





# Black River Good Neighbor Services annual fundraisers

**LUDLOW, Vt.** - The volunteers and staff of Black River Good Neighbor Services held their eighth annual Stick Season Social at Jackson Gore's Roundhouse on Sunday, Nov. 5. The social is a premier fundraiser for the area's food shelf and assistance programs. Over a hundred supporters attended the event and enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch. Guests bid on more than 60 donated silent auction items and tried for over 30 raffle items.

Black River Good Neighbors relies on local fundraising activities such as

the Stick Season Social to keep their shelves stocked with food and to provide financial assistance for heat and utilities in the winter.

"The community comes together to make this happen," said Executive Director Audrey Bridge. "We are fortunate and we are thankful to the many donors who make our auction successful each year. We also want to thank our generous partner, Okemo for their hospitality, and of course we thank all of those supporters who stand behind us throughout the year."

Black River Good Neighbors receives no federal or state money for their operations – the organization exists solely on local donations.

Net income from this event will also be used to purchase food and to fund the upcoming holiday basket program. Each year the organization distributes food just before Christmas to over a hundred local families in need and that program is underway now.

For information on BRGNS' programs, to donate, or to volunteer, please call Audrey at 802-228-3663.

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Black River Good Neighbor Services is a 501(c)(3) organization. For more information please call Krey at 802-228-3663.

**Town of Ludlow, Vermont**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Notice of Public Hearing**

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 24, Chapter 117, § 4444, of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Ludlow proposes to adopt an amendment to the Municipal Plan.

The Board of Selectmen for the Town of Ludlow will conduct a public hearing for the residents, taxpayers, and interested persons in the Town of Ludlow on the fourth day of December 2017, at 7:00 P.M., in the Town Hall conference room to hear comments on the "Plan."

**Statement of Purpose**

It is the purpose of these zoning regulations to implement and be consistent with the Town of Ludlow, Vermont, Municipal Development Plan, hereinafter referred to as "the Plan", and to provide for the orderly community growth, to provide for public health, safety, and welfare, and the purposes established in the ACT, Section 4302.

**Geographic Areas Affected**

All of the Town Geographic Areas will be affected.

**The proposed "Plan" contains the following Chapters:**

1. Introduction
2. Community Profile
3. Natural Resources
4. Scenic and Historic Resources
5. Housing
6. Local Economy
7. Utilities, Facilities and Services
8. Transportation
9. Energy
10. Land Use
11. Relationship to Surrounding Towns and Regions
12. Summary of Critical Issues and Implementations

Glossary of Terms  
Appendices

The proposed "Plan" is on file with the Town Clerk, and copies are available at the Planning and Zoning Department, at the Town Hall, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 A.M. through 4:30 P.M.

# Okemo Valley TV awarded Building Communities Grant to complete facility

**LUDLOW, Vt.** - Okemo Valley TV, the community television station and media education center formerly known as LPCTV, has been awarded a \$25,000 Building Communities grant from the State of Vermont. Administered through the Department of Buildings and General Services, the grant will help complete the third and final phase of renovations in

Okemo Valley TV's facility. The annual Building Communities grants are awarded to "help preserve important historic buildings and enhance community facilities." The program is funded by the state legislature.

Okemo Valley TV embarked on a multi-year, multi-phase renovation of its facility in the Ludlow Community Center complex (in the former National Guard Armory "tank barn") in 2011, after moving next door from its former space in the Ludlow Elementary School. The first two phases included the initial fit-up, studio, and performance space. "Given the scope

of the project and our limited budget, it was necessary to break it out into more manageable pieces. We are now gearing up for the final phase," says Executive Director Patrick Cody. The work involves enclosing the remaining rooms, which include a classroom, to



Left to right: Representative Annmarie Christensen, OVTV Executive Director Patrick Cody, Governor Phil Scott, Senator Alison Clarkson, and Representative Dennis Devereux, at Nov. 3 ceremony at State House. Photo provided by Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services.

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function as a digital media lab, as well as editing suites, a lobby, and control room.

The renovations will allow Okemo Valley TV to expand the media classes and workshops that it provides, while also creating more accommodating and efficient workspaces for the various users of the station, which include staff, volunteers, and community media makers. The project, estimated to cost \$175,000, will also add needed energy efficiency improvements. With the addition of the grant, \$65,000 has now been raised towards the final phase of the build-out. Fundraising will continue until the goal is met and work can begin.

Joining Cody to support Okemo Valley TV at the recent award ceremony at the State House were State Representatives Annmarie Christensen (Cavendish and Weathersfield) and Dennis Devereux (Ludlow, Mt. Holly, and Shrewsbury), and State Senator Alison Clarkson (Windsor County). "We are honored to have the support of our local legislators and the State of Vermont," said Cody. "This award gives a big boost and builds momentum needed to get this project finished. It shows that having community-based media and media education are valued."

## FUNDING

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cases of abuse, mistreatment, violence, and assault of elderly victims. WISE, Windsor County: \$490,382 This funding will increase capacity to more effectively serve residents of Windsor County, with an emphasis on the rural towns of Windsor, West Windsor, Weathersfield and Reading, focusing on victim services and coordinated response.



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# Tropical Storm Irene documentary takes 2nd place at regional film fest

PLYMOUTH, Vt. - Last year, the Plymouth Historical Society premiered its feature documentary "Irene- Ruin to Renewal." Produced in partnership with Okemo Valley TV, the film tells the story of the lasting impact that Tropical Storm Irene had on the small town. It turns out, the documentary has also had a lasting impact. It has been recognized by the northeast chapter of the Alliance for Community Media, a national membership and advocacy organization dedicated to the use and distribution of independent, non-profit, community-based media.

"Irene- Ruin to Renewal" received 2nd place in the documentary category at the Alliance's 2017 video festival and awards ceremony, which was held on Nov. 3, in Falmouth, Mass. Executive producer and former historical society president, Betsy Tonkin, represented Plymouth Historical Society at the event. Tonkin was joined by Okemo Valley TV's Executive Director Patrick Cody. "This project and this collaboration with the historical society gets right to the core not only of the type of service we can provide but also the value and the impact that community media can have," Cody said. "Media, and video especially, can be a very effective tool. Betsy and the folks at the historical society put a lot of sweat equity into making this documentary, which resulted in having a strong community impact. And that's why it's so deserving of this recognition."

Produced over the course of two years by historical society volunteers, as well as Okemo Valley TV staff, "Irene- Ruin to Renewal" premiered at the President Coolidge Historical Site on Plymouth Notch on the weekend of the five-year anniversary of the storm in August 2016. Due to popular demand, two separate screenings were held over the premiere weekend in August 2016, which approximately 400 people attended. "It exceeded expectations," said Cody, adding that there are only about 600 year-round residents in Plymouth. "Irene- Ruin to Renewal" lives on at Okemo Valley TV, where it is periodically shown on the local community access channel and can also be viewed on its website at [www.okemovalley.tv](http://www.okemovalley.tv). DVD copies are also on sale through the Plymouth Historical Society by calling 802-672-3086.



Betsy Tonkin and Patrick Cory accept the award in a regional film festival in Falmouth, Mass.

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# How is climate change affecting our northern wildlife?

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Here in Vermont we know how erratic weather patterns affects all of us, but how is it affecting all the native animals that live in our northern climate? Morse will address this question (and any others you might be wondering about) with the emphasis on hope that all species will survive or adapt to

present global changes to our environment.

Everyone interested in the wildlife that might wander into your backyard or that you see on walks or hikes are

welcome to attend.

This interesting presentation is offered for free due to the efforts of the Londonderry Conservation Commission.



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Left to right Samantha LeGrice, April Epperson, Scott Trombley, Scott Simpson, Chris Strong, Judy Lavallee, Shane Robinson.

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## Thanksgiving weekend at Okemo

LUDLOW, Vt. – In addition to offering a traditional turkey dinner buffet at Coleman Brook Tavern on Thanksgiving Day, Okemo Mountain Resort will hold its annual Trot It Off 5k running race and Tots Trot fun race for kids on Nov. 25. The resort also plans to be open with skiing and snowboarding, ice skating, and other activities.

Enjoying Thanksgiving Dinner away from home can be a real treat. Guests visiting Coleman Brook Tavern, located in Okemo's Jackson Gore Inn, will enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner buffet

from 3 to 8 p.m. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 802-228-1435.

On Nov. 25, Okemo's Trot It Off 5k is a community event that takes place each year on the Saturday following Thanksgiving. This running/walking race is



Enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner away from home.

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perfect for the avid runner or the recreational walker hoping to burn off some calories from that extra serving of Thanksgiv-

ing dessert. Proceeds go to the Wendy Neal Scholarship Fund. All participants will receive an event t-shirt. The Tots Trot, a kids' fun race for children 12 and younger, will take place just before the 5k. Registration will start at 8 a.m. on the day of the event. The 5k race will start at 9:30 a.m. An awards ceremony is slated for 10:30 a.m. in the Jackson Gore Inn Cornerstone Room.

More information about Okemo Mountain Resort may be obtained by calling 802-228-1600 or by visiting [www.okemo.com](http://www.okemo.com).

## HOLIDAY BAZAARS

**SATURDAY, NOV. 18 - CHARLESTOWN, N.H.** - The Charlestown Congregational Church, 71 Main Street, will hold its 26th annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Purchase a pie for your Thanksgiving table. Or choose from many other treats: breads, cookies, candy, and tasty gifts. Our popular luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. will feature homemade soup, chili, and hotdogs. The craft and artisans market will have wonderful gifts and holiday décor, including gourmet pickles, jellies & jams, unique jewelry, winter wear and scarves, rugs and quilts, dolls, bird houses, angels, origami, and unique vintage designs. There will be many holiday raffle prizes. Come visit our Up-Attic Thrift Shop and our bookstore with gently used pages for all ages. For more information, call 603-826-3335.

**WALPOLE, N.H.** - On Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the First Congregational Church on the Common in Walpole, N.H. will host its annual Mistletoe Mart. Coffee time, luncheon, candy, baked goods, crafts, white elephants, gifts, plants, Christmas greens, and more. The fair has been in existence for over 60 years, with groups of dedicated ladies meeting each week to work on projects to bring you the best possible array of holiday treasures and gifts. Our delicious luncheon will start at 11 a.m. and go until 1 p.m.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield

Farmers Market will be holding a Thanksgiving Holiday Market Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the United Methodist Church on Valley St. in Springfield. Pies can be preordered by calling 802-885-4096. The Springfield Farmers Market is a non-profit market, the website is [www.springfieldvtfarmersmarket.com](http://www.springfieldvtfarmersmarket.com), the email address is [springfieldfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldfarmersmarket@gmail.com), and the phone is 802-885-4096, the market can also be found on Facebook.

**CHESTER, Vt.** - There will be a Christmas in November Craft Sale at Gassetts Grange Hall from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Find white elephants, homemade items, and gift treasures. Table rental spaces are available but going fast. Also, don't miss the basket raffle table, where you do not have to be present to win. Questions? Comments? Call Marie at 802-675-2867.

**RUTLAND, Vt.** - Join the Rutland Area Christian School at 112 Lincoln Ave for their annual Holiday Bazaar featuring 31 Bags, Trades of Hope, jewelry, crafts, maple syrup, Usborne Books, Lula Roe, and more! Pie sale to benefit 7th and 8th grade trip to Gettysburg, and snack shop to benefit high school missions trip to Dominican Republic. For more information, call 802-775-0709.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Catholic Daughters Court St. Anne #1069 of

Springfield will hold its annual tag and bake sale on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Nolin-Murray Center on Pleasant Street in Springfield. This event is the primary fundraiser for this organization, which supports local, state, and national charities. Coffee and donuts will be available at 9 a.m. The Soup Kitchen (featuring three different soups), sandwiches, and apple slab pie will start serving at 11 a.m. Take-outs will be available. A bag sale will be held at 1 p.m. Winners of the Thanksgiving raffle will be announced at 2 p.m. Winners do not have to be present to win.

**FRI., NOV. 24 - SAT., NOV. 25 WESTON, Vt.** - There's something for everyone at this year's Weston Christmas Bazaar, including the pets! There will be 60 vendors, at least a dozen who are new. It all begins on the Friday after Thanksgiving at the Weston Playhouse, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 24 and Saturday, Nov. 25. Jams and jellies, baked goods and breads, syrups and sauces, wreaths and ornaments, scarves and mittens, clothes and jewelry, art and pottery, quilts and crafts... all handmade, all one of a kind, and all affordable! New this year, gifts for pets too! So start the Christmas season off right. Support Vermont's incredibly talented local artisans and small businesses in the process. Proceeds from the bazaar support the Weston Community Association. Admission is free.

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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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## Stew the squirrel

The folks at Vermont Journal/ Shopper give me the freedom to write about anything that strikes my fancy. I take advantage of that freedom this week and offer a different story.

Two weeks ago, a Chester Historical Society member and gardener prepared the historical society flowerbeds for the winter. She cut back all of the flowers and when she was done she turned over the mulch to give the gardens a fresh look.

A couple days later I stopped at the historical society to meet with a Green Mountain Union High School student regarding the Daniel Heald scholarship. Arriving early I went to unlock the building. I noticed something had recently dug potholes in the fresh mulch next to the front door. I figured neighborhood cats were using the mulch for a cat-box.

It was cold in the unheated Academy Building so I decided to sit in the warm car and wait for the student. As I sat there I noticed several gray squirrels running around. As I watched I noticed the squirrels had different habits, markings or size. Able to distinguish one from another I gave each a name.

Chip was a smaller squirrel probably born this year. Stew was a large old guy with battle scars. Stub was missing a chunk of his tail and Gert was a slim female.



Stew the squirrel eating a walnut.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

On the Hugging Bear lawn, bordering the historical society lawn is a great old black walnut tree. This year there is an abundance of walnuts. The squirrels were busy gathering walnuts for the winter.

First, I noticed Chip carrying a walnut in his mouth. He bounced across the historical society lawn and headed for the fresh mulch. He sat on his rear legs and with his front paws he rapidly dug a hole in the mulch and buried his walnut in the mulch. He then scurried across the lawn back to Hugging Bear to find another walnut.

Stew came along from Brookside Cemetery, found Chip's nut and dug it up. Stew ran back into the cemetery and climbed an ancient maple tree with a knothole. Here Stew hid Chip's walnut. As I watched Stew sitting on a limb of the old maple I realized he was able to preside over his entire kingdom from this position.

Stub came from behind Hugging Bear with a walnut in his mouth and began digging a hole in the fresh mulch next to the Academy Building entrance. Out of nowhere Gert arrived on the scene and dug up Stub's walnut and ran toward the information center. Here at the end of the flower garden Gert dug a hole in the mulch and buried Stub's nut.

Stew scrambled down from his throne and dug up Gert's nut and put it in his mouth. Again he scampered up the old maple tree to hide his nut in the knothole.

At one point a flock of 20 or so starlings showed up and were eating crab apples that were lying on the ground. Stub who had a walnut in his mouth saw this as a threat. Stub dropped the nut and rushed the starlings chasing them away. Stew took advantage and rushed in and stole Stub's nut.

I watched this show for about 20 minutes. As one squirrel dug and buried a nut another would steal it and hide it elsewhere.

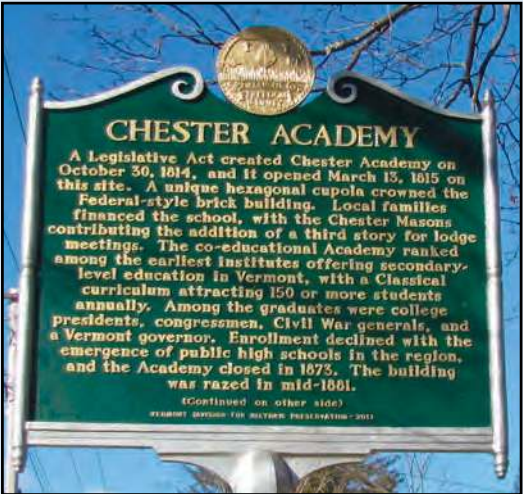
It was a classic example of the shell game. Where is the walnut? Watching I concluded Stew did the least amount of work, yet he seemed to have gathered the most nuts.

The natural world is something that I have always been close to. Watching these enterprising squirrels reminded me of my father. He taught me many things and to always be aware of animal behavior. My father would have chuckled had he witnessed these squirrels stealing walnuts from each other.

Every year, in the historical society gardens we have to dig up a few baby walnut trees. Now we know where they come from.

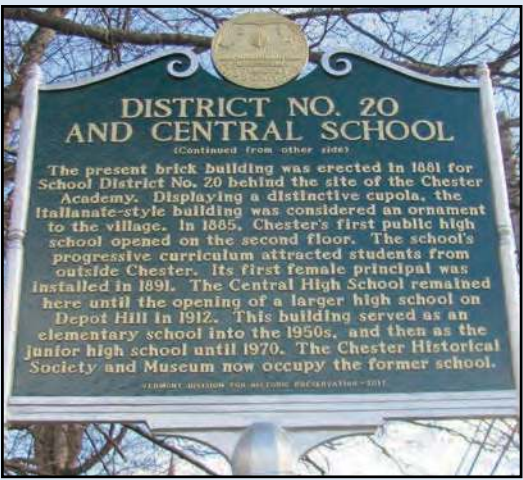
This past week the town installed a new historical marker on the lawn of the Academy Building near the sidewalk. This marker is for the old Chester Academy established in 1814. One side of the marker is dedicated to Chester Academy while the other side is dedicated to the current brick building built in 1881 and home of the Chester Historical Society. Tourists love these historic markers, as do I.

This week's old saying. "Even a blind squirrel finds a nut once in a while."



Side one of the Chester Academy sign.

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Chester Academy side two.

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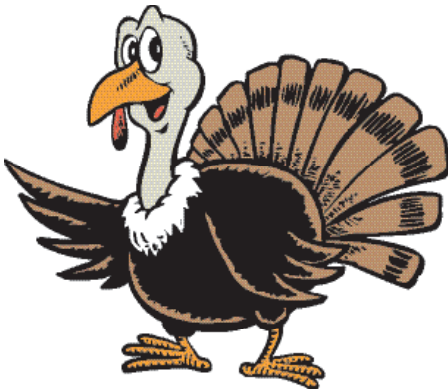
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# opinion

## Op-Ed: Addressing an invisible disability

Most of us are aware of the constantly increasing number of senior citizens, and along with that the increasing number of people affected with some kind of memory loss disorder. Those with memory loss, particularly those in the early stages, have an invisible disability. They don't appear to be handicapped, but they are. It's often not obvious to others that these folks struggle with daily activities that are so easy for younger people. They often have trouble following multi-part directions or instructions, functioning in large or loud groups, or making change, for example. Sometimes all it takes is a little awareness, caring, and common sense to make life easier for them. Here are a few public situations that can be made easier by outsiders.

Have a small sign at the hostess sta-

tion in restaurants saying, "Printed copy of specials available on request." It's frustrating and embarrassing not to be able to remember more than the first special when a wait staff person mentions several. Having the option of reading them would be very helpful.

If a person seems to have difficulty figuring out a large menu, ask what type of food they like. Then direct them to the section of the menu that covers what they'd like, such as salads or burgers or seafood, for example.

Be considerate with time. Older people and those with a memory disorder need more time to accomplish things. Let a customer put their money back in their wallet or purse and start to load their purchases before starting to check out the next customer. I can't tell you how many times

I've had to dig my purchases out from under those of the person behind me simply because the cashier didn't give me time to get out of the way. In a restaurant, allow time for older people to read and figure out the menu. Allow time for someone to think of a word; don't constantly try to come up with the word for them. It's hard enough for those with a memory disorder to function without feeling even more incompetent because they don't have the time they need.

If you see someone with a shopping cart full of purchases wandering around a large parking lot looking confused, please take the time to ask if they're having difficulty finding their car. The few minutes you spend helping them find their car could be the most rewarding of your day.

There are often personnel in stores available to help those with a physical disability. They should also be available to help those with a memory disorder when asked to do so. Someone with early dementia may not need

help loading their car but may not be able to find their car, for example. Or they may need someone to go around the store and help them find things on their list.

All public facilities should be aware that someone with dementia must always be allowed to stay with their care partner, or provide someone to stay with them while the care partner is elsewhere. In airports there should be someone available to stay with a person who has dementia if their care partner has to go through a separate security line. This happens when the care partner has a hip replacement, for example, and has to be separated for a security check from the one with dementia, who can then be confused and get lost. In an emergency situation such as the recent lock-down at Dartmouth Medical Center, every effort should be made to keep care partners with their patients. If that is not possible, someone must be assigned to stay with the one with dementia until the situation is resolved and

they can be reunited with their care partner. The panic and confusion that separation would cause in that kind of chaotic situation would be almost unbearable for someone with dementia, and also for the care partner.

Keep directions and instructions as simple and linear as possible for those with a memory loss.

Remember that a person with dementia is still a person. They may not remember your name, but they know who you are. It's very kind to say your name when greeting someone that you know has memory loss. People with dementia always say, "Talk with me, not about me." Remember to

include them in any conversation as much as possible.

These are just a few situations that can be difficult for those with a memory disorder. Hopefully an increased awareness will help those on the outside make life easier and more comfortable for those with this invisible disability, who like all people everywhere should be treated with dignity and respect.

*Article written by Marty Harrison. Harrison is a retired ski school director at Okemo who has been diagnosed with Mild Cognitive Impairment, a form of early memory loss.*

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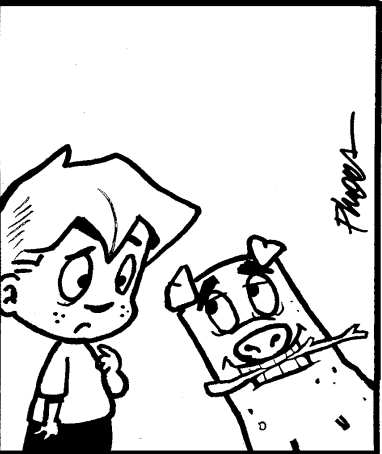
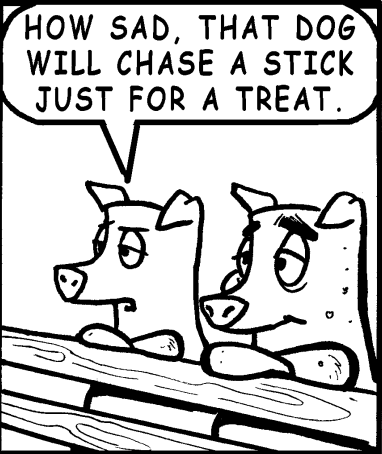


"Are you sure that's a duck call you're using?"

### CORRECTION

In the Aug. 16 edition of the Vermont Journal and the Shopper, the article entitled "Tax-fraud – right here in River City?" was incorrectly titled from the original True North Reports article. The correct title is "Connecticut family admits voting in Vermont, says Condos' office gave OK." To clarify, there was no allegation of tax fraud, but according to the family's lawyer, Hans Huessy, "This case involves a good faith disagreement over the meaning of Vermont's Residency statute." Since the original publication, the Court has dismissed "all claims for fines and penalties," against the Flanigans.

### Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

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### Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Last month, members of the Springfield Town Democratic Committee (STDC) helped promote energy efficiency by participating in a Button Up Vermont campaign. We had a presence at the Springfield Transfer Station and talked to hundreds of people. One thing was abundantly clear: Vermonters are energy efficient. For many people it is an economic re-

ality; for others it is a matter of a commitment to our planet.

This letter is a reminder to the folks who pledged to take an energy efficient action to register your action online, especially when you have completed your action(s). That makes you eligible for the weekly raffle drawing. The link to do that is: [www.vtenergy-dashboard.org/ButtonUpVermont](http://www.vtenergy-dashboard.org/ButtonUpVermont)

Dear Editor,

This letter is in reference of the upcoming vote on Nov. 28, either in favor of or against school choice in the towns of Ludlow and Mount Holly. One concern for many residents of Ludlow and some residents of Mount Holly is that they might lose their local middle and high school. We would like to clarify what the 'yes' and 'no' votes mean for the future of Black River High School.

Both options, 'yes' and 'no', will mean Black River will stay open in the short term and both have the potential to keep Black River open in the long run, but neither can give a

100 percent guarantee.

Voting 'no' means Black River will remain open as a public school for the immediate future. But Black River has been struggling for years to remain financially viable due to dropping student numbers and an increasing cost of education. So, while voting 'no' will keep Black River open in the short term, the discussion about its viability will not go away and it will likely not solve the problem but only postpone the tough decisions that have to be made.

Voting 'yes' means Black River will

close as a public school no later than 2020. But it also means that Ludlow and Mount Holly will have school choice, and this makes the option of maintaining Black River Middle and High School as an approved independent school in the town viable. It will be run as an independent non-profit organization and because of the way independent schools are structured they tend to be financially more efficient (cheaper) to run than public schools. Any child in the towns of Ludlow and Mount Holly would be eligible to attend such a school at no cost to the parents.

kind hosts. Thanks to all the folks who took time to talk to us about energy efficiency.

Remember, efficiency saves money and saves energy!

Thank you,  
Char Osterlund  
Chair, STDC  
Springfield, Vt.

So both options have the potential to keep Black River open, but if you are considering the long-term viability of the school, voting 'yes' probably has a better chance of delivering a school that will still be here in 10 or 20 years. We appreciate it is hard to take the leap of faith, to embrace change and create something new, but we believe that it is the best way forward for our community.

With kind regards,  
The Black River Independent School Committee  
Ludlow, Vt.

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Christopher J. Baptie, 1981 - 2017

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Christopher James Baptie, 36, formerly of Springfield, Vt. passed away on Friday Nov. 3, 2017 at his home in Clayton, N.C. due to an aortic aneurysm. Baptie was born in Springfield to Asa "Bill" Baptie and Charlene Kelley Baptie on March 20, 1981. He attended schools in Springfield, Norwich University in Northfield, Vt. And AMI in Daytona Beach, Fla. Baptie was employed by Bel-Ray Performance Lubricants as a market development manager for the past eight years.

Baptie is survived by his patents, his wife Tara Olney Baptie, his beloved step daughter Brianna Lachapelle, his brother Nicholas and his wife Ginger, along with their children Sydney and Andrew of Greenwich, N.Y. He leaves his paternal grandparents Asa and Rose Baptie of Springfield and his maternal grandmother Marilyn Kelley of Rutland; several aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends in North Carolina and Vermont as well as his wonderful Bel-Ray family.

Services for Baptie will be on Sat-



Christopher J. Baptie, 1981 - 2017. PHOTO PROVIDED

urday, Nov. 18, 2017 at 11 a.m. at St Mary's Catholic Church in Springfield followed by burial at St. Mary's cemetery. A reception will follow at the Moose club in Springfield at 1 p.m. Donations should be made to the Springfield Booster Club in lieu of flowers at P.O. Box 666, Springfield, VT, 05156. Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield.

Anne E. Brown, 1943 - 2017

N. WALPOLE, N.H. - Anne E. Brown, 74, of Pine Street died at her home Friday, Nov. 10, 2017 after a short illness, surrounded by her family. Brown was born in Bellows Falls, Vt. on March 22, 1943, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Szuch) Sylvester. She attended school in North Walpole, was a 1961 graduate of Bellows Falls High School, and then the Elie Academy of Beauty in Burlington, Vt. She had a passion for antiquing and spent many years buying and selling antiques. With her husband Richard, she was a 20-plus year member of Stone House Antiques in Chester, Vt. and also owner and manager of Depot Antiques Group Shop in Bellows Falls.

On Oct. 27, 1961 she married

Richard Brown who survives. Also surviving are her children Jeffery Allen Brown of Addison, Vt. and Deborah Anne Brown of North Walpole, N.H.; her brothers David John Sylvester and wife Joyce and Edward Andrew Sylvester and wife Joan; four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She is predeceased by her parents and her brother William Sylvester.

A memorial mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 17 at St. Peter's Church in North Walpole with burial to follow in St. Peter's Cemetery. There are no calling hours. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice at HCS, PO Box 564, Keene, NH 03431.

Francis E. Nieves, 1991 - 2017

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Francis E. Nieves "Skeeter" 26, passed away at his home on Friday morning Nov. 10, 2017 surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Nov. 6, 1991 in Springfield, Vt. the son of Francis S. and Winnie (Parker) Nieves. He attended schools in Bellows Falls, and graduated from Bellows Falls Union High School. He enjoyed movie nights with popcorn and loved food - his favorite being barbeque chicken pizza. He enjoyed car trips, Wal-Mart trips, walks in his wheel chair, sitting on the porch and spending

time with family and friends.

He is survived by his mother Winnie Parker of Springfield, Vt., his father Francis S. Nieves of Springfield, Mass., sister Katarina Young, brother John Michael Haley, step-brother Eric Gaboury, uncle Aden Schillinger, aunt Penny Pearce, and uncle Jonathan Turner, and many friends.

Services will be held at a later date and announced at that time. Contributions may be made to [www.gofundme.com/we-love-you-skeeter](http://www.gofundme.com/we-love-you-skeeter). Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting with arrangements.

Susan Tillson, 1944 - 2017

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - Susan Elaine Carter Hunt Tillson, 73, died Wednesday night at her home in Perkinsville surrounded by her loving family. She was born Sept. 20, 1944 in Springfield, Vt. the daughter of Walter and Louise (Wing) Carter. She was born in Springfield but lived most of her life in Chester, Vt. where she attended school and graduated from Chester High School.

She was married to Joseph Hunt, they divorced, and she later married Dow Tillson on June 21, 1987 in Chester, Vt. He predeceased her on June 29, 2016.

Tillson was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Springfield, Vt. She worked at Springfield Health and Rehabilitation Center, Gill Odd Fellows Home, Springfield Hospital, and Weathersfield School system. She worked in dietary and later became a dietary manager.

Tillson was a member of Hope Rebekah Lodge # 23 of Chester, Columbia Rebekah Lodge # 21 of Springfield, Saxtons River Odd Fellows Lodge, Springfield Odd Fellows Lodge # 42, and the Sullivan Odd Fellows Lodge #12 of Claremont, N.H.

She was president of the Rebekah's of Vermont. She was a member of Vermont Dietary Managers and president of that association.

Tillson is survived by her son Jason Hunt and his companion in life Marian. Two daughters: Jacquelyn Legare and her husband Michael and Jody Prouty and her husband Ronald Jr. Step-children: Rita Tillson Vasak, Donna Tillson Bass, and Linda Jeffries. Six grandchildren: Jacob Legare, Anthony Prouty, Mikala Prouty, Jessica Perkins, and Erica and Kendra Miler. Three step grandchildren, great grandchildren, and cousins.

She was predeceased by her parents Walter and Louise Carter, her brother Wayne Carter, and her husband Dow Tillson.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Malcolm Fowler Pastor officiated.

A private family burial was held in the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the family in care of the Davis Memorial Chapel to assist with final expenses.

ASCUTNEY, VT.

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BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

**Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.** Holy Eucharist Services are offered at 8 a.m. (quiet service) and 10 a.m. (with music) every Sunday. Immanuel Church is handicap accessible.

**Faith Cristian Church, 582 Rockingham Rd.** Pastor Matt and Brenda Farkas welcome all to come and enjoy their services. Sunday worship at 10 a.m. Children's Church at 10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Service will be Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m., an evening to give thanks.

BELMONT, VT.

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**Annunciation Catholic Church,**

was also a volunteer ski instructor for children at Okemo Mountain ski resort.

Greenlees never married and always loved having a dog as a companion. She was a free spirit in her own quiet way. She loved to spend her summers at her cottage in Kingston, Ontario. Greenlees was an active member of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Chester and was an active member in her community. She will be greatly missed by those who knew her. The celebration of her life will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Chester in the spring. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting with arrangements.

Janet L. Greenlees, 1927 - 2017

CHESTER, Vt. - Janet L. Greenlees 90, born on July 10, 1927 passed away Nov. 12, 2017 at the Meadows Home in Rutland, Vt. She was born in New Brunswick, N.J. where she attended grade school. After grade school, she went to college in Wisconsin where she played basketball. After college she taught seventh and eighth grade science. Greenlees loved to travel with her friends in Europe and Africa. In 1978 she moved to Chester, Vt. where she cared for her father. She volunteered at the Springfield Library and was a certified tax preparer, doing tax returns for seniors free of charge. She love music and the arts and play the viola. Greenlees

Norman K. Wright, 1931 - 2017

CHESTER, Vt. - Norman K. Wright, 85, died quietly at his home Thursday night with his four children and granddaughter by his side after a battle with cancer. He was born Nov. 15, 1931 in Walpole, N.H., son of Norman and Rose Wright.

He graduated from Vermont Academy in 1949. He then graduated and received a B.A. from Grinnell. Afterwards, he joined the Air Force and was stationed in Japan. Wright was part of the Aircraft Early Warning division and then was promoted to the personnel officer for the squadron. After two years in the Air Force, he returned to get his Masters degree from the University of Iowa.

In 1957, he married Irene (Fraser) Wright in Algona, Iowa. He then moved to Plainfield, N.J. where he began his 30-year career with Mobil Oil in the pipeline division. Through his career with Mobil Oil, he lead an adventurous life that lead to several moves around the country, including a two-year work assignment in Saudi

Arabia.

Norman and Irene Wright raised four children together. After retirement, they ran the Chester House Bed and Breakfast for 10 years. They enjoyed 30 years of living in Chester and developing strong relationships with the community.

Survivors are three daughters Sarah Paige, Ann Wright, and Susan Marmon; one son, Kenneth Wright; two sisters, Joyce Andrews and Phyllis Hogel; a brother, Robert Wright; four grandchildren; Rebecca Wright, Madison Marmon, Jackson Wright and Grace Wright. A funeral service was held at St. Luke's Episcopal church in Chester. The burial took place at the Pleasant View Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Red Cross at American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37839 Boone, IA, 50037-0839 and St. Luke's Episcopal Church P.O. Box 8 Chester, VT, 05143. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting with arrangements.

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SPRINGFIELD, VT.

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Sunday school starts at 10 a.m. Worship service at 11 a.m. Wednesday Devotional is at 6:30 p.m. Enter through the back downstairs door. Check out the Facebook page: Springfield Church of Christ.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 90 Park St.

Vespers on Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Liturgy on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 802-885-2615 or go to [www.htocvt.org](http://www.htocvt.org).

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Adult Bible study on Sundays at 9 a.m. before the worship service at 10 a.m., followed by fellowship and coffee hour. Call 802-886-8107, email [nssbc@vermontel.net](mailto:nssbc@vermontel.net) or go to [www.nsbctv.org](http://www.nsbctv.org) for additional information and directions.

St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10 Pleasant St.

Sunday Masses at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Tuesday at 7 p.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Thursday and Friday at 9 a.m. Confession on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Contact the rectory at 802-885-3400.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.

"The Art of Hospitality: A Thanksgiving Reflection" Nov. 19 service, 10 a.m. with Rev. Mellen Kennedy. As we roll into the holiday season, let's pause to reflect on what hospitality means from a spiritual perspective. How do we learn to be even more gracious in this ancient unifying spiritual practice? To get in the spirit, wear your favorite apron. Friends on the Path Small Group after the coffee hour. Held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd, Springfield, VT. All welcome! Sunday services at 10 a.m. [www.uuspringfieldvt.org](http://www.uuspringfieldvt.org) or call 802-885-3327.

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Stanley F. Rumrill, Sr., 1928 - 2017

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Stanley F. Rumrill, Sr., 88, of Laurel Avenue died Monday, Nov. 6, 2017.

Rumrill was born in Rockingham, Vt. on Dec. 19, 1928, the son of Lucius and Mildred (Kimball) Rumrill. He attended schools in Rockingham and earned his diploma later in life as a proud member of the BFUHS class of 2007, graduating with his grandson Stanley Rumrill III. He was a World War II Veteran having served in the Army in the Philippines and Japan.

He was a career truck driver spending most of his years working for Holmes Transportation. Following retirement, he worked for local car dealers. He also served as a Bellows Falls Village Trustee. Rumrill was a Life Member of the American Legion Pierce Lawton Post #37 in Bellows Falls, where he was a Past Commander and served in many positions. He was also a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose, the Polish American Club, and the VFW in Springfield. Rumrill held many positions in the Teamsters Local 597 including the office of president. He was also secretary of the Vermont Labor Forum.

On May 18, 1957 he married Beverly Hutchinson who survives. Also surviving are their three children Kathleen Stoddard of Bellows Falls, Stanley Rumrill Jr. and his wife Karen (Hooper) of Westminster, and James Rumrill and his wife Patricia



Stanley F. Rumrill, Sr., 1928 - 2017. PHOTO PROVIDED

(Hewitt) of Ludlow. Other survivors include his daughter Shirley Harris of West Virginia; nine grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and two great, great grandchildren. He is predeceased by his parents and eight brothers and sisters.

There will be calling hours 6 - 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21 at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt. A memorial service will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22 at Fenton & Hennessey with burial to follow in the Rockingham Meeting House Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Post 37 Legion Baseball Program c/o Post 37 American Legion, 42 Rockingham Street, PO Box 377, Bellows Falls, VT, 05101-0377.

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# sports



## THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

Bellows Falls is first and foremost a football town. Always has been. Likely always will be, despite the fact many coaches, athletes, teams and even fans, have tried to move the meter. The 2017 Terrier football team was an exciting one and fun to watch.

Saturday they played in one of the coldest temperature games in school history. Chances are no one has kept records over the years on game time temperature for the sport, but Saturday's game at Rutland has to have been one of the coldest on record.

While working on a football column, I spoke with Bob Lockerby Thursday evening; we focused a little on Saturday's anticipated weather. We used a four-letter word. Cold!

Bellows Falls' most celebrated football championship came in 1971, when Jerry Curcuru's Purple edition narrowly defeated Montpelier in Middlebury 14-13. I am convinced that was the coldest day I ever attended an outdoor sporting event.

While discussing that game, Lockerby acknowledged that he was there too. He was an eighth grader in Grafton and he was in attendance with many of his Grafton classmates, who would eventually become a part of the Terrier football program.

Lockerby is now part of a long time purple-colored coaching legacy. The baton was passed from Curcuru to Bisbee to Lockerby. Those names have

proluded the sideline since 1967. Three coaches in 51 years. Since Curcuru was only at the helm for six seasons, Bisbee and Lockerby have been in charge for the past 45 years.

While on the subject of BF football coaches, it should be easy for this football community to fill in the blanks of some dates I am not positively sure of. First, I know Tom Lovett, the uncle of current Bellows Falls Union High School Principal, Chris Hodsden, was the coach prior to Curcuru (I believe for five seasons) and Brian Flynn served before Lovett - was that for one or two seasons?

Prior to Flynn, Larry Hadley served as the Terrier football coach for eons. Our other trivia request is: how long was "eons"?

I don't have the definitive answer on either one of those questions so if you know either or both for sure, pass the info along to bmurphy@vermontjournal.com and we will disperse it.

When I spoke to Lockerby again on Monday night, I forgot to inquire about how cold it was in Rutland. One source I went onto when I couldn't reach Lockerby was Coach Bisbee and the order of degree of difficulty was clear in his mind.

First, Bisbee remembers three frozen title dates and his responsibility was different on each of the three occasions. He was an assistant coach in 1971, when the Big Freeze happened in Middlebury. He adds a game to the list and that was in 1980, when he was the head coach and the game was at Buck Hard Field in Burlington and the Terriers were contesting the Division II title against Middlebury on what he remembers, as an equally cold day. This was during a period when Middlebury had outgrown Division II, were in six straight title games, and the victory that day over BF was by the count of 41-8 and was the Tigers third title triumph in succession. No wonder, Bisbee felt as cold as 1971 that day.

I was at both games and suffered more in '71 despite the triumph. Bisbee sat in the bleachers with the sun on him Saturday and didn't feel anywhere near as cold but adds, "It became a lot colder when the sun went down."

Bisbee did bring up a bit of information that also helped separate the three dates. "This year, there wasn't as much of a wind. Back in '71 and '80, the wind made a big difference," he reflected.

By the way, Bisbee would capture his first title in 1981, using the '80 title game experience to the fullest in a win over North Country by an almost identical score as the year before 42-6.

Moving on to a number of tidbits related to this year's title game. Prior to the season, Lockerby knew he had a number of holes to fill from last year's team. When I asked him in August who was the team to beat this time around, he didn't hesitate at all and said, "Fair Haven." When I reminded him of his words on Monday, he said again without hesitation, "I was unfortunately right."

The coach reminded me of times gone by when he said, "I thought we would be competitive. I really thought we were ready. Did you ever have a time when you were coaching that you thought the team was ready and it didn't turn out that way?"

My answer came without hesitation too. In 1991, the Terrier basketball team I coached had a great practice on a Sunday night, and I didn't think we could be better prepared headed to a first round play-off game Monday at Union 32. We played horribly the next night and never competed. Just by happenstance, Bob had a cousin on that team. What is that saying about degrees of separation?

In the BF football game story, there is a reference to the Terriers playing the game without center Gunnar Sawyer, who was injured. Lockerby is sure glad Sawyer returns next year, for he is a strong offensive lineman. I don't know Sawyer, but he must be a good one to have around. When I asked how much he was missed and if his absence could explain why the offense may have been stymied early on, Lockerby answered, "We missed him a lot. An incredible lot. He's not just a good athlete, he is a very intelligent player who just keeps getting better."

Due to Sawyer's absence and more injury losses as time went on, several Terriers had to play new positions along the offensive front.

Lockerby admitted, "Size was a problem for us. We were nowhere near as big as they were and the Fair Haven line was really in sync. We came out with good fight in the second half, but it was too late."

I asked Coach why they were able to move the ball more effectively after intermission, and he said, "We simplified things to make it easier for the line to adjust. This limited the options of what we could do, but it did make things simpler."

Speaking of cold, those in attendance tell me, the temperatures dropped and the wind picked up some in the 5 p.m. Division I title game. Surprisingly, there were 65 points scored in that game. Offenses usually lose potency under such conditions.

## Fair Haven beats Bellows Falls 46-20 in state championship game

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - Bob Lockerby's Terriers had their work cut out for them. They had to find a way to outscore Fair Haven's Slaters in the Vermont State Title Division III football game. The Terrier pass defense needed work through much of the season, and the Slaters could put points up quickly through their passing game. The Terriers led down the stretch of the regular season meeting between the two, but the Slaters stole the game at the end 35-34. This time around the defense had to keep the Slaters more in check.

When the final horn sounded, Bellows Falls had surrendered 46 points to the victors. However, it wasn't the defense that would get the most negative attention in this one. The

Terrier defense did allow 26 points prior to intermission but the offense was unable to get on the board before halftime and trailed 26-0.

"I thought we had a good game plan together," Lockerby said of the game. "It wasn't a good performance by a football team that grew leaps and bounds this year. We didn't bring our 'A game.' The Fair Haven line was really in sync, and ours wasn't. We still had about 350 yards of offense, but they had like 590. It just wasn't our day."

There was a simple answer to why the Bellows Falls team started slowly. Center Gunnar Sawyer was missing. Can one man make that much difference? That answer isn't as simple as yes or no. They had good offensive linemen, but three of them have to play out of position and there are more injuries added to the mix



Bellows Falls Football Captains Reno Tuttle, Jared Zobkiw, Logan Cota, and Shane Clark with the Division II State Runner Up Plaque.

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Spencer Clark throws a strong block as senior running back Shane Clark runs the ball as he has done so many times during his BF rushing career. He will play in the North-South game Saturday, Nov. 18 at Middlebury College with teammates Logan Cota and Jared Zobkiw.

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Logan Cota picks up a few yards against the Fair Haven defense. The Terriers will miss the versatile quarterback/running back; as Cota played in his last game. It was also the final game in the career of Ben Asack (56) pictured. The two other Terriers shown Ryan Kelly (23) and Reno Tuttle (62) return next fall.

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Dylan Clark returns a kick against Fair Haven in the Vermont Division III State Championship football game on Saturday, Nov. 11. Branden Maxfield about to make contact with the Fair Haven blocker.

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- making more moving parts, than stable secure ones. That Patriots' slogan of "next man up," didn't work this time around.

On the Fair Haven side, Coach Brian Grady gave his half time speech about not getting comfortable with this lead because these Terriers don't give up. This was evident when the Bellows Falls team put two scores on the board putting themselves back in business.

They pulled off a miraculous type play on the first score as Logan Cota found Shane Clark in the end zone on a 4th and 12 play from the Slater 33-yard line. Cota put the ball where he had to put it, and Clark showed great concentration, determination, and hands to pull off the score.

The Terriers' second touchdown also came on a pass play to Clark. This time Griffin Waryas was the quarterback, and their scoring play covered 62 yards and made the

count 33-12 with about half the third quarter still to play. There was a faint Terrier hope at that time, but when Fair Haven was the next to get on the board early in quarter number four, it was too late and too far behind to hope for anything but a respectable brand of play down the stretch.

Bellows Falls attempted 27 passes and knew it was time to turn out the lights. The final Bellows Falls touchdown was on a 40-yard Clark scamper. The senior finished his career with a 90-yard rushing day and 7 pass catches for a couple of touchdowns and 144 yards on those plays through the air.

Division III now has had three champions: Burr & Burton, Bellows Falls and Fair Haven. It is a very competitive division. Most fans can't wait to see what happens in 2018. Bellows Falls hopes to be back in the mix.

## GM girls enjoyed their season

LEFT - Green Mountain's Paige Karl on the run during Lady Chieftain tough loss in the title game against Thetford. RIGHT - Madison Wilson eyeing her next play in hopes of igniting a scoring threat in her team's title game.

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## FM girls lost after a strong season

LEFT - Marybeth Groton (19) contributed heavily in a second straight strong girls' soccer season at Fall Mountain. RIGHT - Sydnie Rogers (17) makes a play against rival Stevens earlier this fall.

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# arts & entertainment

## The 39th annual Putney Craft Tour

PUTNEY, Vt. - The 39th annual Putney Craft Tour takes place Thanksgiving Weekend, from Nov. 24-26, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. in Putney, Vt. The tour is the oldest continuous craft studio tour in North America, offering a unique opportunity to spend time with many of Vermont's most powerfully creative voices and to experience the artists' stories and their work up close.

Bob Burch, a founding member of the Putney Craft Tour, said, "For

those who come on the tour, you get to see where the artists live, what their life is about, and not only see the work but also see it being made. Each piece has a history. Each piece is signed. It's a special and memorable experience. That's what people are looking for now. It's about connection."

"The tour allows the opportunity to connect to the process, not just to a product," said Fiona Morehouse. In her second year on the tour, she talks



Ken Pick Pottery out of the kiln.

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about art and craft, creating beauty while enhancing everyday living in an artful way to authentically connect. "For me," she said, "art is like

grace from the grit of life. You know you're always going to have dishes, you're always going to have laundry, so how can you make those experi-

ences more artful? How can you bring grace into the mundane, or into your life, or offer it as a gift to others?"

Local community, tour-goers, and tourists are invited to celebrate the love of food in addition to the love of cultural activities. For the last four years, the Putney Craft Tour, Next Stage Arts Project, and Sandglass Theatre have joined forces to present and publicize a special Thanksgiving Weekend of Arts, aptly named Putney Craft Tour's "Craft, Culinary and Performance Weekend." The tour invites area restaurants to create a Putney Craft Tour lunch or dinner "special." Restaurants participating include the following: JD McCliment's Pub, Katy's Great Food Restaurant, Putney Diner, the Gleanery, Putney Food Co-op, Putney General Store, and the Four Columns Artisan Restaurant.

Visitors can visit the studios during the day, enjoy Putney Craft Tour specials at participating restaurants and enjoy a performance at night.

Putney is a wonderfully craft-rich area, and the tour is an opportunity to meet the 24 working artists and buy that special one-of-a-kind gift directly from the artist who made it. Visitors can observe and engage with glass blowers, potters, jewelers, weavers, and woodworkers, as well as with artisan cheese makers, a custom bicycle-maker, winemakers, encaustic artists, farm-art artists, and one artist who makes drums, rattles, lidded containers, masks and more from gourds. All of the artists will be demonstrating during the tour.

Tour-goers are invited to take photos with their phone as they visit the studios for a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate and a night at the Four Columns Inn. Visitors may start at the Gleanery Restaurant, 133 Main Street, Putney, for info, maps, and a preview exhibition of the artisans' works.

For all the details, please visit [www.putneycrafts.com](http://www.putneycrafts.com) or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/putney-craft-tour](https://www.facebook.com/putney-craft-tour).



## BF play rescheduled

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the date of the Bellows Falls Union High School Fall Play has been changed to Friday, Dec. 1 and Saturday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. on both days.

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## The Stockwell Brothers Band at Mole Hill

ALSTEAD, N.H. - Mole Hill Theatre presents contemporary bluegrass and folk music quartet the Stockwell Brothers Band on Friday, Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Bruce, Barry, Alan, and Kelly Stockwell's music spans traditional and progressive styles, but their trademark acoustic sound features new singer/songwriter material recast with banjo, alternative rhythms, and three-part harmonies. They cover straight ahead bluegrass songs, finger picked acoustic guitar ballads, full tilt breakdowns, and traditional mandolin tunes mixed

in with more unusual fare - Americana melodies riding world beat grooves and Celtic, jazzy, even neo-classical instrumentals.

Featuring 2005 Merlefest bluegrass banjo contest winner Bruce Stockwell, the Stockwell Brothers have performed alongside artists from Bill Monroe, Doc Watson, and Earl Scruggs to Mary-Chapin Carpenter, Jonathan Edwards, and Asleep At The Wheel, recorded with Mike Auldridge and Phil Rosenthal of the bluegrass supergroup the Seldom Scene, and toured throughout the United States and in Canada

and Europe. As a trio, they have released two albums, "Stobro" and "Leave My Dreams Alone."

Mole Hill Theatre is located at 789 Gilsom Mine Road in Alstead, N.H. Tickets can be purchased at the door. This is an all ages listening event. BYOB.

For information, call 603-352-2585 or visit [www.stockwellbrothers.com](http://www.stockwellbrothers.com).



Stockwell Brothers Band.

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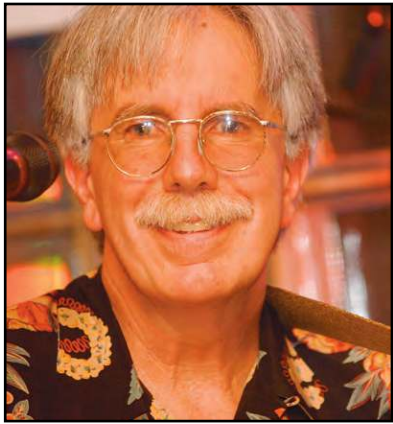
## Coffeehouse presents Sam Creigh

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - On Saturday, Nov. 18, starting at 7 p.m., Coffeehouse at the Unitarian Universalist Church will present Sam Creigh.

Creigh began his musical career as a bass player, vocalist, and songwriter in the Tucson, Ariz. area in the early 1970s. In 1976, he moved to Los Angeles, where he continued playing music while working as an audio

and video engineer. He began his solo acoustic guitar singer/songwriter career in the 1990s after relocating to Vermont with his family. He has played throughout southern and central Vermont and New Hampshire on the stages of festivals, ski lodges, taverns, open mics, and farmers markets. In the warm weather months, Creigh tours the lake country of West-Central Minnesota. His highly regarded album, "Green Mountain Flyer," was released in 2002.

The performance is held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd., Springfield, VT. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Music starts at 7 p.m. All are welcome. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase.



Sam Creigh.

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# arts & entertainment

## “Canaletto & the Art of Venice,” enjoy a Carnevale experience

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - RAMParts Presents, in partnership with Exhibition on Screen brings the 90-minute feature film, “Canaletto & the Art of Venice” to the Bellows Falls Opera House on Thursday, Nov. 30 at 7:30 p.m. for an immersive journey into the life and art of Venice’s famous view-painter. No artist better captures the essence and allure of Venice than Giovanni Antonio Canal, better known as Canaletto.

A Venetian Carnevale experience is included in the ticket price for this film. From 6-7 p.m., enjoy the music of famous Italian composer,

pianist, and conductor, Nino Rota, who scored many operas and films including “La Dolce Vita,” “Romeo and Juliet,” and “The Godfather.” Refreshments include Carnevale street sweets from Keene Confections Pastry Shoppe. Remember to dress to impress! An authentic, signed Carnevale mask from Venice, courtesy of Creative Encounters in Keene, N.H. will be raffled off before the film begins. Enjoy an Italian musical performance, including opera, from 7-7:30 p.m. onstage featuring performers Allie McGahie, Zac Binney, Josh Delaney, and Lara Germana.

Despite Canaletto’s close relationship with the city in which he lived and died, the world’s largest collection of his works resides not in his native Italy but in Britain as part of the Royal Collection. In 1762, George III purchased almost the entire collection amassed by Joseph Smith, British Consul in Venice and Canaletto’s principal agent. The Royal Collection includes over 200 paintings, drawings, and prints on display offers unparalleled insight into the artistry of Canaletto and his contemporaries, and the city he became a master at capturing. The film also offers the

chance to step inside two official royal residences - Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle - to learn more about the artist and Joseph Smith, the man who introduced Canaletto to Britain.

Venice produced some of history’s great artists. Canaletto is certainly among them but is often misunderstood. Some might think he simply painted and drew accurate portrayals of Venice landscapes, which were then sold to locals and travelers. In fact, Canaletto was a master storyteller in light.

Tickets for “Canaletto & the Art of Venice” includes the Carnevale cel-

ebration and one chance to win the mask! They can be purchased online through the RAMParts ticketing platform, [www.rampartstickets.com](http://www.rampartstickets.com) or

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Venice The Bacino di S. Marco on Ascension Day.

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## “T’was the Night Before Christmas,” a family experience —

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - Get your tickets now for this exciting new Springfield Christmas tradition! On Saturday, Nov. 25, come take a journey through the historic Hartness House Inn and experience the legendary tale of “T’was the Night Before Christmas” in an interactive performance.

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An interactive family Christmas experience.

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## Kenneth Rokicki performs Third Friday —

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - Village Square Booksellers will host Kenneth Rokicki Solo Jazz and Latin Guitar on Friday, Nov. 17 from 5-7 p.m. as part of Bellows Falls 3rd Friday. Rokicki plays standards and ballads of the 30s, 40s, and 50s era, such as Gershwin, Cole Porter, Duke Ellington, John Coltrane, and George Benson. He spent many years playing and recording in Los Angeles as well as performing in most major music venues around the U.S. Rokicki has been a professional musician for over 40 years. He has been a recording artist with several CDs, both solo and with various groups. In reviews of his performances, he has been compared to Joe Pass, Wes Montgomery and his Latin guitar per-



Jazz and Latin guitar Kenneth Rokicki performs in Bellows Falls.

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# outdoor news

## Greetings from Magic Mountain

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - The temperatures are finally starting to drop and Magic is abuzz with projects designed to make Magic even better for you when we open up the ski area on Dec. 16. We hope to also open up the tubing park for Thanksgiving weekend, along with the Black Line Tavern.

Speaking of buzz, Magic has been highlighted in the Wall Street Journal as one of the five best-kept secret ski resorts in the U.S. and in the Boston Globe for “most likely to succeed.” Why? Because Magic is zigging when the entire ski industry seems to be zagging.

We’re committed to a unique throwback experience that focuses on the sport, and the enthusiasts who are fiercely passionate about it, above all the expensive amenities and multitude of distractions, which come these days with larger, corporate destination resorts. To each their

own, but “variety is the spice of life,” and we are full-on spicy!

The key projects we are tackling this month center on snowmaking and lifts, besides our two main summit chairs, we will be adding by opening day our new magic carpet-style beginner/learn-to-ski area lift, and our brand new Nelson Family Learning Center. The grading and drainage of the beginner area slope is just about complete so that we will soon run the electric line for the lift and then install the carpet. Expect that new area to be completed by Thanksgiving timeframe. Magic will be a great place now for beginners and first-timers to fall in love with skiing and riding.

The other new lift project accessing the mid-mountain has encountered significant delays due to key contractor health reasons. So, while we continue to make progress, the completion date is currently not

known and will possibly stretch well into the season. But, once completed, the Green Lift will be a wonderful addition for every one to enjoy a wide variety of beginner, intermediate, and even some expert terrain without having to go all the way to the top.

Major snowmaking system projects are underway to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of our system so we can lay down more snow, more quickly for Christmas-New Year’s holiday week. New snowmaking water/air pipe is now out of the pump house and stretching toward our two key lines which head up the east and west sides. We expect this project to be completed before Thanksgiving - hopefully with enough time to spare to get our tube park open for some turkey tubing holiday fun!

Additionally on the snowmaking front, a few new HKD energy ef-

ficient snow guns are on their way here and Magic is transforming itself from a diesel-based compressed air system to electric-based. This requires the purchase and installation of very expensive compressors and electrical equipment, like transformers, but the end result will be a greener, cleaner, more productive snowmaking system for years to come. Timing on this project is expected to be completed close to Dec. 1 so we can make snow in earnest from the top of the mountain for the opening.

Finally, a new terrain park is in the works off the handle tow in the base area in full view of the lodge. There will be more features than ever before and it will be a fun place for the kids to play even after dark with our new tubing and terrain park area lighting.

Our last minute spruce-up of the lodge and base area projects will be happening on Saturday Nov. 18



Discover new things at Magic Mountain this year!

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starting at 9 a.m. In addition, we are still taking donations for our winter coat and clothes giveaway from 9

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“This was our earliest opening in five years,” said Okemo Vice President and General Manager Bruce Schmidt. “We opened on Nov. 8 in 2012. In November, 2002, opening day was Nov. 2, and in 1997, opening day was Nov. 1. As luck would have it that year, we ended up closing until mid-November!”

Snowmaking started at Okemo on the afternoon of Nov. 7, and crews worked ‘round the clock to cover trails with a base depth of 12 to 18 inches in time for opening day. Okemo opened an additional trail on Sunday, Nov. 12, and the resort anticipates having more terrain open in the days and weeks ahead as snowmaking temperatures allow.

Several terrain park features have been installed on Countdown and Nor’easter temporarily until Okemo’s eight terrain park trails can be covered with snow. Okemo’s terrain parks were ranked among the top five in the East recently by Newschoolers and Transworld Snowboarding.

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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

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**SATURDAY, NOV. 18 –** LUDLOW, Vt. - On Saturday, Nov. 18 the Ludlow Baptist Church will host a turkey dinner at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. It's a great time to sit down, relax and enjoy a delicious home-

cooked meal, free-of-charge. The event is an outreach program of Black River Good Neighbor Services entitled Our Community Cares, established for individuals and families to enjoy a free, nutritious meal within a warm, welcoming community setting. Ludlow Baptist Church is located at 99 Main Street in Ludlow.

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – North Springfield Baptist Church, 69 Main Street will hold a Ham supper on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Ham, raisin sauce, mashed potato, carrots, coleslaw, dessert and beverage will be served. Handicapped accessible. There is a minimal cost. Children 5 and under are free. Call 802-886-8107 for more information.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 19 –** CHESTER, Vt. – Celebrate Thanksgiving with a free community dinner this year. The traditional fixings of turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, squash, and cranberry sauce will be served, followed by a delicious pie selection! Dinner starts at 5 p.m. in the lower level of the Chester Baptist Church, opposite the green on at 162 Main Street in downtown Chester. Please call 802-875-2638 to RSVP by Friday, Nov. 17.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 23 –** PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 23 from noon – 2 p.m., there will be a Thanksgiving Dinner at the Cavendish Elementary School at 573 Main Street, Proctorsville.

Hosted by St. James United Methodist Church, everyone is welcome to attend the dinner. It's a great time to sit down, relax and enjoy a delicious, home-cooked holiday meal, free-of-charge. The event is an outreach program of Black River Good Neighbor Services entitled "Our Community Cares," established for individuals and families to receive a free, nutritious meal within a warm, welcoming community setting.

**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. For more information contact Lorraine Zigman 802-263-5245 or email lzigman@comcast.net. 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 103N, just above junction of 103 and Route 10. Any questions, call Dave at 802-875-2637. TFN

**WEEKDAYS-BELLOWS FALLS,** Vt. – The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center serves lunch 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. 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

**FRIDAY, NOV. 17 -** BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bellows Falls invites the public to Bellows Falls 3rd Friday from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17. This is an opportunity to stroll through various venues of Bellows Falls & vicinity for art, music, literary events,

food and late-night shopping. Check out our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/BellowsFalls.3rdFriday for additional information and future events.

ALSTEAD, N.H. –The Stockwell Brothers Band brings its contemporary bluegrass and folk music to the Mole Hill Theatre in Alstead, NH on Friday, Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. Mole Hill Theatre is located at 789 Gilsun Mine Road, Alstead, NH. Tickets available at the door. This is an all ages listening event. BYOB. For information call 603-352-2585.



**NOTICE OF TAX SALE TAX SALE OF REAL ESTATE Town of Cavendish, Vermont**

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgages of lands in the Town of Cavendish in the county of Windsor are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such town for the year 2014-2015, 2015-2016, and 2016-2017 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands in such town, to wit, a parcel of land, parcel #1R10-077, conveyed to Kevin Cheney and Karen Cheney recorded in Volume 50, Pages 45-46 in Cavendish Land Records.

Reference may be had to said deed for a more particular description of said lands and premises, as the same appears in the Land Records of the Town of Cavendish. And so much of the lands will be sold at public auction at the Office of the Town Tax Collector, located at the Cavendish Town Office Building, 37 High St., Cavendish, Vermont, on December 7, 2017 at 1:00 o'clock in the p.m., as shall be requisite to discharge said taxes together with costs and other fees allowed by law, unless the same be previously paid.

Dated at Cavendish, Vermont this 18th day of October 2017.  
Brendan McNamara  
Delinquent Tax Collector, Town of Cavendish

**SATURDAY, NOV. 18 -** SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Saturday, Nov 18, the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center invites children ages 6+ to the DIVE-IN MOVIE Night event from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., featuring pizza from The Subway, a craft activity, and swimming while a movie plays poolside! For more info contact the Edgar May at 802-885-2568 or by email stilden@myreccenter.org

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – The Holy Name of Mary Altar Society will hold a Winter Berries and Food Sale on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. -3 p.m. at the church hall, 306

Main Street, Proctorsville, VT. Christmas and handcrafts, pies, jams, fudge, and a Cookie Walk, along with many other items will be available. For information call Carol at 802-226-7842.

**FRIDAY, NOV. 24 - SUNDAY, NOV. 26 -** PUTNEY, Vt. - Putney celebrates craft, culinary and performance weekend, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., highlighted by the Putney Craft Tour, a self-guided tour to artisans' studios within a 12-mile radius of Putney and Saxtons River. Visitors may start at the Gleanery Restaurant, 133 Main St. in Putney for a

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Reference may be had to said deed for a more particular description of said lands and premises, as the same appears in the Land Records of the Town of Cavendish. And so much of the lands will be sold at public auction at the Office of the Town Tax Collector, located at the Cavendish Town Office Building, 37 High St., Cavendish, Vermont, on December 7, 2017 at 1:00 o'clock in the p.m., as shall be requisite to discharge said taxes together with costs and other fees allowed by law, unless the same be previously paid.

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Reference may be had to said deed for a more particular description of said lands and premises, as the same appears in the Land Records of the Town of Cavendish. And so much of the lands will be sold at public auction at the Office of the Town Tax Collector, located at the Cavendish Town Office Building, 37 High St., Cavendish, Vermont, on December 7, 2017 at 1:00 o'clock in the p.m., as shall be requisite to discharge said taxes together with costs and other fees allowed by law, unless the same be previously paid.

Dated at Cavendish, Vermont this 18th day of October 2017.  
Brendan McNamara  
Delinquent Tax Collector, Town of Cavendish

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Reference may be had to said deed for a more particular description of said lands and premises, as the same appears in the Land Records of the Town of Cavendish. And so much of the lands will be sold at public auction at the Office of the Town Tax Collector, located at the Cavendish Town Office Building, 37 High St., Cavendish, Vermont, on December 7, 2017 at 1:00 o'clock in the p.m., as shall be requisite to discharge said taxes together with costs and other fees allowed by law, unless the same be previously paid.

Dated at Cavendish, Vermont this 18th day of October 2017.  
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TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Salome's Stars

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Like the sensible Libra you are, you no doubt started your holiday shopping already. But be careful to keep within your budget. Shop around for the best buys.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Love and friendship remain strong in your aspect over the next several days. This is a good time to develop new relationships and strengthen old ones.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A beloved family member has news that will brighten your holidays. Also expect to hear from friends who had long since moved out of your life.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Family and friends are in for a surprise when you accept the need to make a change without being talked into it. (Bet it surprised you, too — didn't it?)

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Restoring an old friendship might not be as easy as you hoped. You might want to explore the reasons for your former buddy's reluctance to cooperate.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your party-going activities pick up as the holiday season takes off. Enjoy your plunge into the social swim as you make new friends and renew old friendships.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are caring and considerate — two wonderful attributes that endear you to people of all ages.

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Your work on a recent job assignment is impressive and is sure to be noticed. Meanwhile, expect to receive news about an upcoming holiday event you won't want to miss.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Saving the world one person at a time is what you were born to do. So accept it when people ask you for help, especially during the holiday season.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Now that you've resolved all doubts about an important decision, you can surprise a lot of people by defending your stand with your strong and well-reasoned arguments.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) The holiday mood stirs your need to nurture everyone from the family cat to great-grandma. But don't overdo it, especially with teens, who like to feel grown up.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Enjoy basking in the warm love of family and close friends. But don't fall into a prolonged catnap yet. There's still much to do before you can put up your paws and relax.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Avoid pushing others to work as hard as you do on a common project. Instead, encourage them to do their best, and they might well reward you with a pleasant surprise.

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calendar

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EVENTS CONT.

preview exhibition of the artisans’ works, and pick up maps.

**MONDAY, NOV. 27 - CHESTER, Vt.** – Join us in person on Cider Monday at Phoenix Books Misty Valley at 58 Common St., Chester to enjoy a free cup of delicious, hot apple cider, while supplies last. Cider Monday is a new tradition being started by lots of small businesses in New England. For more information visit [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz).

**THURSDAYS – LUDLOW, Vt.** – Gypsy Reel plays regularly at The Killarney, in Ludlow. Music always begins at 6:30 p.m. and continues until 8:30 p.m. or later (depending upon football

schedule). Fine ale, good pub food, and great music in the traditional Irish style. TFN

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

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

**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

**MONDAY, NOV. 13 – SATURDAY, NOV. 18 – CAVENDISH, Vt.** - The Cavendish Fletcher Community Library will hold its annual Scholastic Book Fair Nov. 13-18 during normal library hours. The library will be selling books and school supplies. The proceeds go to fund the summer reading program. The fair has a Wild West theme, and will feature some fun games and prizes throughout the week and end with Clifford’s Round Up on Saturday from 1-3 p.m. This event is open to the public. Please contact Kata

at 802-226-7503 for more information.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 18 - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - Mary B. Crowther will share from her new book: “Gathering Rocks: A Collection of Memories in Word and Image” along with samples from her extensive mineral collection on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 10:30 a.m. at the Rockingham Library. Copies of “Gathering Rocks” will be available for purchase. This free and open to the public program is suitable for children as well as adults. For more information, go to [www.rockinghamlibrary.org](http://www.rockinghamlibrary.org), call 802-463-4270, email [programming@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org) or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St., Bellows Falls.

**S. LONDONDERRY, Vt.** - The South Londonderry Free Library is celebrating Thanksgiving with a special program for children on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 10:30 a.m. Thankful kids of all ages are invited to

make stylish place cards and decorations for the family table with art teacher Casey Junker Bailey. The program is free of charge and all materials will be provided. For more information, contact the library at 802-824-3371

**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. These events are free and open to the public. For more information, go to [rockinghamlibrary.org](http://rockinghamlibrary.org), call 802-463-4270 or stop by the library at 65 Westminster 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org) or go to [www.rockinghamlibrary.org](http://www.rockinghamlibrary.org). TFN

**FRIDAYS- CHESTER, Vt.** – Story time at Whiting Library from 10:30-11:30 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 Westminster 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

**THURSDAY, NOV. 16 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - Meeting of Union/Park Neighborhood Association is scheduled for

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## pet of the week



Hi, my name is Chunk, and I am 7 years old. I know sit, down, shake, and speak.

Since I am so smart, one of the employees wanted me to let everyone know that she messed up the date of our Giant Indoor Tag Sale! The sale is Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. here at the shelter.

If you are looking for a 90-pound hunk and have no other pets, stop by Wednesday thru Saturday from noon to 4:30 and see how smart I am in person! For more information on Chunk, or our sale call 802-885-3997.

Don't miss the tag sale on Saturday in the beautiful new community room attached to the shelter! Find lots of Christmas decorations, gifts, used and new items, household items, furniture, tools, linens, kids toys, and more. Prices are lower than low so now is the time to get your holiday on and save animal lives at the same time!

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## MEETINGS CONT.

**THUR, NOV. 16 CONT.** - Thursday Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. at Union Street School cafeteria. Open to the public.

**FRIDAY, NOV. 17** - W. LEBANON, N.H. - Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) will provide free tax preparation for lower income taxpayers for the 2018 tax-filing season through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. SEVCA is now recruiting volunteers to work at sites in White River Junction, Windsor, and Westminster during tax season. Potential volunteers are urged to attend volunteer orientation meetings on Friday, Nov. 17 at either 2:30 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. at the Kilton Public Library Community Room, 80 Main Street, West Lebanon, N.H.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Greater Falls Connections will discuss the topic "How do you grow the goodness of a community?" at our monthly coalition meeting on Nov. 17 from noon to 1 p.m. at Parks Place Community Center on 44 School St in Bellows Falls. The discussion will focus on the Positive Culture Framework, the theme of a recent training attended by Greater Falls Connections staff. The focus is on growing what one wants to see, instead of merely focusing on what should be eliminated. Participate in this important discussion and help make a positive difference in the community. Lunch will be provided. You can learn more at [www.greaterfallsconnections.org](http://www.greaterfallsconnections.org).

**MONDAY, NOV. 20** - CHESTER, Vt. - Please join the Chester Senior Citizens Club for their monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 20, at the Chester Congregational Church on Main Street. Come join us and learn how to make your own Christmas Cards! Please bring your place setting, if possible a dish to share, and a friend. If you need a ride, just call Georgia at 802-875-

6242. Hope to see you there.

## 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](http://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

**TUESDAYS**- SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Breast Feeding Support Group second and fourth Tuesdays at the Springfield Hospital Library Level D. Noon-2 p.m. It is free and no registration is required. For more information call Erin at 802-885-7511. TFN

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](http://coda.org). For more information regarding this meeting, contact Sarah E. at [sarahcoda2016@gmail.com](mailto:sarahcoda2016@gmail.com). TFN

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - TOPS Chapter Vermont #12 meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Social Center, 39 Green Street in Bellows Falls. Come to TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) a non-profit, non-commercial, weight loss

support group that really works. Every week there are interesting programs that touch on topics that help us in our quest for weight loss. We share healthy recipes for main meals and snacks. Your first meeting is free. Bring a friend; you won't be disappointed. Visit our website [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org) for more information. 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

struggles. The group is led by trained therapists who specialize in eating behavior. To join call 802-975-0435 or email [shiri@fitwoman.com](mailto:shiri@fitwoman.com). TFN

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](mailto: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

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<b>2014 CHEVY 1500 CREW CAB</b> LT Package, Z71 Off Road, Heated Seats, Like New <b>SALE PRICE \$28,995</b>	<b>2011 HONDA FIT</b> Sport Package, Fully Loaded Only 50,000 Miles <b>SALE PRICE \$7,995</b>	<b>2006 CHEVY 3500 HD DUMP</b> 4x4, with Fisher Plow, Only 26,000 Miles <b>SALE PRICE \$6,995</b>	<b>1993 CHEVY CORVETTE COUPE</b> 2 Removable Tops, Auto <b>SALE PRICE \$7,495</b>
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Kurn Hattin Homes children performed in the ceremony, honoring local Veterans.

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annual Veterans’ Day Observance on Nov. 10. The annual event featured a program of commentary and music to honor members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their gift of service.

Candles were lit in remembrance of the service people who had died in all foreign and domestic wars, including those who were missing in action. Four children read personal essays, which were submitted to the 2017 Veterans of Foreign Wars Patriot’s Pen Youth Essay Contest.

An emotionally moving video featuring photographs of alumni, friends, and family of Kurn Hattin staff who have served in the Armed Forces was presented as the Kurn Hattin Choir sang musician Sailor Jerry’s version of “Hallelujah.” The video can be watched on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/zQ2DUBRT8vU>. The entire Veterans’ Day event was live-streamed and the recording can be found on the Kurn Hattin Homes Facebook page. Thank you to all who serve.

A place of hope since 1894, Kurn Hattin Homes for Children provides a safe home and quality education for boys and girls, ages 5-15, whose families are experiencing a time of personal or financial need. Kurn Hattin Homes is almost entirely funded by private donations. For more information, visit [www.kurnhattin.org](http://www.kurnhattin.org).

# Designing a benefit package for your small business

**REGION** – As a small business owner, when your primary goals are managing costs and increasing revenue, how do you entice new recruits and reward current staff members for continually putting their best efforts forward? One way is ensuring that you provide a competitive, cost-effective benefit package.

**Traditional benefits**

**Health insurance** - Small businesses can typically choose among traditional plans or managed care/health maintenance organizations (HMOs). Traditional plans are typically more expensive but tend to provide more access to providers. HMOs generally carry lower costs but have fewer options for care providers. Some small employers opt for a high-deductible health plan (HDHP) along with a health savings account (HSA). In an HDHP, employees carry a higher burden for up-front costs, but the HSA allows them to set aside money on a tax-advantaged basis to help defray these costs.

**Retirement plans** - There are several options available to small employers, including traditional 401(k) plans, SIMPLE savings plans, and SEP-IRAs. A financial professional can help you choose the plan that’s right for your company’s needs.

Other traditional benefits include life insurance, disability insurance, and vision and dental coverage.

**Not-so-traditional perks**

**Wellness programs** - Some employers offer workplace-based wellness programs. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, 46 percent of small employers offer at least one of the following three types: smoking cessation, weight management, and behavioral or lifestyle coaching. Thirty-two percent of small firms offer a health risk assessment, while 20 percent offer biometric screening. Some of these firms offer incentives to encourage participation.

**Flexible work arrangements** - One of the most popular and appreciated employee benefits available today is a flexible work environment. Once the hallmark of only small and “hip” technology companies, flexible work arrangements are growing in popularity. Some examples of flexible work programs include: flex schedules, condensed work weeks (working four 10-hour days instead of five 8-hour ones), telecommuting, job sharing, and part time during certain life stages.

Allowing your employees to tailor their work schedules based on their individual needs demonstrates a great deal of respect and can generate an enormous amount of loyalty in return.

**Social activities** - Sponsoring periodic activities can help workers relax and get to know one another. Such events don’t need to take much time out of the day, but can do wonders for building morale. If you work in a particular industry in which colleagues share a common passion, consider organizing events around that interest.

**Concierge services, discounts** - You may also be able to negotiate with other local companies for employee discounts and services. Laundry service, dry cleaning pickup/drop-off, and meal providers that can deliver hot, family-sized, take-home dinners may help employees save both time and worry.

**Financial planning / education** - Consider inviting a local financial professional into your office to provide counseling sessions for your employees.

**Involve your employees** - The best benefits are those that meet the needs of your employees. Before making any assumptions, solicit ideas from your employees and then conduct a survey to see what benefits they value the most. By involving your employees in the decisions that matter most to them, you demonstrate that you value their time, efforts, opinions, and hard work.

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