.org or go online to rockinghamlibrary.org.

MONDAY, OCT. 16-
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Writers Club will hold an open reading event for writers, poets, and students of all ages at the Springfield Town Library from 5-7 p.m. Call 802-885-2005 for more information. Hope to see you there!

TUESDAY, OCT. 17-
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Vermont author Peter Gould will read from his new book, "Horse Drawn Yogurt: Stories from Total Loss Farm," at the Rockingham Library on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 6:30 p.m. In these true stories based in southern Vermont in the 1970s, locals and newcomers help each other out. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, go to rockinghamlibrary.org or stop by the Library at 65 Westminister St., Bellows Falls. Library hours are: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. on Thursday & Friday and 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday.

MONDAY, OCT. 30-
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - On Monday Oct. 30 at 4 p.m., join the book discussion

of "My Antonia" by Willa Cather at the Rockingham Library. "My Antonia" evokes the Nebraska prairie life of Willa Cather's childhood, and commemorates the spirit and courage of immigrant pioneers in America. Pick up your copy of the book at the library's front desk today. Vermont Humanities Council Scholar Elayne Cliff will facilitate the book discussion. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, go to rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the library at 65 Westminister St. Library hours are: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Thursday & Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday.

TUESDAYS -
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Story time for toddlers and Pre-K at the Silsby Free Library from 10:30 a.m. Children and parents are invited for stories, songs and finger plays. Session includes playtime, an activity and a story time. Free and open to all. TFN

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Town Library story time, 43 Main St., 10 a.m. Free and open to the public with stories, songs, and activities for the youngest readers. For more information, call the library at 802-885-3108. TFN

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

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

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Rockingham Library hosts a series of six films by and about women for everyone, sponsored by the Women's Freedom Center on the second Wednesday of each month through February 2018. These events are free and open to the public. For more information, go to rockinghamlibrary.org,

call 802-463-4270 or stop by the library at 65 Westminister St., Bellows Falls, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. on Thursday & Friday and 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday.

LUDLOW, Vt. - Weekly toddler and pre-school story time with a weekly theme, music, and activity. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Fletcher Memorial Library. Best suited for ages 5 and younger. Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email skrawczykvt@gmail.com to register for programs. TFN

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

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

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

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

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Bellows

Falls Area Senior Center Book Club, in partnership with the Rockingham Free Public Library, 65 Westminister St., meets on the first Friday of every month at 9 a.m. Call the senior center at 802-463-3907 or the library at 802-463-4270 for details. TFN

SATURDAYS-
ALSTEAD, N.H. - Stop by the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library for cinnamon buns the last Saturday of each month and visit with friends or neighbors. The cinnamon buns are from McGuire's Bakery and are available for a small fee. All the proceeds go to benefit the library. The library is at 3 Main St., Alstead.

MEETINGS

SUNDAY, OCT. 15-
BELMONT, Vt. - The non-profit Crown Point Road Association invites the public to its annual meeting, potluck and a history program of interest starting at 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 15, in the Odd Fellows Hall, 37 Lake St., Belmont, Vt. The program is an illustrated lecture by Vermonter and novelist Deborah Lee Luskin on the topic of "Getting from Here to There: A History of Roads and Settlement in Vermont." The lecture is a free Vermont Humanities Council event. For questions, CPRA president Jim Rowe can be reached some evenings at 802-434-7415.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18-
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Union Park Neighborhood Association meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 18, 7 p.m. at the cafeteria, Union Street School, Springfield. For information, call 802-885-6388.

TUESDAY, OCT. 24-
TUNBRIDGE, Vt. - Rural Vermont holds its annual meeting Tuesday, Oct. 24, 6-9 p.m. at the Tunbridge Town Hall, Route 110 in Tunbridge village. Potluck supper, board elections, raffles featuring goodies from Johnny's Seeds and area farmers and brewers, plus "Digging In: What's Next for Rural Vermont?" The event is open to all and free to attend. BYOB. More information, candidate bios at ruralvermont.org or 802-223-7222.

TUESDAYS-
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Woman's Club

meets on the second Tuesday of each month, September to May, at the United Church. The hall is accessible to all. Women interested in joining and helping with club projects may contact Barbara Comtois, membership chairman, at 802-344-0025. The Bellows Falls Woman's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Steampunk Society event committee meets Tuesdays at the Hartness House Inn at 6 p.m. located at 30 Orchard St. TFN

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

WEDNESDAYS-
LUDLOW, Vt. - Black River Area Community Coalition meets third Wednesdays in the Community room of the Fletcher Memorial Library, Main St. in Ludlow, starting at 5:30 p.m. More information, visit www.braccvt.org. TFN

FRIDAYS-
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Monthly Coalition meetings of Greater Falls Connections every fourth Friday of the month, from 12-1:30 at Parks Place. The meetings provide informative presentations on substance abuse prevention and updates on our work. Meetings are open to everyone. Lunch and good company provided. TFN

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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LUDLOW, Vt. - Co-Dependents Anonymous meets on

Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the basement of the Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main St. in Ludlow. Find out more about CoDA at coda.org. For more information regarding this meeting, contact Sarah E. at sarahcoda2016@gmail.com. TFN

WINDSOR, Vt. - Cedar Hill Alzheimer's caregiver support group. Meet fellow caregivers who really understand because they've been there, too, when things are difficult or isolating. First Tuesdays from 3:30-5

p.m. at 92 Cedar Hill Drive (off Route 5). TFN

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Wellness/Lifestyle Change Support Group, meets the second Tuesday of each month from 5:45-7 p.m. at the Springfield Health Center, 100 River St. Free. Register by calling 802-886-8946 or email cht@springfieldmed.org. TFN

WEDNESDAYS - LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Weekly

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

LUDLOW, Vt. - Eating behavior support group meets Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Women's Center for Binge and Emotional Eating on 70 Main St. This free group is intended to help you understand your eating and/or weight-related

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ASCUTNEY, Vt. - Twin State Depression Support Group meets on the third Wednesday at Martin Memorial Hall, Lower Level (Handicapped-accessible), 5259 Route 5, Ascutney, (near Exit 8 off I-91) at 6:30 p.m. Do you know or

think you may be depressed? Have a friend or family member who has depression? Then this group is for you! Support, empathy, sharing, education, confidentiality, peer-led. Contact TwinStateDSG@gmail.com or 641-715-3900 (ext. 650055#). TFN

THURSDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Mental health peer support group, 2-3:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 77

Main St. The group's goal will be to provide a safe and healthy environment for people to give and receive support around mental health issues. The group is free and open to the public. Call Diana Slade at 802-289-1982. TFN

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

Local Springfield Writers Club hosts a reading

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Writers Club is hosting an open reading at the Springfield Town Library on Monday, Oct. 16 from 5

to 7 p.m. Calling all writers, poets, and students - this is your chance, whether you're young or old, published or writing for yourself. Bring your work and plan to read.



A reading for all writers, poets, and students. STOCK PHOTO

The Springfield Writers Club typically meets at the library the fourth Monday of every month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. A steadfast group of local writers, they encourage and support each other with friendly criticism. For more information contact Betsy Levine, at 802-885-2005 or email levine.betsy@yahoo.com.

The Springfield Town Library is located at 43 Main Street, Springfield. For more information, call the Library at 802-885-3108 or check the website at www.springfield-

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outdoor news

OVGC records two holes-in-one in September

LUDLOW, Vt. – Two more skilled and lucky golfers made holes-in-one at Okemo Valley Golf Club. The two golfers who made aces during the month of September will see their names engraved on a plaque that hangs inside the Okemo Valley Golf Club clubhouse to honor those who have had the exhilarating experience of making a hole-in-one at OVGC.

On Sept. 6, Mike Noonan, of Lebanon, N.H., aced the 6th hole. This was the first hole-in-one made on that hole this season. He made the shot with his 7-iron from the white tee, for a 159-yard hole-in-one. M.C.

Malbeouf, Scott Heald, and Andrew Shaw witnessed the amazing feat.

Marty Fino, a former OVGC member who was visiting from Oxford, Miss., on Sept. 11, aced the 4th hole. This memorable shot from the gold tee was made with a 7-iron for a 133-yard hole-in-one. Witnesses were Bill Jessup and Dick Spaulding.

Okemo Valley Golf Club is Vermont's first heathland-style golf course and was designed according to the traditions of the game. The championship 18-hole golf course features a full-service clubhouse, indoor practice facility, 18-acre out-

door training center, fully stocked pro shop, and fleet of electric carts. The layout is a par 70 that measures 6,400 yards in length and features bent grass greens, tees and fairways with multiple tee areas on each hole, ensuring playability and challenge for all ability levels. Rolling hills, moderate elevation changes, and wide fairways with well-placed hazards enhance the heathland layout.

For more information about Okemo Valley Golf Club, please call 802-228-1396 or visit golf.okemo.com.

Beast Pass gives Castleton University students free skiing

CASTLETON, Vt. – Castleton University students will ski free all winter at Pico Mountain and have the opportunity to purchase a discounted season pass to Killington Resort thanks to a recent partnership agreement between the two organizations.

"This is all about providing our students with access to what makes our region special," said Castleton President Dave Wolk. "Rutland County, the Killington Valley, and Castleton University are great places to live, learn, work, and play. By eliminating barriers of entry like cost and

transportation, we hope to introduce more students to lifelong sports such as skiing, snowboarding, hiking, and biking – while at the same time provide them with opportunities for employment that develops meaningful career skills. We've always had a wonderful relationship with Killington. This agreement is the next step in our efforts to better connect our students with the region."

In addition to free skiing and riding the Castleton Beast Pass, which received funding and support from the Castleton Student Government Association, it provides each student with a free lesson including equipment rental, discounted future equipment rentals, and other non-skier perks such as a gondola ride to the top of Killington and a mountain bike trail ticket and lesson.

"The Student Government Association is proud to support this effort as a way to help connect students with Killington and the oppor-

tunities it represents," said Student Government Association President Isabel Gogarty. "The student body entrusts us to provide meaningful activities, opportunities for deeper engagement with the community, and to be good stewards of their activity fund. We feel that this partnership achieves all of those goals and more."

Killington/Pico has also agreed to guarantee job placement for Castleton students based on demand in several key areas of resort operations, while Castleton has agreed to provide transportation to and from the mountain for both recreation and employment opportunities.

"We view this as an incredible win for all parties involved," said Killington CEO Mike Solimano. "We are excited to be able to introduce more young people to our unique brand of recreation while providing meaningful opportunities to more deeply engage students in the region."

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