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The Nutcracker dances in holiday spirit

BY AMANDA WEDEGIS
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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – It was a very snowy evening on Saturday, Dec. 9, when the Dance Factory presented the beloved holiday show “The Nutcracker” for their 26th year. The show took place at Springfield High School and benefitted the school’s drama club.

“The Nutcracker” starts with a family Christmas party where the mysterious Herr Drosselmeyer (Mark Yuengling) presents the party guests with a wonderful arrangement of wind-up toy soldiers, jesters, and dancers. Drosselmeyer presents young Clara (Madalein Wolf) with a Nutcracker, which she treasures as

she spins sweetly around the stage. Her brother Fritz (Berkley Hutchins) loves to tease and antagonize Clara, so he steals the Nutcracker from her and breaks it.

Midnight strikes, after the party guests have left and the family has gone to bed, Clara sneaks back on stage in search of her Nutcracker. Instead she finds the Mouse King (Shiloh Yake) who attacks her with his mice. Then, her Nutcracker (Ben Haseltine) comes to life to save her, slaying the Mouse King. However, in the fight the Nutcracker is also seriously wounded, but Clara saves him with her love and compassion, and he turns into a handsome prince.

The elegant Snow Queen (Eliza Rounds) and her snowflakes ap-

peared to lead the prince and Clara to the Kingdom of Sweets where various representatives from all over the world danced in her honor. There were Spanish dancers representing chocolate, Arabian and Chinese dancers, a firebird, candy canes, dew drop fairies and waltzing flowers, and Mother Goose (Jim Malley) with all her children hidden under her vast skirts – a fan favorite of the night.

Of course, the well-known Sugar Plum Fairy (Lydia Churchill) performed, radiant and graceful, for the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies. After, she was joined by the prince for a beautiful duet where he exhibited his strength and poise as he lifted her into the air. Finally, the evening had to come to an end so all the Kingdom

of Sweets citizens returned to the stage for one last farewell before the pages escorted Clara back home.

Dressed in full costume and presented in front of stunning backdrops, the Dance Factory’s “Nutcracker” was the show to see. There was a wide age range of dancers on stage, but all of them put their best ballet slipper forward as they filled the auditorium with holiday magic and delight.



The cast of the Nutcracker came to the stage to take their final bow.

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After 37 years at the water department, Raymond Perry retires

BY KRISTINE M. BURPEE
The Shopper

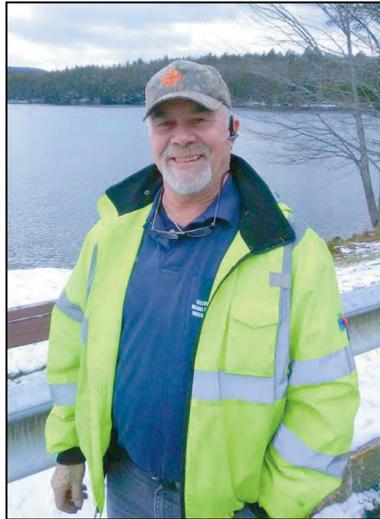
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Born and raised in the Rockingham, Vt. area, Raymond Perry, chief operator for the water department located on Pond Road, is retiring Dec. 31, 2017 after 37 years of service. With his wife Joanne, he raised his two sons in the area and is now grandfather to six grandchildren.

Previous to the water plant, Perry was a recreational diver, as a hobby, for 20 years. He was also an assistant scoutmaster for his sons Jason and Josh. Most recent to the water department, Perry worked for the highway department for 14 long years.

During his time as chief operator, Perry said, “What I have enjoyed most about this job, is working for the customers. Helping the customers in saving water and saving money.” He has also enjoyed when students from local schools visit to

take educational tours of the water department. On the flip side of that, Perry says he strongly dislikes having to disconnect people’s water. He also shared, “This is a neat field to get into; it is constantly changing.”

Typically when planning for retirement, people tend to imagine vacations, beaches, and long naps. However, Perry plans to watch the snow fly and clean his driveway. He mentioned he wants to help out with his sons’ endeavors: J.P. Trucking, and J.M.P. Trucking. He will also spend time hunting, fishing, hiking, and kayaking.



Ray Perry.

PHOTO BY KRISTINE M. BURPEE

Corlee Conklin is Bellows Falls Elks’ Fall Mountain student of the month

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Junior Corlee Conklin was selected as Student of the Month for November. Conklin is the daughter of Liz Conklin of Charlestown.

Conklin was nominated by the social studies department and was described as someone who is “an integral part of our class. She looks forward to asking questions and participating in just about all discussions. She is always interested in learning and often asks for extra work. On various occasions, Corlee will lead the group in readings while posing important questions to the class, keeping them engaged and on task. She is driven to excellence, yet always has time to help her classmates. Corlee takes fantastic written notes. She then types the notes up into a more outlined format. She shares these with the teacher and her other



Corlee Conklin.

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classmates. Corlee is a role model for all the students in her class.”

Conklin is a conscientious honor roll student and looks forward to her studies. Outside of school she enjoys babysitting for people who have trouble finding affordable childcare as well as participating in community service. After graduating from high school, she plans to go to college to become a veterinarian.

“Congratulations, Corlee,” From the Fall Mountain Regional School District and the Elks Student of the Month Chair, Smokey Aumann.

Springfield school district launches school-wide computer science initiative

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – This Computer Science Education Week, the Springfield School District announced the launch of a comprehensive, school-wide computer science initiative for the middle and high schools supported by grants from the Siegel Family Endowment and the Vermont Community Foundation. In conjunction with this initiative, the Springfield School Board voted

to make the school district the first in Vermont to make one semester of coding a high school graduation requirement.

Zach McLaughlin, superintendent of the Springfield School District, explained the decision. “Our school district is constantly thinking about how to best prepare our students for their social, civic, and economic lives. As we follow societal trends, we know

that their lives will be intertwined with computer science. Whether as a community member, a voter, or a wage earner, our students’ worlds will be impacted by the growing integration of technology with all aspects of their lives. Computer science skills will set our graduates up for success.”

Designed to leverage Springfield’s best-in-country gigabit Internet, the computer science program will provide every student with a basic knowledge of coding with an aim to develop critical problem-solving skills. The initiative intends to offer additional in and out of school clubs and activities, including a first robotics team and 3D Vermont club to enhance experiential-learning and to increase confidence and achievement in skills with tangible, real world value. In addition, the program will use strategies proven to empower girls to feel welcome and excited about computer science, and to fight gender disparity in the field.

To increase the breadth and depth of student knowledge and relevance of computer science beyond the school, the initiative hopes to include a dedicated three-season CS coach and activity-spe-

cific mentors who offer school-wide workshops, facilitate small-group activities, and support individual student endeavors, all designed to unlock new opportunities and encourage the active pursuit of student interests.

Southern Vermont native Marguerite Dibble will serve as senior consultant to the initiative and help guide development of the co-curricular activities and the girls coding program. Dibble is a graduate of the Champlain College gaming program, and founder of the award winning gaming company GameTheory.

“Technology, when used to its best potential, can provide empowerment and opportunity for many. As an industry, technology needs to diversify and broaden, and to do that we need to teach tech enthusiasm in a way that focuses on creativity, empathy, and impact,” said Dibble. “If we can build a program that helps all kinds of kids see through mentorship, hands on experiences, and self-discovery, that technology skills can be a platform of opportunity for many diverse and exciting careers, that will be a great success.”

A major focus of both the curricular and co-curricular offerings will be

to “show-by-doing” how computer science can be applied across industries and professions, and to help students pursue computer science internships and career pathways. “Springfield has a long and rich history of innovation,” said Bob Flint, executive director of the Springfield Regional Development Corporation. “This initiative in our schools ensures the next generation has the tools get and create innovation jobs of today and the future.”

The computer science initiative is part of a larger economic development partnership in Springfield between Springfield Regional Development Corporation and the Vermont-based Center on Rural Innovation (CORI), an organization committed to helping rural economies succeed in the digital age.

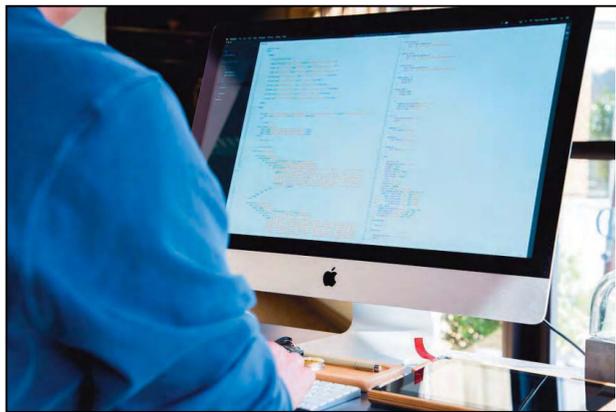
Significant funding for the initiative has been provided by the Siegel Family Endowment and by a block grant by the the Vermont Community Foundation (VCF) on behalf of the Vermont Women’s Fund, the McClure Foundation, and VCF donors.

Dan Smith, president & CEO of the Vermont Community Foundation, reaffirmed the foundation’s support. “On behalf of the VCF funders

involved, we are excited to be supporting innovative practices in the Springfield School District that will offer more students in the community a chance to develop skills and knowledge that are a crucial step on the path to economic opportunity. This strategic co-funding partnership is a model we hope to see grow into the future.”

Katy Knight, deputy executive director for the Siegel Family Endowment, explained their organization’s motivation to support the project. “We believe deeply in the power of computational thinking and being able to engage with technology as creators rather than consumers. It is critical that we equip students everywhere with the skills they need so that the next generation of innovators can come from all parts of the country, bring to the table a diverse set of skills informed by their surroundings. Innovation-driven growth should be accessible to people everywhere, and we are excited to support the vision of the Center on Rural Innovation and the Springfield School District to make that a reality.”

The program will launch Jan. 2018 with full implementation expected for the 2018-19 school year.



Springfield students will learn about computer science and code.

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CCCD announces second year of the MFC Farm Fund

WALPOLE, N.H. - The Cheshire County Conservation District is proud to announce the second year of the Monadnock Food Co-op Farm Fund, a grant opportunity for local farmers through a partnership with the Monadnock Food Co-op.

The Monadnock Food Co-op Farm Fund's mission is to support local farmers in increasing sustainable food production and wholesale sales to contribute to a thriving local farm economy. The Cheshire County Conservation District supports

the viability of farm businesses and the stewardship of natural resources that farmers provide. This grant supports several of the co-op's goals, including a healthy, sustainable food system, the support of local farmers and producers and a strong, sustainable and improving local economy.

There will be \$15,000 available for the 2018 grant cycle. A Request for Proposals will be available Dec. 1 and Farm Fund Applications are due no later than Feb. 1, 2018. Funds can be used for a range of needs including the purchase of equipment or infrastructure, packaging and labeling design needs, and technical assistance. Eligible applicants include farms in Cheshire County and abutting New Hampshire towns who would like to develop or expand their production for wholesale markets, including the Monadnock Food Co-op and Monadnock Menus.

"This grant fund and partnership with Conservation District allows us to provide much-needed capital for our local farm and food economy, creating an increase in the quantity of food that can be produced and consumed locally. We couldn't be happier to offer this grant fund to farmers who want to increase wholesale production," said Michael Faber, Monadnock Food Co-op general manager.

Tax-deductible donations to this fund can be made to the Cheshire County Conservation District. Watch for additional fundraising activities at the Monadnock Food Co-op in the coming months, including the ability to Round Up your purchases to the next dollar in early 2018.

For more information on eligibility, to apply for a grant, or make a donation to the fund, please visit www.cheshireconservation.org/farm-fund or call Amanda Littleton at the Conservation District at 603-756-2988 ext. 116.



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Alstead Lisais Market coming soon



Mike Lisai, right, and uncle Brent Lisai, left, working hard at store renovations.



Mike Lisai has purchased the old Alstead Village Market, and is working on completely renovating the interior, alongside his uncle Brent. His planned opening date will be spring of 2018.

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Dr. Allan Shirks of Townshend joins Senior Solutions Board of Directors

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - A longtime Vermont health care provider and community volunteer has joined Senior Solutions Board of Directors. Dr. Allan Shirks of Townshend has more than 35 years experience as a board-certified psychiatrist with stints at the Dartmouth Institute, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Brattleboro Retreat, Rutland Regional Medical Center, and Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas. He also serves on the Grace Cottage Hospital Board of Trustees.

The Senior Solutions Board of Directors is a nine-member group responsible for oversight of the non-profit organization.

"Navigating life as an older adult is not an easy endeavor," said Shirks. "I am honored to join the Board of Senior Solutions in its quest to help people age successfully."

"Allan Shirks has a long and distinguished record of community service and expertise in a criti-

cal part of health care for older adults; we are very pleased he'll be sharing his knowledge with our organization," noted Carol Stamatakis, Senior Solutions executive director.

"Hopefully, my broad experience will allow me to contribute to the important work of Senior Solutions in our community," added Shirks.

Dr. Shirks earned a bachelor's degree at California State University at Hayward, his medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine, a master's at the Dartmouth Institute, and he also completed the VA Quality Scholars Fellowship Program.

Senior Solutions is a non-profit group serving 46 communities in Windsor and Windham counties, providing older adults with critical information and assistance like Meals on Wheels, health insurance and mental health counseling, transportation, exercise programs,



Dr. Allan Shirks.

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home based social services, and caregiver support.

Greater Falls Connections community holiday dinner

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Greater Falls Connections and the GF United Network present the 2017 Community Dinner on Monday, Dec. 18 at 5 p.m. at the Stone Church on 20 School Street. Come to connect with other community members and share our thanks for this holiday season!

If you want to help, you can come to the Stone Church at noon to chop veggies. Bring your own peelers and knives. Set up will be from 3 to 5 p.m. or you could stay afterward to assist in clean up. You can also bring a dessert if you wish. Hope to see you there!



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 Nora Dunnigan
 Ruby Frithsen
 Cameron Fry
 Enrique Ingram
 Madeline Manning
 Amelia Sethi
 Isabella Smith
Honors
 Sullivan Barth
 Anya Bierweiler-Franks
 Grace Conety
 Natalie Ferland
 Olivia Henning
 Jordan Moore
 Keyaira Nowell
 Adelina Pope
 Abigail Walker
 Hudson Willett
 Lillia Wilson
Grade 7:
High Honors
 Miranda Anderson
 McKenzie French
 Isabelle Walz
Honors
 Pearl Aldrich
 Cote Barratt
 Wyatt Britton
 Drew Buswell
 Mitchell Cormier

Mamta Dey
 Edward Gowdy
 Dominick Hammond
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 Foster Willett
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 Aiden Frazier
 Camden Fuller
 Etta Bea Harrison
 Aidan Parrott
Honors
 Andrew Byrnes
 Jason Colburn
 Morrigan Farnum
 Ben Frithsen
 Jacob Hearne
 Emma Johnson
 Lucy Kaplan
 Zachary King
 Luciano Leone
 Patrick Manning
 Jade Nadeau
 Sydney Palmiotto
 Holden Perron
 Jayden Roland
 Malesa Seavey
 Phoebe Shriver
 Ian Smith
 Isabella Smith
 Murray Spaulding
 Benjamin Tetu
 Abby Turner
 Owen Waysville

Friends For Change receives grant

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Friends For Change recently received a \$2,500 grant from the Vermont Community Foundation's Small and Inspiring grant program. The grant will help further Friends For Change mission to nurture and support personal and social wellness by funding a program assistant to support a trauma-informed, democratically operated youth leadership group that

teaches restorative justice and practices community service. According to Friends For Change's Hailee Galandak-Cochran, "Receiving this grant is a great first step for us as an organization. The youth leaders and I are so grateful to the Vermont Community Foundation for sharing in our mission. This gift will support a small and inspiring group of young people who have the power and desire to make a lasting

difference in our community." The grant will support the youth leaders of the Friends for Change Youth Club with an adult leader to help to build capacity of the group. The new staff member will assist with recruiting volunteers, facilitating programming, strengthening partnerships with other organizations, and organizing outreach events. This project will build capacity in the most meaningful way possible by providing an empowering and educational opportunity to youth who are all too often ostracized and rarely have their voices heard.

Through its Small and Inspiring grants program, the Community Foundation hopes to help foster the spark and hope that keeps Vermonters healthy and happy by finding and supporting projects where a small grant can make a big difference.

Friends For Change is a start-up grassroots organization for and by the most vulnerable youth in our

community. Our mission is to nurture and support personal and social wellness. The group offers a democratically operated, trauma-informed, and play based youth club where children learn how to build a better community. Visit www.facebook.com/friends4change for more information.

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Gail Shute wins quilt raffle

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Congratulations to Gail Shute of Springfield who won the raffle quilt made by the Quilt Group at the First Congregational Church United Church of Christ. Her winning ticket was pulled at the drawing on Dec. 3 at the church. The proceeds benefit the church's missions in the community. We gratefully thank all who bought tickets for a chance to win the Jewel Box patterned quilt. We welcome beginning and experienced quilters to join us on Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Please contact Beth for more information at 802-886-8290.

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 Alexandra Booth
 Emma Davey
 Marissya Davis
 Jesse Fisk
 Quinn Healy
 Samuel Lloyd
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 Emma Oliver
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 Brayden Ring
 Paige Young
Grade 7:
High Honors
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 Derek Bader
 Sofia Brodner-Stevens
 Ella Livengood
 Sarah Rambin
 Grace St.Pierre
 Max Vogel
Honors
 Alyssa Darling
 Kaleb Houle-Lawrence
 Kaitlyn LeClerc
 Paige Morel
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Grade 6:
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Honors
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 Leanne Gordon
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Ava Schulenberger
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 Aaron Thompson
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Honors
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LUDLOW, Vt. - Volunteers from the Vermont central area team are celebrating the record-breaking collection of more than 8,000 gift-filled shoeboxes that will remind children around the world they are loved and not forgotten.

The Samaritan's Purse project,

Operation Christmas Child surpassed last year's Vermont central area team donations of shoebox gifts. The Vermont central area team is now thanking the Ludlow community for their generous contributions already on their way to children in need worldwide. For many

of these children, the shoebox gift will be the first gift they ever receive.

Although collections have finished for the season, there is still time to pack a shoebox gift online for children affected by war, disease, disaster, poverty, and famine. Those who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse www.samaritanspurse.org/buildonline to select gifts matched to a child's specific age and gender. Then finish packing the virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement. They can also donate money per shoebox gift online through "Follow Your Box" and receive a tracking label to discover its destination.

Another way to share the gift of giving is by purchasing a gift card

for a family member or friend so they can join in the excitement of Operation Christmas Child by packing a shoebox online. These shoeboxes - filled with school supplies, hygiene items, and fun toys - are delivered to children in some of the hardest-to-reach countries around the world.

For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child or to view gift suggestions, call 518-437-0690 or visit www.samari-



It's amazing what a simple gift can do!

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Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 146 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 160 countries and territories.

Elf on the Shelf



Come get your Christmas kisses from Jack! His kissing booth is set up at the office, and they're only 5 cents!

Stay tuned! We will PRINT WEEKLY pictures throughout December!

Visit us on Facebook and Twitter @VermontJournal for our DAILY POSTS of Jack bringing Christmas spirit, and mischief, to the office.

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Another magical downtown holiday program

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - For generations, the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce has been proudly hosting Springfield's Downtown Holiday Program - lighting the poles, hanging the banners, putting up the tree, coordinating music and caroling for the Tree Lighting Ceremony, and, of course, bringing Santa to town! In recent years, we've been

happy to join forces with Springfield On the Move (SOM) to expand the offerings and bring even more cheer and festivity to the event. The Holiday Program continues to grow, and it truly takes a village to pull the whole thing off!

Hark! The distant sound of sirens could be heard, as Santa's Firetruck and Police escort made their way to the center of town. Kids "ooohed" and "ahhhed" as the flashing vehicles came to a halt, and cheers erupted as Santa himself, and Mrs. Claus, emerged to greet the crowd with hugs and "Ho, Ho, Hos." They made their merry way through the masses to Santa's House, where Santa chose a lucky little child (Laila Ruzzo, age 5), and lifted her into the air to help him flip the magic switch to light the holiday tree. With a flash, and another cheer, the twinkling lights burst on to illuminate the tree, and the shining faces of the waiting people.

When asked what she wants for Christmas, little Laila Ruzzo (who was just recently adopted into her loving forever home) replied with a shy smile, "A big family!" What a special dream come true!

We'd like to offer our gratitude to all the folks who helped to make this year's event such a success! Thanks to Chamber President Jeff Perkins and Vice President Dan Harrington for lighting the poles and hanging the banners. SOM, in collaboration with the Springfield Garden Club, for the wreaths adorning poles. People's United Bank for providing a safe space for the festivities. Christmas



Anna Ruzzo (left) and Laila Ruzzo (right) getting holiday hugs from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Trees at Bishop Farm for donating the beautiful tree. Brian Hernon and our friends at HB Energy Solutions for putting long hours into setting up the tree and Santa's house and stringing so many lights! Lawrence & Wheeler for facilitating the WiFi speakers with holiday music. All the downtown businesses who decorated their storefronts to enhance the twinkling atmosphere. Springfield Community Band and Springfield High

School Band for providing the lively entertainment. Peter MacGillivray, Walter Martone, Sophia Lihatsch, and the All-4-One volunteers who handled the luminaries. Shirley Cooper who knitted the hats and mittens for the mitten tree. Rene Capen for designing the sticker map. Springfield Fire Department and Springfield Police Department for escorting Santa in such fantastic style. CERT for directing traffic to ensure safe travels for pedestrians amongst the vehicles. And everyone who came out Friday, Dec. 1 to participate and share in the fun!

Article written by Caitlin Christina, Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce.

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The tale of a silver spoon

BY RON PATCH

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

LUDLOW, Vt. - Last week I was contacted by a couple in Maine who found an article online that I had written last April regarding B.M. Bailey, a Ludlow silversmith. The reach I have with the Journal/Shopper continues to amaze me. Below is their email and my reply.

"Mr. Patch,
"I am writing to you from Eliot, Maine. In doing some online research on some family silver we have, I was excited to find the article you had written in the Vermont Journal on April 18, 2017 about B. M Bailey, Ludlow Silversmith.

"It was enlightening for the history it contained.
"My husband and I definitely pulled the two spoons we have from what was heading to the silver buyer to be sold and melted down.
"I have enclosed pictures below of the two spoons, one tablespoon-size with the B. M. BAILEY mark on it, and the other teaspoon-size with the PALMER BATCHELDERS & CO mark on it.

"I am at a loss of whether I should shine these up with silver polish or keep the patina on them.

"They are initialed. I tried doing some research on the initials, but have come up blank. The large spoon (B. M. BAILEY) has scripted - L.J. Rice or I.J. Rice. The small spoon (PALMER BATCHELDERS&CO) has scripted - E.M.B.

"My husband's family on his Mother's side (Gould) came from Vermont, from the Morrisville area, giving us a great historical interest in that B. M. Bailey was a Vermont Silversmith.

"Is it possible to date the spoons? I would love to know more about them.
"Do you know what these are worth, or if there is a market out there for them? Or a way to find more history through the initials on them.

"Thank you for writing the interesting article on B. M. Bailey, Vermont Silversmith. It was a nice touch of history to learn about.

"Sincerely,
"James and Darla
"Eliot, Maine"

Hello in Maine.
Back in the 1980s, I did a lot of business with auctioneers in Maine. Jim Julia in Fairfield and J.J. Keating in your town so I know the area well. The large Bailey spoon you have in the trade is referred to as a "serving spoon", not tablespoon. It's a very nice spoon. I would carefully clean the spoons but be very careful around the engraving and makers hallmarks. Abrasive cleaner will remove silver and you don't want to make the marks weaker.



B.M. Bailey Serving spoons.

PHOTO PROVIDED



The initialed spoon handle.

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Not a lot has been written on the Baileys, perhaps the best source is a book "Vermont clock, watchmakers and silversmiths" by Carlisle. I would value the Bailey spoon at \$125 and the Palmer spoon at about \$25. As to original owners, you would have to do the genealogy of your husband's family and hopefully find a Rice. Ludlow is not far from Chester and Grafton.



B M Bailey hallmark on Maine spoon.

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Years ago, these towns had several Rice families.

LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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Yosemite Firehouse

One of Chester's more interesting buildings is the old Yosemite Firehouse in the Depot.

The Chester Historical Society was deemed this firehouse some 40 years ago by Pember Hazen. For 40 years the historical society kept power to the building as well as basic maintenance. For those 40 years we kept the building insured and we allowed the Town of Chester to store their antique fire equipment at no charge.

Further with grant writing help from Michael Leonard working on behalf of the historical society \$35,000 was raised for improvements to the firehouse. Both the hose tower and bell tower were repaired and repainted. Rotted clapboards were replaced where needed. This restoration was complete down to the eaves.

Many readers will be aware how much insurance has increased in the last decade. Chester Historical Society was paying \$1,200 yearly to insure the firehouse. This \$1,200 became a burden and to top it off we couldn't do anything with the building.

There is no water or sewer to the building and parking is a problem. At best there is parking for three vehicles. Chester Historical Society board members held meetings to discuss what to do. The board decided to look into selling the firehouse. This sparked a vigorous response from the public.

We then decided to offer Yosemite to the Town of Chester as a gift. The town attorney began the long process of title searches, which led to some interesting discoveries. It was discovered that the historical society never owned the building even though we had a deed. So for 40 years the historical society paid the insurance and maintenance for a property we never owned. That's like paying child support all your life and then discovering it isn't your kid.

Pember Hazen never had title to Yosemite therefore his transferring title to the historical society was not valid. It's a confusing chain of ownership but town attorney Jim Carroll is nearing the end. Perhaps you've seen notices in local papers for those that might have a claim to the property to step forward.

According to Julie Hance, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager, the town attorney's bill to date is a little over \$17,200 and will increase. But when done the



Yosemite firehouse Ca. 1903 John Marshall driver.

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town will have clear title to Yosemite Firehouse. It will take tens of thousands of dollars to restore the firehouse and then there is the question of what to do with it?

It's hard to imagine it as a business as there is no parking. Snowplows in the winter push snow right up against the building as much as four feet high. The firehouse could be moved to another location, which probably makes the most sense. But that would be another expensive project. So what will become of it? I'm sure the town will be asking residents for their ideas.

When it was first built in the late 1800s automobiles had not been invented. Being so close to the road in those days with horse and buggies driving by there would have been no danger. Today if you step out the door and take two steps, you're in the road.

At the historical society we have a number of old photos of Yosemite. Recently Ted Spaulding donated to

the historical society a group of old Chester photos. One photo in that donation is the photo with this article. A period inscription on the reverse reads: "John Marshall driver Oct 1903." In those days the firehouse was painted a soft yellow not red as we see it today.

The matched pair of white horses belonged to John Marshall. Those horses are hitched to the 1849 Hunneman Pumper, which is stored in the firehouse.

Instead of an old saying I offer a song we sang in first grade at Chester Elementary School at Christmas time.

"Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat
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If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do
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GRIN THE BEAR IT by Wagner



"She comes with a list of things SHE wants for Christmas."

Op-Ed: Of drones, schools, and grandchildren

Just as we were thinking that "The Matrix" and "The Terminator" were science fiction, the evening news shows us a different reality. We are being tracked by our own personal devices. Cameras with facial recognition systems increasingly pervade corridors and are carried by drones. Raising the specter of all seeing snoops, these are well within the grasp of today's technology. These are but faint harbingers of more pervasive intrusions, which will affect everyone in a multitude of ways. Our jobs, what we buy, our hobbies, what will be taught in schools, and our personal lives will be – despite weak assurances – open to the public. This will change the very nature of society.

But that's not all. Open the federal and state Departments of Labor's websites and go to the work force projections. A quick look shows the bulk of job vacancies are low-paying. This is troubling enough but routine jobs are being automated and will basically be gone by the end of the 2020s. That's about 40 percent of today's jobs says a Yale-Oxford research team. By 2065, artificial intelligence will match, then exceed, human capabilities reports MIT Technology Review. Different sources estimate different doomsdays but it all happens in our grandchildren's lifetimes. We already see

self-driving cars and trucks, delivery by drone, the desertification of shopping malls, and banking by teller-less ATM. As these trends continue, a huge segment of the newly trained STEM population will be unemployed or underemployed.

An Obama White House working group report says the jobs that will disappear first are those that are lower paid, lower skilled, and require less education. This raises the specter of even greater gaps between the affluent and the increasingly unemployed. Machines will be able to repair themselves and enhance their own capabilities without human intervention (or control). Further advances in STEM technologies and manufacturing will be accomplished much more efficiently with artificial intelligence. Car problems are already diagnosed and even repaired by plugging a computer into one of the many computers in the car. Speaking to the dangers of this brave new world, Bill Gates said in the Washington Post, "I don't understand why some people are not concerned." Tesla's Elon Musk says it is the greatest risk for civilization, "With artificial intelligence we are summoning the demon."

We already see the middle class being hollowed out. Paradoxically, technology reduces the need for highly

skilled workers. Among other reasons, this is why we see a fraction of the top one percent accumulating disproportionate wealth as the middle class slides into poverty. As demonstrated by the proposed federal tax reforms, the privileged have shown little concern for the less fortunate. Much has been made of achievement gaps, but it is the increasing wealth gap that poses the greater risk.

Noting that technological change has always resulted in increased economic growth, President Obama's artificial intelligence task force recommended embracing new cyber capabilities for their obvious benefits. The group's recommendations, unfortunately, don't match the scope of the problem; the mandatory recitation of STEM sound bites is provided along with a laundry list of current safety net programs. These initiatives lack the scope and scale needed to deal with massive social, occupational, and economic restructuring.

For our schools and our grandchildren, subject matter knowledge is essential but not enough. The tasks before us require a rebalancing of educational purposes. Educational reformers vacuously talk about high standards, the common core, standardized tests, and accountability systems but ignore the most important requirement – which

is how we use these skills. It is to build a fairer and more democratic society.

It is hard to conceive of a stable society when huge proportions of the people will essentially be jobless while total wealth continues to increase. Will we invent new ways of conceiving of the common wealth and how it will be allocated? "No government is legitimate," said Ron Dworkin, "that does not show equal concern for the fate of all those citizens over whom it claims dominion and from whom it claims allegiance."

A society can exist only as long as it holds cooperative and mutually supporting values. As our nation was brought into a united set of states by the molding of a common ethos, we must restore the bonds of community. In a time of atomistic isolation, we must redefine our culture, and we must reform our government as well as our schools for the benefit, if not for the very lives, of our children and grandchildren.

Article written by William J. Mathis. Mathis is the managing director of the National Education Policy Center and the vice-chair of the Vermont state board of education. The views expressed do not necessarily reflect the views of any organization with which he is affiliated.

Op-Ed: A \$15 minimum wage would be disastrous for Vermont

When the legislature returns in January, it appears that passing a law mandating a \$15 minimum wage in Vermont will be a top priority. This is what Senate President Pro Tem Tim Ashe (D/P-Chittenden) has promised, and a six member summer study committee voted 4-2 along party lines to recommend moving forward with some pathway to a \$15 an hour.

Don't do this. Ashe said in an interview with VPR, "There is no policy right now that I'm aware of that compares with the potential magnitude of benefit of as increasing the minimum wage." Actually, the opposite is true. It's hard to imagine a policy that would do more damage to the economy in general or to the low-income workers the policy

is intended to benefit.

Consider that if Vermont were to adopt a \$15 minimum wage, the cost to hire unskilled or entry-level labor here would be more than double what it is in New Hampshire where the hourly minimum wage is, and is likely to remain, \$7.25. This, described by the Joint Fiscal Office as "the largest historical spread on record," would be a crippling competitive disadvantage for Vermont employers. Who in their right mind would start (or keep) a business dependent upon low-skilled labor in Vermont given this disparity?

We know the sales tax differential between Vermont and New Hampshire (6 percent vs. 0 percent) has been a powerful motivator driving economic activity across the border,

but a \$15 minimum wage would be explosively so. Think of it as a 107 percent tax on minimum wage level labor. This would not only drive employers to New Hampshire, but more customers as well. With wages at half the rate of their Vermont competition, New Hampshire businesses would be able to offer products and services at much cheaper rates – as well as tax-free! This dynamic will not end well for Vermont.

While we can understand, respect, and sympathize with the desire to help our friends and neighbors who are struggling to make ends meet, mandating a \$15 minimum wage will be more harmful than beneficial to most.

The Vermont Joint Fiscal office warned that were this to pass between two and three thousand low-wage workers would lose their jobs. The

Heritage Foundation did a study estimating that number could be as high as 11,000. Everybody on the summer study committee agreed that a large number of Vermonters will see their hourly wage go to zero as a result of this increase, not \$15.

Proponents, however, believe sacrificing these folks is worth it because many more will benefit. But will they? Seattle, which raised its minimum wage to \$13 on the way to \$15 in 2021, has already witnessed workers who made \$19 an hour or less lose an average \$1,500 a year in income as a result of employers cutting hours to compensate for the higher wage rate. According to a study conducted by Washington State University, Seattle businesses adapted to the minimum wage increases by reducing the hours for workers in low-wage jobs (\$13-\$19/hr.) by about 9 percent.

Moreover, of those who do manage to keep their jobs and pocket the benefits of the higher wage, many will end up losing state benefits with a greater value than their increased wages. Although one would hope moving people off of public assistance would be an objective of this policy, proponents of the \$15 wage don't necessarily see it that way.

VPR reports, "Ashe says the Legislature can devise ways to insulate low-wage workers from undue losses in benefits." What that means, according to the summer study committee report, is increasing the threshold for benefits to negate harm. This "would cost between \$4.8 and \$12.8 million annually," and, of course, would have to be funded by a reduction in spending in other parts of government or a tax increase.

We all want to see our economy

succeed and our fellow Vermonters pocketing more money. But, the \$15 minimum wage is a policy that will certainly cost thousands of low-income Vermonters their jobs, put our businesses at a historically severe competitive disadvantage with New Hampshire as well as other states, will increase the cost of local goods and services, and could require a \$12.8 million tax increase to ensure people who are getting higher wages won't lose benefits.

Is this really a policy we want to embrace? The warm fuzzy feeling advocates will get if this passes won't last much longer than the celebratory press conference.

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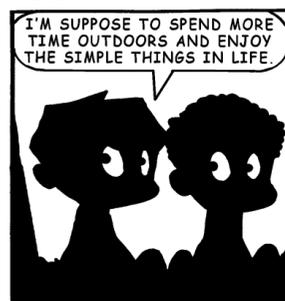
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Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Fellow residents of Bennington and the surrounding area, we are asking you to join us on National Wreaths Across America Day; Dec. 16 at noon at the Vermont Veterans' Home on 325 North Street in Bennington. Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the mission to "Remember, Honor, and Teach" is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as over 1,100 additional locations in all 50 states, at sea, and

abroad. We at the Vermont Veterans' Home are honored to participate in this national event as one of the locations.

Last year the day was cold, windy, and snowing, yet as hardy Vermonters you attended and participated in honoring those who had served our great nation. Observing all who were present lay a wreath, call out the Veterans name, and salute each time was a memory I shall always carry with me.

If you are a leader of a youth orga-

nization, please consider attending this event with your group. This is a tremendous opportunity to "Remember, Honor, and Teach" about our heritage and heroes. These graves contain warriors from the Civil War to current conflicts. Our earliest interments contain warriors who marched south into the unknown so that others may be free.

Please bring family and friends to participate in this year's event. It is vitally important for our children to un-

derstand and honor our departed veterans on this day. The ceremony itself is short, but meaningful. Its purpose is not to "decorate graves," but to commemorate their sacrifice and dedication to these United States and to the cause of freedom.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Semper Fidelis
Colonel A. M. Faxon Jr.
Deputy/COO Vermont Veterans' Home

Dear Editor,

The Okemo Trot It Off 5K is a family and community-oriented event that takes place each year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Proceeds from the event go to support the Wendy Neal Scholarship Fund and the programs of Black River Good Neighbor Services, which serves Ludlow and the surrounding area. The event is a long-standing tradition at Okemo and the Black River Good Neighbors staff, volunteers, and clients would like to thank the organizers, and especially Leslie Boyle for their dedication and support.

This 5K running and walking race

is designed for the avid runner or the recreational walker eager to burn off the calories from that extra slice of Thanksgiving dessert. Either way, the money raised will go towards feeding those who may not have the good fortune of a Thanksgiving dinner, and the toys donated will go into holiday baskets for their children.

Thank you,
Peter LaBelle
President
Black River Good Neighbor Services
Ludlow, Vt.

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Madalene E. Paine, 1917 - 2017

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Madalene E. Paine, 100, passed away on Wednesday morning Dec. 6, 2017 at the Springfield Health and Rehab. Center. Born in Worcester, Mass. on Jan. 31, 1917, she was the daughter of Walter Lacillade and Laura (Sparrow) Lacillade. As a child, she lived part of each year with her extended family in Montpelier and Barre, Vt., until her family relocated to Springfield when she was 9 years old. From that time onward, Springfield was her home. Even so, she spent many summers travelling to northern Vermont to spend time with her beloved cousins Katherine (McGrath) Sherman and Barbara McGrath and their mutual extended family.

As a young woman, Paine worked in private service doing general housework for both the Damon and Hildebrandt families of Springfield. She subsequently was hired as an employee of the Jones and Lampson Company. Originally hired as a cafeteria worker who pushed carts of food through the shop to distribute to workers - she was one of three women assigned to this work - she rose to become the cafeteria's assistant cashier and then its head cashier. During World War II, her shifts ran seven days a week and she often worked back-to-back shifts keeping her at J&L through both the day and the night.

Paine met Lester E. Paine, Jr. of Providence, R.I. when he came to the Springfield area to work in a WPA Camp prior to the war. They married in Dec. 1945 after Lester returned from service in the Pacific Islands. It was a no-frills ceremony, and they spent the rest of their 49 years of married life arguing about what the exact date of their marriage ceremony had been. Paine continued for a

while to work at J&L as a part-time cashier, and she and Lester built their own home with their own hands in the Goulds Mills section of Springfield. Together, they raised their two children and two grandchildren until Lester passed away in 1995.

Paine's hobbies included voraciously reading books - the "cozies" genres of mysteries were her favorite type - and exercising her outstanding cooking skills. Throughout her life, she was a caregiver to others. At various points when she was needed, she took into her home her mother, her only sister Pearl Lacillade Dana, her father-in-law Lester E. Paine Sr., and her maternal uncle Orlando Sparrow. During her husband's final illness, she was his primary caregiver for two years. She was also instrumental in raising her two grandchildren, and her house was a permanent second home for them throughout their childhood.

She is survived by her daughter Linda Regan and her son-in-law Bruce Regan of Springfield, her son Richard E. Paine and his husband John Shindler of Naperville, Ill., her grandson Shane K. Regan of Brooklyn, N.Y., her granddaughter Shannon L. Regan of Portland, Maine, and numerous much beloved cousins (particularly the Sherman and McGrath families) living in northern Vermont.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 11, 2017 at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. Reverend George Keeler officiated. Burial followed in the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaug Trail, Springfield, VT, 05156.

Franklin E. Curran, 1929 - 2017

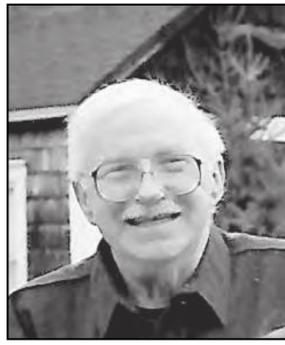
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Franklin Edward Curran passed away on Dec. 5, 2017 at his Springfield, Vt. home in the presence of his family. He was born Feb. 26, 1929 in Northampton, Mass., the son of William and Margaret Curran. There he grew up helping in his father's grocery store, graduated from Northampton High, and studied electronics at AIC in Springfield, Mass. He met the love of his life at a Smith College function and married Nancy Scrimgeour in Dec. 1950.

He joined the Air Force and was stationed in Biloxi, Miss., where he taught electronics. The first four of his seven children were born in Biloxi and when discharged, he and Nancy made their way back to Chelmsford, Mass. From there, he went to work for Bell Labs in New Jersey where he designed circuits, one of which helped guide Telstar. His children can remember watching the night sky to see the satellite that "Daddy helped make go."

After three more children were born, Curran transferred to Allentown, Pa. and from there to Amherst, Mass., where he continued his work with thin film circuitry eventually developing and refining laser techniques.

While in Amherst, keeping horses became a family hobby. He and Nancy took the draft horse class at North Adams State College, and from their teacher, they acquired their first Percheron, Billie Jean. Upon retiring to their farm in Springfield, Vt., they were able to raise and work many more horses.

He was predeceased by his darling wife Nancy, his brothers Wil-



Franklin E. Curran, 1929 - 2017. PHOTO PROVIDED

liam and Robert, his sister Margaret, his sons Joseph and J. Timothy, his daughter Mary Ann, and his grandson Jacob.

He is survived by his sons Michael and wife Barbara, Peter and wife Sandy, his daughters Susan and husband Peter Korbet, and Amy and husband Bruce Caldwell. He is also survived by his grandsons James, Frank, and Joseph; his granddaughters Sarah, Karen, Martha, Elysia, Grace, Matilda, Georgia; their spouses; his step-family Christopher, Kate, Ryan, Dylan, Christina, Laura, Peter, and Ella; and his great-grandchildren Meredith, Eleanor, Landyn, Lillian, Jack, Fern, Ida, Will, Ava, James, Kyden, and Enid who renewed his joy towards the end of his life.

At Curran's request, there will be no services. Donations in his memory may be made to a Veteran's Organization of your choosing. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

Danna de Rochefort, 1931 - 2017

CHESTER, Vt. - Danna de Rochefort, of Chester, Vt., loving mother, grandmother, and friend, died peacefully in her sleep, surrounded by her children and grandchildren, on Dec. 3, 2017. She was 86.

De Rochefort was born on July 21, 1931 in Thompson, Conn., to Dr. James Edward Breslin and his wife Adeline Breslin, née Devereaux. She grew up in Pittsfield, Mass., where she attended public schools through the eighth grade and completed high school at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Albany, N.Y. She attended St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto, graduating in 1952 with a degree in philosophy.

After graduating, she moved to New York and became a social worker for the New York Foundling Hospital. She married Jean de Rochefort, a banker with the Irving Trust Company, in 1955 and spent the next decade living abroad in Laos and Hong Kong before settling in Stamford, Conn.

De Rochefort had many interests. Active in sports, she especially loved tennis and skiing. Adept at bridge, de Rochefort was a frequent player. Gardening was also a longtime passion. While in Stamford, she volunteered for many causes in the community and was politically active, at one time a delegate to the convention for presidential candidate Eugene McCarthy.

In 1980, she moved permanently to Chester, Vt. where the family had



Danna de Rochefort, 1931 - 2017. PHOTO PROVIDED

a property and became a substitute teacher in Chester public schools.

De Rochefort is survived by her five children, son Marc de Rochefort of Toulouse, France, his children Tristan and Simone; daughter Ghislaine de Rochefort of Washington, D.C., her children Maximilian and Sebastian; son Pierre de Rochefort of Geneva, Switzerland, his children Leila and Nicolas; son Laurent de Rochefort of Woods Hole, Mass.; daughter Alexandra de Buy Wenniger of Topsfield, Mass. and her children Isabella, Carolina, and Ciaran. She is also survived by her sister Susan Breslin of Folly Beach, S.C.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m. at the First Universalist Parish, North Street, Chester, VT.

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CHESTER, VT.

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WESTMINSTER, VT.

First Congregational Church, 3470 Route 5

On Sunday, Dec. 24, we will celebrate Christmas at our Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 p.m. Come and join us. No morning worship on Dec. 24. The service will include great music, carols, and the Christmas story. Weather permitting we will end the service outside in front of the church among the luminaria with a candle-lit carol sing.

Claire G. Lambert, 1922 - 2017

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Claire G. Lambert, 95, of Wiley Hill Road, formerly of Lunenburg, Mass. and Warner Robins, Ga., died Monday, Dec. 4, 2017. Lambert was born in Fitchburg, Mass. on Nov. 2, 1922, the daughter of Henry and Flora (Vallee) Boudreau. She was a graduate of Fitchburg High School. Following graduation, she worked as a secretary for a lawyer, as a saw inspector for Simond Saw & Steel, a book keeper for a furniture store, and then in customer service for Mass Gas & Electric. During World War II, she volunteered as a nurse's aide at St. Bernard's Hospital in Leominster, Mass. Lambert was a member of the Golden Hearts of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Warner Robins, Ga., the Bellows Falls, Vt. Women's Club, and the Women's Fellowship of the United Church of Bellows Falls. She particularly enjoyed cooking, baking, and reading.

On Sept. 4, 1944, she married Ernest R. Lambert who predeceased her. Surviving is her son David Lambert and wife Priscilla of Rockingham, Vt.; her daughter in-law Martha Lambert; her grandchildren: David Lambert, Jr., Michael Lambert, Priscilla and husband Chris Seaton, Cheryl and husband James Eddy, Eric Lambert, Jennifer and husband Jeff Edmunds, and Ethan and wife Carrie Lambert. And her great grandchildren: Sara and Quinn Lambert; Ethan and Logan Eddy; Talia and Sebastian Seaton; Alana, Hailey, Jackson, and Charlotte Lambert; and Mackenzie



Claire G. Lambert, 1922 - 2017. PHOTO PROVIDED

Edmunds. She is predeceased by her parents, her son John M. Lambert, and her brother Henry Boudreau.

There will be calling hours 6 - 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15 at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt. A funeral mass will be celebrated 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16 at St. Charles Church in Bellows Falls, Vt. There will be a reception following the service at the United Church, 8 School Street, Bellows Falls, VT. Burial will be in the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, Mass. at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18.

Memorial contributions may be made to VNH of VT & NH, PO Box 881, Brattleboro, VT, 05301; Bellows Falls Area Senior Center, 18 Tuttle Street, Bellows Falls, VT, 05101; or to Brattleboro Hospice, 191 Canal Street, Brattleboro, VT, 05301.

Norman L. Stevens, 1941 - 2017

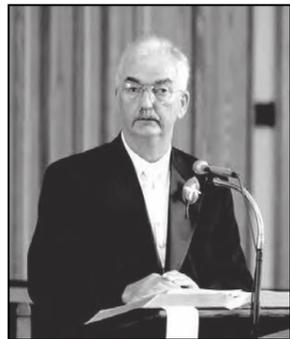
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Norman Stevens entered peacefully into eternal life on Nov. 27, 2017 at Ocala Health and Rehabilitation Center in Ocala, Fla. Present were his wife and close staff.

Stevens was born in West Townshend, Vt. on Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7, 1941 in the home of his grandparents Harry and Bess Jenson. His father was the late Chester Stevens and mother Maxine Enright, still residing in Westmoreland, N.H.

Stevens graduated from Bellows Falls High School and went on to attend Central Connecticut State College in New Britain, Conn. for accounting. He loved photography, art, and dancing. He enjoyed music including from the Monks of the Weston Priory in Weston. He enjoyed vacationing to ocean locations.

In later years, Stevens was a Bible study teacher for several years at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Ocala, Fla. He and his wife also conducted Sunday school for youth in juvenile prisons in the Ocala area. He was also involved with the teaching of the Christian Twelve Steps for 10 years, serving adults with addictions.

He is survived by his wife Mickey Stevens of Fla., his son Timothy Stevens of New York, his daugh-



Norman Stevens, 1941 - 2017. PHOTO PROVIDED

ter Tamitha Stevens of New York, his mother Maxine Enright of New Hampshire, and a brother Larry Stevens of Connecticut. He has other close family members in the Bellows Falls area.

There was a celebration memorial held in Ocala on his birthday Dec. 7 to celebrate his life. A celebration gathering will be held in the future in the Bellows Falls area.

If you wish, contributions can be given in his name to the Alzheimer's & Dementia Resource Center, 1505 Lake Highland Dr., Orlando, FL, 32803. Attention Edith Gendron.

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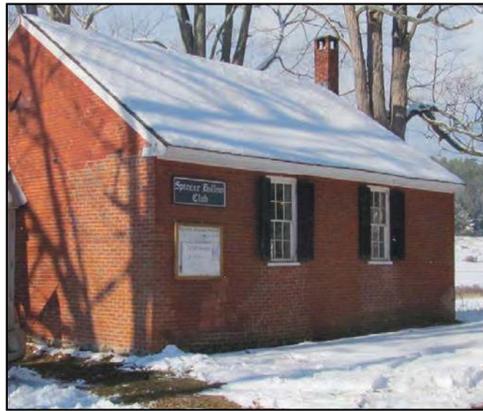
Spencer Hollow Schoolhouse



A period school desk with schoolmarm's bell. PHOTO BY RON PATCH



Don Whitney the old sage of Spencer Hollow. PHOTO BY RON PATCH



Spencer Hollow school. PHOTO BY RON PATCH

BY RON PATCH

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017, was an open house at the Spencer Hollow schoolhouse just off Route-143 in Springfield. Having never been in this building before, this reporter is very happy to have gone. The name, "Spencer Hollow," itself, conjures of magical images in my mind.

Don Whitney who grew up in the neighborhood was there to greet visitors and tell the history of the school. Whitney had a brother and two sisters who attended the school prior

to its closing in 1926. He missed going to school there by a couple of years.

After taking pictures and asking questions, this reporter sat down and listened to Whitney tell his memories as well as stories his father told him. It was a pleasure to hear such detailed history.

I asked Whitney if his stories had been recorded or if he had written them down. "No" was his reply. I then asked if he would be interested in sitting down with me and doing a few interviews. "Yes" he said.

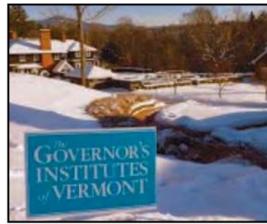
Readers of this paper can look forward to those interviews beginning in January. We will also do a few videos for SAPA-TV. This man has a lot to tell.

Registration opens for Governor's Institute's winter weekends

REGION - The Governor's Institutes of Vermont announces the opening of the application for two fantastic Winter Weekends for motivated high school students taking place in Feb. 2018. All Vermont high school and technical center students are invited to attend. These two-day academic and arts intensives will take place at Goddard College in Plainfield, Vt. They are unique programs designed to provide

fun and intensive study opportunities on topics that promote a passion for learning in a great community environment. Weekend tuition is based on family ability to pay.

Exciting offerings during the two February weekends include Disaster Health and Epidemiology, Global Education and Youth Voice, Creative Writing, Design/Build Engineering, Social Entrepreneurship, Astrophotography,



Governor's Institutes of Vermont. PHOTO PROVIDED

Debate and National Issues, Directing Theater, World Musicology, and Intermediate Robotics.

The Governor's Institutes is a 34 year old non-profit known for immersive summer and winter learning opportunities that change students' lives. Eleven institutes are scheduled for summer 2018, and students will be able to apply for those beginning Feb. 1. If your business or organization would like to donate scholarships to help students with financial need attend, please let us know!

More information is available at www.giv.org/winter or by calling 802-865-4448.

HCRS and SMCS receive grant funding

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS), southeastern Vermont's community mental-health agency, and Springfield Medical Care Systems (SMCS) are two of four recipients in the State of Vermont to receive funds as part of the Vermont Family Centered Healthcare Home Project (VFCHP). The Vermont Department of Mental Health was awarded \$9.9 million through a federal grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to develop a care delivery system that supports coordination and service delivery between Vermont's community mental health centers and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC). The program will begin in two regions of the state and expand to two other regions in the third year.

VFCHP is a unique program, as it will provide an integrated care delivery system that addresses the physical and social support needs of youth who are at risk or have been diagnosed with severe emotional disturbance and their families, which may limit a child's function within their family unit, in school, or in the community as a whole. Involving the family in the youth's plan of care

offers a stronger base for resiliency and overall improvement across all environments in a child's life. Families will be engaged in the process of their own healthcare with increased knowledge, clear expectations, and understanding of options, risks, and benefits.

The new positions created by this grant will allow for innovative and personalized approaches for families. SMCS will have medical staff embedded directly within HCRS; Pediatric Social Workers and Behavioral Health Specialists will be available for consultation, screening, assessment, and referrals; Parent Educator/Health Coaches will promote health and wellness at home and in the community; and Specialty Service Providers will deliver services in the best setting, whether that be the doctor's office, within the school, home, or community.

"This family-centered approach to health care will help individuals stay well and promote family and community health," says George Karabakakis, Ph.D., CEO of HCRS.

In VFCHP, there will be an emphasis on improving family nutritional practices, as well as tracking immunizations, Body Mass Index (BMI), tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke, oral health, and scheduled wellness visits. Addressing

these health issues from all corners means a more structured system and an increased number of children and adolescents screened, referred, and accessing services.

"We have been collaborating with HCRS for a long time and expect our teamwork to continue well into the future. There is a definite link between mental and physical health. For example, studies show a strong association between depressive illness and cardiovascular health, as well as risk factors that include lack of exercise, obesity, and poor diet. It is clear that demand for services is strong and working together will benefit our patients and improve the overall health of our communities," comments Tim Ford, President and Chief Executive Officer of SMCS.

Karabakakis says this grant "provides HCRS and SMCS with the resources necessary to improve care and treatment for children and their families and ultimately support building healthy communities." The Vermont Department of Health estimates that there are at least 12,000 children who have, or are at risk of, severe emotional disturbance, yet the percentage of these youths accessing mental health treatment is low. In our area, there are approximately 1600 school-age children who meet criteria for severe emotional disturbance.

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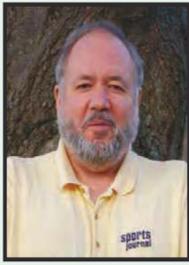
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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

True die-hard New England sports fans may have had problems getting out of bed Tuesday, Dec. 12. They likely burnt the candle late Monday night, watching the New England Patriots and/or the Boston Celtics. Then, to suffer to even a higher degree, both teams lost to an inferior opponent. How does that happen?

And then, they had to clean snow off their car. True New Englanders are really supposed to enjoy the snow, but how many snow bunnies do you see skip out to their car to clean the vehicle off? They are few and far between.

Back to the question two paragraphs ago, how does that happen?

The best answer, I think, is that's why they play the games.

I do radio talk shows, and listeners and co-hosts were disrespectful to me on Monday, when I dared hint that the Dolphins would challenge the Patriots that evening. Mind you, I did not say the Patriots would lose. I said watch out for Jay Cutler, who would present a challenge, which would have Patriots fans sweating.

I didn't pick the game correct, but I did get the sweating part right. In fact, my guess is that most Patriot fans went way beyond the sweat stage. Think of what the odds would have been of both the Miami Dolphins and the Chicago Bulls winning that night, even if they had Dan Marino and Michael Jordan on their respective rosters.

Most importantly, this is the perfect reminder to one and all, that this is why the games are played. Just when athletes and fans alike start to believe at any level - professional, college or high school - that a defeat isn't possible, fate steps in and changes its own direction. In Monday's example, I couldn't possibly see a loss by either New England team, but both

teams fell - just like the snow I am watching tumble to the ground as I write this piece.

This type of defeat is good for sports in general. Over my years, and there have been too many of those to count, these games seem to happen to my teams more than I would like to remember. Many a season has been spoiled by Mr. or Mrs. Upset. I want to make sure that Mr./Mrs. know they have both my attention and respect.

I have also been around long enough to believe that sports and life are intertwined in a way in which athletes learn so much about the challenges they will face in life by the adversity presented to them throughout their athletic careers. They may think they are lucky enough to be a part of a championship team that wins every game and is never challenged. Such an experience is great, and one learns a lot when working together brings out everyone's best.

But, often more is learned when you are part of a team that does not win many games or any at all. These situations make one ready for many of the trails and tribulations they may encounter in life's journey. These athletes usually have an easier time adjusting to the valleys they will grapple with in the future years because they're not looking at the world with just rose tinted glasses.

A coach's toughest job is making their athletes believe they are trending in the right direction when they don't win right away. I spoke to two first-year varsity high school coaches recently who figure their athletes have potential. The two were Fall Mountain boys' coach Justin Cassarino and Bellows Falls girls coach Todd Wells. Both lost close games in their season and career openers. Both know meaningful growth doesn't happen overnight.

Cassarino was pumped over all the good things he saw and was hoping for a stronger season for the Wildcats than in recent years, but many

of his players only saw a setback in a tough loss to Conant.

Wells, on the other hand, felt his team played well. His biggest frustration was having the time to put in his way of doing things in such a short pre-season time. He also hopes his athletes understand that there are no short cuts to success.

Back to the New England teams, the Patriots and Celtics have given us a reminder to take nothing for granted in life. You can be comfortable in life; but if you start to become too comfortable and expect things to be handed to you, there will come a day when life will remind you that's not how things go all the time.

Before completely moving on from the subject, the Yankees haven't won anything yet. But, they are looking pretty good right now.

An interesting tidbit, which you can bet did not go unnoticed by Fall Mountain female athletes who compete on both the girls' soccer and basketball teams, is that Campbell was the opening game opponent for the basketball team. Campbell girls' soccer recently defeated the Lady Wildcats in the New Hampshire Division III State Championship Game in heartbreaking fashion in a shoot out. The score of that opening game in the Den last week makes me think there was no memory loss in Langdon. The basketball final was 43-25 Fall Mountain. It doesn't get the schools anywhere near even, but it certainly is a step in the right direction.

Another Fall Mountain connection happened just a few weeks back. I saluted the former Fall Mountain star athlete Adrian Dubois who coaches the Men's College Soccer team at St. Joseph's College in Maine. Remember this past Fall 2017 season, his team went undefeated but was eliminated from the NCAA Tournament because of penalty kicks.

I asked the successful coach what he thought of his old high school's girls' soccer loss in their state title game by the exact same method on title day: penalty kicks. Following seconds of silence, Dubois said simply, "That's wild." This was followed by a few moments of silence before he continued, "That's a bummer." True for both Fall Mountain and St. Joseph.

To contact me with any news or sports page feedback, email me at bmurphy@vermontjournal.com

Black River Basketball on the move



BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & the Shopper

LUDLOW, Vt. - Sometimes headlines are misleading. This could be one of them. Black River and basketball have not been words associated with scoring many points or winning many games in recent years. In fact, the Presidents won only three games last winter out of 40 played at the varsity level and they were all on the boys' side. But...

Presidents' basketball is presently on the move, in more ways than one. The best-case scenario appears to be there are two more seasons of Presidents basketball to be played. The school is expected to close its doors for high schoolers in June 2019 forever. However, the basketball teams may have already seen their doors shut.

In a terrible case of Murphy's Law (pun intended), Black River basketball may not have a home floor this winter. I spoke to Black River Athletic Director Joe Gurdak. He said, "There is some rotting under the main floor, and it has caused the floor to shift. It has

been declared unplayable as far as games are concerned. We can still practice on it, because our players can learn the spots, but for others it could be a safety problem."

Gurdak is working overtime to come up with a place to play many or all of the teams' home games. He has a meeting scheduled with Green Mountain, and Nason Gym could be the Presidents home away from home. Once upon a time, Green Mountain had a softball field problem and Black River came to the rescue letting the Chieftains use Dorsley Park. Now this could turn out to be their favor returned.

There is always the possibility the floor could be fixed, because long term the school will still have middle schoolers needing a gym. Time is needed to see if that means a new floor, which is expected to be more costly, or repairing the present problem. Who knows in the long run if that might end up costing more than anticipated. When it rains, it pours - or snows as it was in Ludlow.

The girls varsity team opened their 2017-18 season on the road Monday night versus a strong Proctor team. They fell 73-37. But the Lady Presidents looked a lot better offensively

than they have in a long time. Paige Kelley led the team in scoring with 12 points, while Morgan Brown and Paige's younger sister Hope added nine and five points respectively. Josefine Petersen, an exchange student from Denmark, playing in the first basketball game of her life and had eight rebounds to show she was learning the game quickly.

New Coach Howie Paul said, "We are young and made some mistakes, but the girls know where they are at and have a goal of being able to compete. We are showing that we have made progress. I am having fun, and the girls are moving in the right direction. They scored 19 and 22 points in their scrimmages, but against Proctor we looked like a basketball team."

Paul's team was scheduled to play at Green Mountain Tuesday Dec. 12, but the snow postponed the game. It is expected to be made up as soon as possible, likely this week. The Black River boys have not yet played. Their season should commence on Saturday, Dec. 16, also at Green Mountain at 7 p.m.

Fall Mountain Lady Wildcats go to 3-0

BY BILL MURPHY

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LANGDON, N.H. - The Fall Mountain girls' basketball team went to 3-0 last week with wins over Hillsboro-Deering 48-20 and Conant 50-49. The win over Hillsboro wasn't a contest at all, but the Conant game was just like it always seems to be a 50-49 barnburner. It was a Zoey to Zoe finish.

The Lady Wildcats trailed 49-48 and were at the line in hopes of tying things up when the important free throw was missed. But veteran stand-out Zoey Luopa tipped the offensive rebound from the right side of the hoop to the left where Zoe Utton grabbed it and threw it into the hoop shortly before time expired.

"This was our first real test, and we passed," a pleased Brian Pickering said of his young team. Freshman Morgan Beauregard led the locals with 14



Zoe Utton threw the ball into the hoop in the last seconds of the game and tied it up, leading to a Wildcat win. PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

points, while Luopa and Sophie Bardis added 12 and 9 points respectively. Allie Stoddart made two steals down the stretch, which helped set up the victory.

Fall Mountain led 28-3 at the start versus Hillsboro. Since the losing team does not resemble the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl in any way, their hopes were dashed early. Luopa, Beauregard, Bardis and Kendall McAllister led the point parade in that one as well, tallying 13, 8, 8, and 8 respectively.

Fall Mountain was going to face another big test according to Pickering on Tuesday, Dec. 12, but the contest was snowed out. Monadnock had defeated Conant by 10.

Wrestling tournaments are off to a start

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The first weekend of high school wrestling tournaments has launched! On Dec. 9, Head Coach Don Beebe brought 11 grapplers to the varsity tournament in St. Johnsbury, while Coach Floyd Buck lead a four-man squad at the junior varsity/junior high competition in Brandon, Vt.

According to Coach Beebe, "The team overall did great. We had compliments from coaches and there was some respect for Springfield. This makes me even more proud of these kids. They are supreme athletes and even better human beings."

Otter Valley High School hosted the junior high/junior varsity event. In attendance were Skylar Wallace, Cole Wright, first year wrestler Tim Amsden, and Bryan Stafford who returns to the

something to be proud of for a first timer. Stafford ended his day with two wins, both by pin.

At the varsity tournament in St. Johnsbury, the Springfield Cosmos grappled their way to third place out of 13 teams, nudged out by teams from St. Johnsbury who took first place and Smithville, R.I. in second.

Individual wrestlers battled hard, with senior Matt LaChapelle snagging the first place spot on the podium in the 182 weight class, his



Matt LaChapelle takes 1st at St. J.

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mats after a two-year hiatus. Wallace battled hard in the 220-pound weight class, showing improvement and dedication; Wright scored two wins - one by pin; Amsden and Stafford each faced down five opponents, with some very close scores. Amsden's first-ever match ended on a high note, with a score of 9:8 - losing by just one point to a very tough opponent is certainly



Varsity at St. Johnsbury.

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second time as champ of this tournament. Senior Lucas Saunders pulled a strong second place win. Third place medals were earned by seniors Trent Brier, Mason Olney, John Stafford Jr., and Jayson Webster. Also wrestling hard were freshman Skylar Congdon, senior Pete Berlenbach, sophomore Brandon Bennett, sophomore Laura Berlenbach, and senior Matt Prosser. Coach Beebe is pleased with the strong start to the season, eager to get to work on improving and helping every wrestler reach his or her potential.

Games of interest this week:

REGION - These are the games to look out for this week from the schools within our area. Games are subject to change for weather or other circumstances.

- Friday, Dec. 15 at 5:30 and 7 p.m. - Boys Basketball - Bellows Falls @ Springfield
- Saturday, Dec. 16 at 5:30 and 7 p.m. - Boys Basketball - Green Mountain @ Black River
- Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. - Boys Varsity Basketball - Springfield @ Green Mountain.

arts & entertainment

FOLA plans annual Christmas Program

LUDLOW, Vt. - Friends of the Ludlow Auditorium (FOLA) will bring the sights and sounds of the holiday season to the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium with its annual Community Christmas Celebration on Friday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.

George Thomson will once again emcee this night of holiday performances by the members of the community. Claudia Pawlikowski will lead students from the Ludlow Elementary School and the Mount Holly Elementary School in Christmas songs and dance. Katherine Herrle and the Black River High School/Middle School will also perform a variety of holiday music.

In addition to the student performances, the three ghosts from Dickens' "Christmas Carol" will contemplate their roles before haunting the Scrooge in a short comedic skit, talented members of the community will sing a few traditional songs, poignant readings of



In appropriate holiday garb, are Scott Stearns, Planning Committee Chairman, and Sandra Russo, Assistant Chairman, as they meet in the auditorium to discuss the forthcoming program.

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holiday poems, and a special perfor-

mance of "The Christmas Truce," which examines the aftermath of the famous World War I Christmas cessation of hostilities on the soldiers in the trenches. The evening will close with a rousing sing-along of traditional Christmas songs.

So come and enjoy this celebration that will feature some of your friends and neighbors: Kay Burge, Bruce Farr, Will Hunter, Lisha Klaiber, Bob Kottkamp, Andy Ohotnicki, Sandra Russo, Scott Stearns, Linda Thomson, Rolf van Schaik, and Larry Wilfong.

More information may be obtained about the program by contacting Scott at the Book Nook 802-228-3238 or the FOLA web site at www.fola.us. The Community Christmas Celebration is free and open to everyone of good cheer!

Weston Playhouse announces 2018 theatre line-up

WESTON, Vt. - Vermont's award-winning Weston Playhouse Theatre Company announces a blockbuster line-up for its 2018 season. Founding Directors Malcolm Ewen, Tim Fort, and Steve Stettler continue Weston's tradition of "celebrating the classics and nurturing the new" in their 31st and final season at the helm of the esteemed company. The season includes three productions on the company's Main Stage at the historic Weston Playhouse and four productions at its new flexible Second Stage, Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm.

"We've chosen a roster of plays and musicals that speak to us strongly," commented Stettler, "including shows that can involve as many of our talented family of artists as possible." This 2018 season will be the largest one in the theatre's history, beginning earlier and concluding later, with more actors than ever on the company's three stages.

Opening the Main Stage season is Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning masterpiece, "Our Town," the story of the New England town of Grover's Corners as told through the everyday lives of its citizens. Last seen at the playhouse in 1973 with the late Sam Lloyd, Sr. as the all-knowing Stage Manager, the new production will feature his brother, Christopher Lloyd, in that pivotal role. Steve Stettler, who collaborated with Christopher Lloyd on Weston's "Death of A Salesman," will direct, with performances running June 21 to July 7.

Next on the Main Stage is the iconic musical "West Side Story,"

A retelling of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" set on New York's West Side in the 1950s, "West Side Story" will be directed by Tim Fort and will be performed with Robbins' original choreography. The production will grace the playhouse stage from July 12 to Aug. 4.

For four lively weeks at summer's end, the playhouse will come alive with the sounds of rock-n-roll. The recent Broadway phenomenon "Million Dollar Quartet" captures the night that Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Carl Perkins all came together for a jam session at Sun Records in Memphis. Featuring a cast of actor/singer/musicians and such hits as "Hound Dog," "Blue Suede Shoes," and "Walk the Line," "Million Dollar Quartet" will be directed by Associate Artistic Director Michael Berresse, who brought last season's stunning production of "Once the Musical" to the Weston stage. Performances run Aug. 9 to Sept. 2.

Beginning the season up the road at the company's new Second Stage, Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm, Weston's talented Young Company of musical theatre undergrads performs "Anne of Green Gables." A one-hour musical for young audiences based on L.M. Montgomery's beloved novel, this spirited show by Broadway veterans Gretchen Cryer and Nancy Ford follows orphan Anne Shirley as she charms an entire town into falling in love with her passionate heart and imaginative mind. This will play at family friendly times and prices from June 14 to June 30.

Next on the roster at Walker Farm is the 2015 Tony Award-winning musical, "Fun Home." Three actresses portray Alison Bechdel at three dif-

ferent ages, charting Bechdel's discovery of her sexuality, her relationship with her father, and her attempts to unlock the mysteries surrounding his life. Malcolm Ewen directs, with performances running from July 5 to July 28.

Continuing a Second Stage season of hot new titles is the Vermont Premiere of the Broadway hit, "A Doll's House, Part 2." Centered on the character of Nora, who returns after walking out on her family 15 years earlier, the play examines that choice and its effect on those she left behind. Mary B. Robinson (Weston's "All My Sons" and "Copenhagen") directs, with performances at Walker Farm from Aug. 2 to Aug. 25.

The 2018 season continues into the fall with Weston's fourth annual American Masters production, "Two Trains Running," which explores the late 1960s, a time of extraordinary change, and the ordinary people that got left behind. Performances at Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm run from Sept. 27 to Oct. 20, including special 10 a.m. weekday school matinees.

Throughout the summer, audiences can once again enjoy pre-theatre dining and Cabaret fare at the Hartness Tavern, alongside the Cabaret on the lower level of the Playhouse. Returning Chef Benjamin Minifie will offer a fresh "melting pot cuisine" with ingredients from Weston area farms and purveyors.

Gift certificates for the Weston 2018 season can be purchased online at www.westonplayhouse.org. Subscription sales will be available online starting early 2018, and subscription and single ticket sales will be available beginning May 1 by calling the Weston box office at 802-824-5288.

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - SAPA TV, Springfield's public access TV station, will run 24 hours of Christmas movies and short subjects from 8 p.m. Christmas Eve to 8 p.m. Christmas Day. Viewers in the Springfield area are welcomed to spend the day

with 1964's "Santa Claus Conquers the Martians," the 1959 Mexican production "Santa Claus," and a host of classic cartoons, all of which have entered the public domain.

The marathon will run on SAPA's public channel (Comcast 8, VTel

1160), while local Christmas programming will air at the same time on SAPA's Government/Educational Channel (Comcast 10, VTel 1161).



Santa Claus Conquers the Martians will be one of the movies running.

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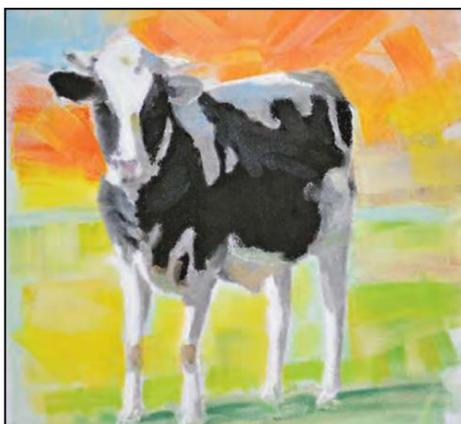
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“Till the Cows Come Home” show at Gallery North Star —

GRAFTON, Vt. - Gallery North Star, 151 Townshend Road, presents “Till the Cows Come Home: A Celebration of Vermont’s Most Iconic Symbol.” This bountiful bevy of bovine paintings is bound to evoke feelings of gladness and joy.

The show will run from Dec. 15 through Jan. 15. There will be an opening reception on Friday, Dec. 15 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 802-843-2465 or visit the gallery’s website at www.gnsgraffton.com.

There will be 11 artists showing work in the exhibition with styles ranging



Carsten “Curious Cow” 8x7.

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from highly representational to impressionist. Landscapes, portraits, and even a still life will be hung representing a variety of mediums such as oils, pastels, and mixed media. All will showcase the beauty and grace of our beloved dairy cow.

Gallery North Star, located in historic Grafton, Vt., is dedicated to presenting a diverse selection of work by Vermont and New England’s finest artists in a unique setting. The gallery is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Vermont authors visit Village Square Booksellers

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Village Square Booksellers presents authors Bill Mares, Bob Stannard, and Charles Norris-Brown on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m.

“The Full Vermonty” by Bill Mares and Jeff Danziger discusses how Vermont is a small state with a history of making a large impact. With the help of almost a score of guest appearances, Mares and Danziger have assembled a first-rate “posse” of Vermont writers, cartoonists, and politicians to add their intelligence and wit.

Mares has been a journalist, high school teacher, and a member of the Vermont House of Representatives. He lives in Burlington, Vt. Bob Stannard is an eighth generational Vermonter who has served in the Vermont Legislature; served as a member of the Manchester Select Board, and served for 13 years on the Bennington County Regional Planning Commission; three years

as chair. He lives in Manchester, Vt.

“Did Tiger Take the Rain?” by Charles Norris-Brown is a beautifully illustrated children’s book on ecology. In a Tharu village in the Nepal terai, it has been uncommonly hot and dry. One day, a tiger comes. People run away in fear. The villagers think it is a bad omen and that the tiger has taken the rain. Best friends Usha and Anjali decide to ask Tiger herself why she has taken the rain. They set out for the jungle. Entering the forest, they meet various animals that help them understand that cutting down of the trees in the forest by the villagers is causing the lack of rain. Norris-Brown is an anthropologist and artist living in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Thomas Fontaine will be signing books on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 1 p.m. Fontaine has published two children’s books about Grafton and the Civil War. His first book, “The Messenger Boy of Grafton, Vermont,” was published last year by the Graf-

ton Historical Society. The book tells the story of 14-year-old Henry Spring who wants to help the Union by serving as a messenger boy in the army. To his surprise his father grants him permission to march off with the Grafton men to fight in the Civil War.

The newest Civil War book, “The Grafton Cavaliers” is based on two real Grafton college students who took a leave of absence from their colleges to answer President Lincoln’s call for men to join the Union Army and help protect Washington from the advancing Confederates.

Fontaine, a teacher at Kurn Hattin Homes, has been teaching for 30 years. He wanted to write history novels that would be useful for teaching Civil War history in the classroom. Both books will be available for purchase for the perfect holiday gift.

For book and event reservations, call 802-463-9404.

It’s Not Just Men’s Night and BF 3rd Friday

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Downtown Bellows Falls opens its doors for an evening of art, music, local shopping, food, and fun on the third Friday of every month. Check out some of the great things happening on Friday Dec. 15 from 4-8 p.m. This month, BF3F coincides with the BFDDA shop local Not Just Men’s Night event.

Events scheduled include:

- Ad Hoc Art Gallery - Gallery open 5-8 p.m.
- Anastasia’s Closet - Vintage, antique clothing, housewares, and furniture.
- Athen’s Pizza - 10 percent off dinner 5-9 p.m.
- Boccaccio’s Salon - Gift-wrapped holiday gifts.
- Cafe 7 on the Square - Features artist Abby Miner and serving light dinner fare until 7 p.m.
- Cold River Furniture Showroom - Features Peter Maynard furniture and Marcie Maynard paintings from 5-7 p.m. at 33 Westminster St.
- Flat Iron Exchange - features artist Fiona Morehouse, music open mic, special drinks, and other surprises from 5-8 p.m.
- Greater Falls Farmers Market - features fresh produce, craft vendors, and food from 4-7 p.m. at 33 Bridge St.
- Halladays - features refreshments, beer tasting, and gift wrapping.
- J&H Hardware & Sporting Goods - 30 percent off total purchase with some exclusions and refreshments.
- M&M Carriage House Creations - serving refreshment and open until 7pm.
- Popolo - serving Italian-inspired farm-to-table cuisine.
- River Artisans - cooperative gallery serving wine and cheese to toast the holidays until 7 p.m.
- Sherwin Art Glass - features glassblowing demonstrations with artist Chris Sherwin and free beverage with purchase from 5:30-8

p.m.

- Shona Grill - features dinner specials
- The Rock & Hammer - Serving refreshments and featuring Wish Book for gift ideas.
- Village Square Booksellers - features Fred Tipton and Maryann McArdle jazz and holiday tunes from 5-7 p.m. and 20 percent off hardcover books, other specials, refreshments, and free gift wrapping.
- Windham Antiques Center - fea-

tures 10 percent off storewide with refreshments and free gift wrapping until 7 p.m.

• Wool Stage 33 Live - at 33 Bridge St. from 5-8 p.m.

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Eaglemania performs all of the hits of the Eagles, as well as Don Henley, Glen Frey, and Joe Walsh’s solo albums. Their attention to detail and their ability to reproduce the Eagles exactly leaves their fans with an experience that they do not soon forget. People often remark that if they closed their eyes they would think they were listening to the actual Eagles live in concert.

The band consists of an ensemble of veteran musicians whose goal is to faithfully reproduce the Eagle’s repertoire, music they love to sing and play, always committed to giving their audience a perfect show every time they take the stage.

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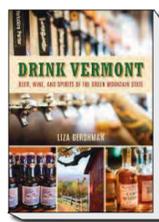
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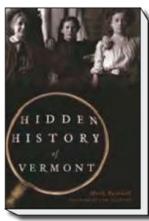


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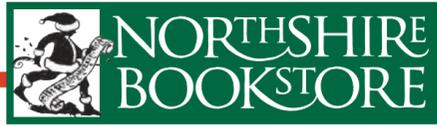


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Changes to 2018 permanent hunting, fishing, licenses

REGION – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is reminding hunters, anglers, and trappers of changes to permanent licenses that go into effect starting Jan. 1, 2018.

A permanent license is currently available free to Vermont residents 70 or older. Beginning Jan. 1, a resident 66 or older may purchase a permanent license for a one-time fee.

All licenses may be purchased at a license agent or district office or online at www.vtfishandwildlife.com. People who already have a permanent license do not need to purchase another but need to renew theirs in 2018.

A permanent license allows a qualified recipient to hunt, fish, or trap without purchasing additional li-

censes for the rest of their lifetime. Vermont's permanent license can include all regular season tags, including archery deer, muzzle-loader deer, and turkey tags. Additional tags for second archery, moose and antlerless lotteries, and waterfowl stamps must be purchased separately. A permanent license must be renewed every year, which is free online or at any district office.

Anyone with questions should check Fish & Wildlife's website www.vtfishandwildlife.com or call the licensing office at 802-828-1190.

National Forest employee receives national award

REGION – Recently, federal officials in Washington D.C. presented Rochester, Vt. resident Dan McKinley with the U.S. Forest Service's prestigious Rise To The Future Award for professional excellence. McKinley, a long time program manager and fish biologist for the Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests traveled to D.C. to receive the award in person.

The Fish Management Award recognizes a forest service employee each year for their sustained high performance and technical prowess in fish or aquatic resource management and innovative approaches that have had an impact in aquatic resource management, monitoring, or mentoring. McKinley was honored with the professional excellence in Fish Management Award for his nearly three decades of contributions to fisheries and watershed restoration on the National Forests and the States of Vermont and New York.

McKinley is considered a regional expert in all things fisheries-related throughout the region. He sponsored one of three na-



Left to right: Leslie Weldon, Dan McKinley, Tony Tooke, and Rob Harper. PHOTO BY MARGARET MCKINLEY

tional events for the 1,000th Culvert Celebration in 2016 and co-lead the development of the White River Partnership, a grassroots group that has been working across land boundaries for over 20 years. McKinley mentors new employees, continually engages his colleagues across program, and agency boundaries to benefit fisheries, and has developed an atmosphere

of mutual respect with his peers in and outside of the agency.

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Pico Mountain secures \$25,000 sports education grant

KILLINGTON, Vt. – Vermont's Pico Mountain secured a grant from the National Winter Sports Education Foundation (NWSEF) for

\$25,000 to bring affordable skiing and riding to local children.

The Pico School Program is a 6-week ski/snowboard lesson pro-

gram offered to students in grades 1-12 in local Vermont schools. During the 2017 season more than 400 students from 12 schools participated in the program. Lessons are 90 minutes long, held once a week, and available on Mondays, Thursdays, or Fridays.

"Pico Mountain is committed to sharing our passion for an adventurous lifestyle through skiing and riding with our local students," says Katherine MacLauchlan, manager of Pico Snowsports, Competitions, and Child Care. "This is an opportunity many students may not get otherwise, and through this program we are developing a passion for winter sports and love of the outdoors."

Students graduating from the program, due to aging out or changing schools receive a learner's permit, which includes 50 percent off lift tickets, rentals, and lessons for the current and next season. The program kicks off for the 2018 season on Jan. 18, 2018. Schools that are interested can still sign up for the Pico School Program by emailing katherine@picomountain.com.

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27 TORCHLIGHT PARADE & FIREWORKS DISPLAY
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	Lifts	Snow Depth	Snowfall
Killington Resort	8 / 21	18"	5" (12/11)
Sugarbush	3 / 16	30"	1" (12/11)
Okemo Mountain Resort	6 / 20	24"	0" (12/11)
Stratton Mountain	4 / 12	22"	0" (12/11)

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Bargain Corner
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Amy and Skip Norton opened the Bargain Corner in Chester three years ago in September, known for their new and used, modern and antique furniture. "Skip has been in the business for years," Amy said. He ran a store in Rutland. Later, the Nortons were in the Walpole Flea Market. For a while they were renting a storefront in Walpole, which was sold, resulting in the couple moving all of their unique items to their current location in Chester.

"We're not your everyday antique store," Amy explained. "We offer something for everybody!" Looking around the store, you will find many one-of-a-kind pieces and small knick-knacks around every corner. The store is full of furniture, from dressers, desks, and end tables, to pellet stoves, hope chests, and china cabinets.

They also carry home décor, dishware, clothing, jewelry, and books. There are a few grandfather clocks, deer heads, a collection of movies, and so much more. They've even sold a couple motorcycles, and some farm equipment. From "A to Z," Amy said, "you name it, we've probably got it."

The Bargain Corner also offers delivery to the local area, as well as layaway if you're not ready to purchase your found treasures right away.

The Nortons receive new inventory all the time, and you won't know what they've got unless you take a look for yourself. Stop in and say hi to Amy and Skip, and their recently adopted dog Peanut, who are all happy to greet their customers. The Bargain Corner is open seven days a week, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



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LEGAL NOTICES

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY DEC. 16 - WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Vt. – The Upper Valley Curling Club will hold a "Learn to Curl" clinic on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 5:45 p.m. at the Barwood Arena in White River Junction and is open to any individual age 12 and older. The club provides all equipment you will need, you just need to wear warm clothing and shoes

with non-skid soles. You will learn the basics of delivery, sweeping and strategy. Space is limited and the clinic does require a fee. Participants must register in advance at www.uppervalleycurling.org. Click on "Learn to Curl."

SUNDAY, DEC. 17 – RUTLAND, Vt. – Spartan Arena is sponsoring a series of Learn to Play instructional hockey sessions led by members of the Rutland Cutting Edge women's ice hockey team. Instruction will

be geared to players of varying abilities, even if you have never skated before. No experience is necessary! But the following equipment is required: hockey helmet with face shield, hockey gloves, hockey skates (rentals are available at the rink), and a hockey stick. It is also highly recommended that you wear elbow & shin pads. The Cutting Edge has some equipment to loan to get you started. Sessions run from 6 - 7 p.m. No preregistration is necessary, though it is recommended that you arrive 20 to 30 minutes ahead of time to suit up! Questions? Email rutlandcuttingedges@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY DEC. 20 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Vermont Adult Learning is holding a High School Diploma and GED Orientation and Assessment meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 9 a.m. at 363 River St., North Springfield. This class is free to VT residents ages 16 and

up. Orientation gives potential new students an overview of programs and guidelines. The assessment process helps VAL understand current skill levels, including: reading, writing, and math. Pre-registration is required so please visit www.vtadultlearning.org or call 802-546-0879.

CLUBS

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

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

CHESTER, Vt. - Please join the Chester Senior Citizens Club for their monthly luncheon meeting, third Mondays at 11:30 a.m. at the Chester

Congregational Church on Main Street. Enjoy lunch, jokes and funny stories, and possibly Bingo. Just bring your place setting, if possible a dish to share, and a friend. If you need a ride, just call Georgia 802-875-6242. TFN

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

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

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

SATURDAYS – MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Still life

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

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

COMMUNITY MEALS

SATURDAY, DEC. 16 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield PTA Breakfast with Santa is on Saturday Dec. 16, from 8 - 11 a.m. at the Elm Hill Primary School, 10 Hoover St., Springfield, Vt. Pancakes and bacon will be served for a small fee. Kids holiday crafts, raffle prizes, story time, and Santa will be there. Email ptacomedy@gmail.com for more information.

WALPOLE, N.H. – Come join us for our Breakfast with Santa on Saturday Dec. 16 from 8:30 - 10 a.m. by donation at the First Congregational Church of Walpole.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join us for a free community lunch on Wednesday, Dec. 20 at the First Congregational Church United Church of Christ, 77 Main Street in Springfield from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Menu includes baked ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad and Christmas cake. No take out. All are welcome.

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

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

THURSDAY, DEC. 14 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT's first ever Men's Night is on Thursday, Dec. 14 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Join us for refreshments and camaraderie as you explore beautiful and original items in a wide price range including jewelry, scarves, ornaments, mobiles, and garden items, photographs and fine art as well as creations in glass, pottery, stone, and wood. Includes free gift wrapping. Gallery at the VAULT, a Vermont State Craft Center, is located on 68 Main St. in Springfield. For more details visit www.galleryvault.org or call 802-885-7111.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Village Square Booksellers is welcoming the authors Bill Mares & Bob Stannard of "The Full Vermonty: Vermont in the Age of Trump", as well as author and illustrator Charles Norris-Brown of "Did Tiger Take the Rain?" on Thursday

Town of Weathersfield, Vermont Help Wanted Highway Superintendent

The Town of Weathersfield, Vermont is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Highway Superintendent. This position is an exempt salaried management position with excellent benefits and retirement. Pay will be based on qualifications and experience.

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TOWN OF WESTON, VERMONT

Ordinance Governing Parking of Motor Vehicles Between November 1 and May 1
Be It Ordained by The Selectboard Of the Town of Weston, State of Vermont, pursuant to Title 23, V.S.A. §1008 as follows:

1. No person owning, operating or controlling a motor vehicle shall park, or cause to be parked said motor vehicle on any street or highway within the Town of Weston from 7:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M., inclusive from November 1st to May 1st, inclusive; excepting herefrom, however, motor vehicles owned, operated or controlled by persons attending the critically ill or injured on emergency calls, and motor vehicles of persons attending church services.
2. Motor vehicles parked in violation of this ordinance may be removed by the Town Constable or Road Commissioner or by employees of the Town who are under the supervision of the Road Commissioner, to a place of storage; and the person owning or controlling said motor vehicle so removed shall be liable for all cost of removal and storage.
3. Persons owning or controlling a motor vehicle removed pursuant to this ordinance shall be liable for an additional charge of \$2.00 per hour above the cost of storage for each hour or fraction thereof said motor vehicle is in storage commencing at 8:00 A.M. of the day said motor vehicle is stored.
4. The Town Constable and Road Commissioner and employees of the Town who are under the supervision of the Road Commissioner shall be exempt from liability for damage incurred to motor vehicles removed under this ordinance; and all persons other than the Town Constable and the Road Commissioner and employees of the Town under the supervision of the Road Commissioner shall be insured and are deemed to be self-insured for liability for damages incurred to motor vehicles which they remove under this ordinance.
5. Every person convicted of a violation of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00).
6. This Ordinance shall become effective upon the third publication of the terms thereof, such publication to be once each week for three successive weeks on the same day of the week; thereafter, a single publication will be made annually.

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Town of Plymouth Public Notice of Hearing Before the Planning Commission and Zoning Board

A Public Hearing before the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of the Town of Plymouth will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, at 7:00 pm, at the Municipal Building, 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, VT, to consider:

Applicant: Susan Hammond and Jonathan Baker
Proposal: to remodel existing house and cabin
Location: 902 Farm & Wilderness Road, Plymouth
Application No. 2017- 24

Dated: December 7, 2017
Michael Coleman, Chair

TOWN OF GRAFTON ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Town of Grafton is seeking a qualified person to serve as Administrative Assistant. The position reports to the Board of Selectmen and is responsible for maximizing the potential for Grafton's select board, committees, and staff to respond effectively to the community and individual citizen needs. The position requires attention to detail, initiative, and ability to work with little supervision. This full time position (32+ hours per week) offers a competitive salary/benefits package commensurate with background experience. For a copy of the full job description, experience requirements, or inquiries, please contact the Selectmen's office at 802-843-2552.

Resumes and cover letters must be received by 3pm on Thursday, December 28, 2017. Town of Grafton, PO Box 180, Grafton, VT 05146 Attn: Select Board.

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM Temporary Positions Sidewalk Plow Operator, Winter Laborers

The Town of Rockingham is accepting applications for the temporary part-time, on-call positions of Sidewalk Plow Operator & Winter Laborer for the 2017-2018 winter season. The positions report to the Highway Supervisor or Crew Leader. Pay classification range is \$10.00 to \$15.00 depending on training and experience. Applications are available at the Municipal Manager's Office, Town Hall, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or on the municipal web site, www.rockbf.org under Public Notices. Pre-employment medical exam and drug testing may be conditions of employment. Applications may be sent to Rockingham Highway Superintendent, P.O. Box 370, Town Hall, Bellows Falls, VT 05101. EOE.

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by Linda Thistle

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An old adversary wants to make amends over the holidays. The decision is yours. But wouldn't it be nice to share the upcoming new year with another friend?
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) As news of your work gets around, expect to receive a special holiday "gift" from influential contacts who could help you launch your new projects in the new year.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Instead of fussing over what you didn't do to prepare for the holidays, relax and enjoy the kudos for a job truly well done. A happy surprise awaits you early next year.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The best way to shake off lingering holiday blues is to join loved ones in the fun and festivities of this special time. A confusing situation starts to make sense in upcoming weeks.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Special emotional rewards mark this holiday time for Leos and Leonas who are able to open up to new relationships and the possibilities they offer in the upcoming year.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your efforts to make the holidays especially memorable for some people will be rewarded in some unexpected (but very welcome) ways in the upcoming year.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Be assured that your efforts to make this holiday special for everyone won't go unnoticed by those who could make some important changes in your life.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Lots of folks want you to light up their holiday parties. But try to take some quiet time 'twixt those glittering galas to spend with some very special people.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While the current round of holiday revels has your social life on the fast track, someone special might want to keep pace with you next year, as well.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Enjoy all the fun you deserve at this holiday time. However, don't lose sight of the need to check out some of the changes the new year is expected to bring.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) What happens during this holiday time can help clear up some of the confusion jeopardizing a once-stable relationship. Follow your instincts on what to do next.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your holidays are brightened by new friends eager to become part of your life. But don't forget to spend time with that one special person. (You know who!)
BORN THIS WEEK: You have the ability to encourage people to reach their potential by setting an example with your own efforts.

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EVENTS CONT.

THUR, DEC. 14 CONT. - Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. Call 802-463-9404 for book and event reservations.

FRIDAY, DEC. 15 - PUTNEY, Vt. -Next Stage Arts Project is delighted to present international a capella sensation The Groovebarbers, with special guests, the Putney Central School Chorus, in the fourth annual holiday concert, on Friday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m. Kids under 6 get in free. The newly renovated and accessible Next Stage is located at 15 Kimball Hill, Putney, VT. Tickets are available online at www.nextstagearts.org, or at the Putney Coop or Turn It Up in Brattleboro. The Groovebarbers annual show has become a staple of the holiday season in Putney, and returns by popular demand. Bring the family for an evening of harmony and song that will have your spirit soaring and your kids rushing to start their own vocal quartets as quick as you can say Wenceslaus! This is show is so family friendly that kids 6 and under are free when accompanied by an adult, limit of one free kid per adult ticket. There will be popcorn and other refreshments in the lobby.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Downtown Bellows Falls opens its doors for an evening of art, music, local shopping, food and fun on the 3rd Friday of every month, known as BF3F. This month on Friday, Dec. 15 from 4 - 8 p.m., BF3F coincides with the BFDDA Shop Local "Not Just Men's Night" event. Village Square Booksellers celebrates with Jazz and Holiday Tunes by Fred Tipton & Maryann McArdle from 5 - 7 p.m. In addition local businesses are teaming with special offers and giveaways. Refreshments, personal shopping assistance & free gift wrapping are also available. For more information on BF3F specials visit <https://www.facebook.com/BellowsFalls.3rdFriday/>

SATURDAY, DEC. 16 - WINDSOR, Vt. - Santa is Coming to Windsor by fire engine on Saturday, Dec. 16 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Windsor House, 54 Main Street. Bring your list and tell Santa whether you've been naughty or nice! Hot chocolate, cookies, and candy canes! All are welcome!

CLAREMONT, N.H. -The World's Greatest Eagle's tribute band, Eaglemania, performs one night only at the Claremont Opera House, Saturday, Dec.

16 at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling 603-542-0064, in person at COH in the city hall complex, or online at www.claremontoperahouse.org. Cash bar from Sweet Fire BBQ will be available before the show and during intermission. Presented by Fly on The Wall Concerts.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Coffeehouse Music Series at the Springfield UU Church will feature Jared Gunnell on Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. Jared is a singer-songwriter whose other creative outlets include video production and graphic design. He is currently Executive Director of SAPA-TV Springfield, VT, Area Public Access Television. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., music starts at 7. All are welcome. You'll be able to purchase snacks and beverages. Held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd., Springfield.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Thomas Fontaine will be at Village Square Booksellers to sign his two books on Saturday Dec. 16 at 1 p.m. Fontaine, a 1982 graduate of BFUHS has published two children's books about Grafton and the Civil War. His first book, "The Messenger Boy of Grafton, Vermont", was published last year by the Grafton Historical Society. The newest Civil War book, "The Grafton Cavaliers" was created to help educate local readers on Civil War history in their area. For book and event reservations, call 802-463-9404

FRIDAY, DEC. 22, 2017 - PUTNEY, Vt. - Next Stage Arts Project presents Sean Altman's JEW MONGOUS, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 22. Tickets at the door, available online, through the Next Stage website www.nextstagearts.org or at the Putney Coop or Turn It Up in Brattleboro. Next Stage is located at 15 Kimball Hill, Putney, VT, and features a newly renovated, accessible performance space. All faiths and the faithless are welcome but due to occasional potty-mouthedness, Sean Altman's JEW MONGOUS is not appropriate for kids under

16 unless you're training them to be sailors. Ex-Rockapella star Sean Altman's unkasher comedy song concert JEW MONGOUS is "tuneful and sharply witty" according to the Los Angeles Times.

SATURDAY, DEC. 23 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - On Saturday, Dec. 23 from 2-6 p.m., parents can get some last minute holiday stuff taken care of while the children are occupied at the pool. Besides

swimming, there will be games, a holiday craft, a gift-wrapping station, and movie during dinner. Children can bring along gifts that they have made or purchased and use our wrapping station. Space is limited to 25. We provide up to four hours of supervised fun, healthy snack, and pizza from the Subway restaurant for dinner. Registration and advance payment required. Call member services at 802-885-2568 or register online.

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

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FARMERS' MARKETS

SATURDAY, DEC. 16-SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Farmers Market will be holding a Christmas Holiday Farmers Market Saturday on Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the United Methodist Church on Valley St. in Springfield. Vendors will be offering a variety of products including grass fed beef, honey, maple syrup, eggs and roasting chickens. Also available will be homemade artisan breads, doughnuts, holiday pies, cookies, jams and jellies, as well as specialty

pickles and relishes. There will also be an assortment of unique handcrafted items including crocheted dishcloths, beeswax candles, jewelry, a collection of Old World Santa's, holiday decorations and more. Pies can be pre-ordered by calling 802-885-4096 before 12/14. For more information or to become a new vendor visit www.springfieldvtfarmersmarket.com.

FRIDAYS-WESTON, Vt. - We are happy to announce the start of the new Weston Winter Farmer's Market at the Walker Farm Playhouse. Starting Dec 1,

Friday hours are from 3 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Your favorite dairy, eggs, cheese, meat and bread vendors will be on hand as well as prepared foods, artisans and crafts people. Come and support by purchasing local and fresh! Dates for December are Friday Dec. 22 and 29. Lots of fun and real close to home. Shop and enjoy local!

LIBRARIES

SATURDAY, DEC. 16 LONDONDERRY, Vt. - In honor of the holidays, the South Londonderry Free Library is presenting its annual gift making workshop for kids

on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 10:30 a.m. Children of all ages are invited to make special handmade presents for the people they love. Art teacher Casey Junker Bailey will provide all the materials and instruction for making unique gifts. Santa will also be there to share books and visit with children. For more information call the library at 802-824-3371.

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

MONDAY, DEC. 18 - CHESTER, Vt. - Please join the Chester Senior Citizens Club for their monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 18 at the Chester Congregational Church on Main Street. Come join in the fun of a Yankee Swap; bring a wrapped gift, either something from home or \$5 limit if new. Please bring your place setting, if possible a dish to share, and a friend. If you need a ride, call Georgia at 802-875-6242. Hope to see you there.

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

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

6480 or visit www.namivt.org. TFN

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

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. For more information regarding this meeting, contact Sarah E. at 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 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. 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 or 641-715-3900 (ext. 650055#). TFN

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Twin State Depression Support Group meets on the fourth Wednesday at Turning Point Recovery Center (Handicapped-accessible), 7 Morgan Street, Springfield at 6:30 p.m. Do you know or think you may be depressed? Have a friend or family member who has depression? Then this group is for you! Support, empathy, sharing, education, confidentiality, peer-led. Contact TwinStateDSG@gmail.com or 641-715-3900 (ext. 650055#). TFN

THURSDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Mental health peer support group, 2-3:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 77 Main St. The group's goal will be to provide a safe and healthy environment for people to give and receive support around mental health issues. The group is free and open to the public. Call Diana Slade at 802-289-1982. TFN

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

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - Twin State Depression Support Group Board of Directors will now meet every other month in 2018 on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at 2520 Route 106 in Perkinsville. Please come join us. New local phone number is 802-795-0098. This is a voice mail line. Updates regarding meetings will be posted during bad weather. Messages will be checked daily. The 2018 schedule is: Jan. 18, March 22, May 17, July 19, Sept. 20 - the one exception will be in November - that date to be announced.

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