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Help us keep our kids' education local and Black River Academy sustainable

LUDLOW, Vt. - Since the overwhelmingly positive mandate to move the Ludlow and Mount Holly school districts to school choice and thus widening the educational opportunities for all children in our towns, we have gotten to work to not only expand our children's choices but to also preserve the almost 200-year tradition of educating children at Black River Academy, the home of Calvin Coolidge and the Presidents.

Our accomplishments and current tasks:

We have formed a board that brings together community members, parents and teachers from our communities. We have reinstated the name "Black River Academy" and registered it as a non-profit with the state of Vermont. Representatives from Fletcher Farm and the Black River Academy Museum have come and spoken to us about establishing collaboration. We will be filing for our non-profit status with the IRS early in the new year. We are working to establish a study of financial feasibility and exploring funding options.



Black River forever.

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We are drawing up the mission statement and core values of Black River Academy.

What we envision Black River Academy to be:

Black River Academy shall be a

school accessible to all children in our communities. Black River Academy shall preserve and build on the strengths of our current high school. Black River Academy shall be built into the fabric of our communities and utilize the wealth of resources we have.

We aim to have as smooth a transition as possible for pupils and staff from the current high school to the new independent Black River Academy. It is our goal to make sure that all children in both communities have easy access to transportation to the new independent Black River Academy if they wish to attend it. We will work towards seeking full approval from the Vermont Agency of Education and accreditation from the National Association of Independent Schools.

What you can do to help:

Join us at our meetings to make your voice and vision heard, and help us shape the new school. Donate, if you can, as we need to raise about \$1,000 for the IRS non-profit application and to help us build a website.

Spread the word: We are not trying to take away local education. It is our goal to take Black River Academy into a long and sustainable future.

In regards to the recent petition for a revote, Uli Donohue, BRISC chair, said, "If a revote in Ludlow on the Act 46 merger between Ludlow and Mount Holly school districts results in a 'no' vote, there will be no school choice for children in Mount Holly or Ludlow for middle and high school and therefore tuition will continue to be paid only to the public Black River Middle and High School, this will make the effort to open Black River Academy as an independent school impossible. The Black River Independent School Committee is convinced that school choice and an independent school option in the Ludlow-Mount Holly School district are the best way to preserve local middle and high school education with a sustainable future, while offering our students the best educational options for their individual needs. We will continue to work to this end as we believe it to be the most desirable way

forward for our communities."

Our next meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 9 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Black River High School library. To donate, go to www.gofundme.com/blackriverindependentschool or send a check made out to 'Black River Academy INC.' to Black River Academy, PO Box 485, Ludlow, VT 05149. Contact us at blackriveracademy@gmail.com if you have any questions!

Help us take Black River Academy to 200 years and beyond!

BRISC members:

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Robert De Cormier 1922-2017: An invitation to celebrate the life and music of Vermont's choral director

RUTLAND, Vt. - When Robert De Cormier was asked the high point of his 20 years directing the Vermont Symphony Orchestra Chorus, he remembered the 2006 performance of Vaughan Williams' "Dona Nobis Pacem."

"The Walt Whitman poetry of that piece and the times we live in and his setting of it all came together for me in a very emotional way," De Cormier said in a 2014 interview at his Belmont home.

"With Haydn's 'Mass in Time of War,' that was really a peace concert - and I meant it to have that element, for the music to be talking about something happening in the world."

One of the world's foremost choral conductors, De Cormier long championed peace and humanitarian causes through music. He died Nov. 7, 2017 in Rutland at the age of 95, leaving as a legacy a new world of vocal and choral music in his chosen state of Vermont.

His friends and admirers are invited to "A Celebration of the Life and Music of Robert De Cormier (1922-2017)," from 3-5 p.m. Sunday,

Jan. 7, at Rutland's Grace Congregational Church, presented by the two Vermont vocal ensembles he created, Counterpoint and the Vermont Symphony Orchestra Chorus. They will join with other local choruses and musicians who worked with him for this musical tribute - and the audience will sing.

Internationally De Cormier was best known as the longtime music director of the New York Choral Society, as well as singer Harry Belafonte and the legendary folk trio Peter, Paul and Mary.

"He comes from a gutsy, liberal far-left background," Noel Stookey, "Paul" of Peter, Paul and Mary, said on the occasion of De Cormier's 80th birthday.

"If he didn't march for the union movement, he was definitely a sympathizer," Stookey said. "He has a definite sensitivity for working people's needs in a way that someone with classical training and elite background might not always have."

De Cormier and his wife Louise, an actress who performed often at the Weston Playhouse, made Ver-

mont home, first part time and then full time, for some 60 years. Here he not only became the first director of the VSO Chorus, he founded Counterpoint, the state's only professional vocal ensemble and a resounding success.

When De Cormier received the Vermont Governor's Award for Excellence in Arts in 2002, then-Lt. Gov. Douglas Racine said, appropriately, "He has touched thousands of people through the power of music. He has become as important to our way of life as cheddar cheese or maple syrup."

De Cormier was born on Long Island to a middle-class family in 1922 and grew up in the Great Depression in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., where his father was a schoolteacher. He attended Maine's Colby College, playing trumpet and singing in a big band. But because the school lacked a good music department, he left after two years.

In 1942, De Cormier entered the Army and found himself at the European front, first in Belgium, then the Netherlands, then to Germany in



VSO Chorus conductor Robert DeCormier.

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the push to the Rhine in November 1944. He was hit by a mortar shell that destroyed his wrist. It took 13 operations to save his hand, and he lost the ability to move his wrist.

In 1946, De Cormier entered New York's famed Juilliard School of Music on the GI Bill. Fortuitously, it was at that time that Robert Shaw came to

Juilliard to teach. Shaw, possibly America's greatest choral conductor, was to become De Cormier's major musical influence. De Cormier was Shaw's disciple while earning both his undergraduate and master's degrees there. Shaw's influence revealed itself in De Cormier's ability to create beautiful-sounding choruses and emotionally effective performances.

De Cormier's political interests led him to the folk music circles of the day. He met and befriended the likes of Cisco Houston, Woody Guthrie, Odetta, The Weavers and Pete Seeger.

The night Louise De Cormier, then an aspiring young singer and actress, first saw her husband-to-be, he was playing folk guitar for legend-

ary singer and political activist Paul Robeson at the Freedom Theater. The next day she auditioned for De Cormier, was accepted, and began touring with the company. They met in February 1950 and were married in August.

After they married, De Cormier took a job teaching at the private Elizabeth Owen High School in Greenwich Village in New York City. One student was to play a major role in De Cormier's life later on, the late Mary Travers of Peter, Paul and Mary.

Belafonte's career was beginning to take off, so the singer asked De Cormier to become his music director. For five years, De Cormier arranged and conducted the music for Belafonte's weekly television show as well as his live performances.

The De Cormiers later headed for Europe, where he created folk-choral programs for the BBC for three years. Between television seasons - it was live in those days - De Cormier created and toured the Robert

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President Trump signs massive tax reform bill into law, reducing most personal income tax

NATION - President Donald Trump, on Friday, Dec. 22, 2017, signed into law a massive tax reform measure that slashes corporate taxes, reduces most personal income taxes, and ends the individual mandate under Obamacare that everyone purchase healthcare.

The signing ceremony was held in the Oval Office shortly before Congressional Republicans heaped praise

on the president.

The U.S. House and Senate passed the \$1.5 trillion package of tax cuts earlier this week with no support from Democrats, who call it a massive tax break for corporations and wealthy Americans.

The GOP plan replaces current tax brackets with seven new ones, most of them lower. The corporate tax rate

will be reduced from 35 percent to 21 percent, a cut Republicans have said is vital for the U.S. to become more competitive with other countries and which will lead to job and wage growth.

The standard deduction taken by a majority of families would be nearly doubled, to \$24,000 for a married couple. The reduction for state and

local taxes (SALT) will be capped at \$10,000. The child tax credit will be increased to \$2,000 from \$1,000.

It also repeals the Affordable Care Act's individual mandate, which required all Americans to purchase healthcare coverage whether they wanted it or not.



President Donald Trump speaks at an event in Harrisburg, Pa., on Oct. 11. PHOTO PROVIDED BY WHITEHOUSE.GOV

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OVRCC 2017 Year in Review

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce had quite a year in 2017.

We welcomed 28 new members: Vacasa, Re.find: a collective boutique, Brook Farm Vineyards,

Okemo Valley Women's Club, Ludlow's Best Taxi, Country Girl Diner, Murdocks on the Green, Magic Mountain Ski Area, High Wind Aviation, Windsor Mansion Inn, Willow Draws, Red House Press,

Trout River Brewing, The Landgrove Inn, Okemo Mountain School, The Pettigrew Inn, Scarlet Touch Massage & Reiki, The Buckmaster Inn, Neal's Restaurant & Bar, Mamas Handmade Italian, Flour & Petal, Rutland GE Employee Group, J & M Construction & Son North, Mrs. Unlimited Visions, Northeast Kingdom Online, Bennington Furniture, Smokeshire Design, and Aroma Catering VT.

To recap our members of the month were:

- January - CTM Media
- February - DaVallia Arts & Accents
- March - Smith Maple Crest Farm
- April - Springfield Medical Care Systems
- May - Inn at Weston
- June - Big Eyes Bakery
- July - Motel in the Meadow
- August - Vermont T's
- September - Weston Playhouse
- October - Echo Lake Inn
- November - Homestyle Hostel
- December - The Vermont Country Store

We were featured travel writer stories for HuffingtonPost, Trip Advisor, and New York Lifestyles Magazine (November 2017, page 28). We attended several trade shows including New York Times Travel Show, CT Daytrip & Destinations, and the Big E. We put up display cases in welcome centers in Guilford and Hartford South. We hosted TV interviews with many of our members.

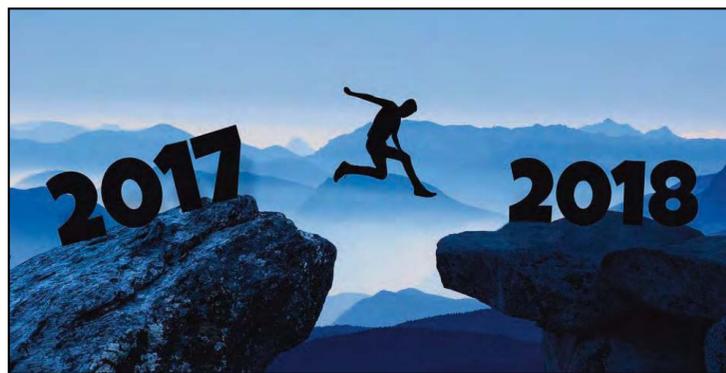
We hosted an array of exciting events including Restaurant Week, Buy Local Festival, Shop Small Business Saturday, Okemo Valley Antique & Classic Car Show, Okemo Valley Golf Tournament, and Casino Night.

We've had a great year in 2017, and are hoping to have an even better one in 2018. Here are some things to look forward to. We will have educational programs. All are welcome to attend, free for chamber members and a small fee for non-members. All the educational programs will be held at the Newsbank Conference Center in Chester. On Jan. 10, 2018 from noon to 1 p.m. is

Cyber Security with Attorney General Ryan Krieger. On Jan. 16, from 11 a.m. to noon is Small Business Success with Kim Dixon with an additional bonus session from noon to 1 p.m. March 13 from 11 a.m. to noon is Growing Your Business Using Google and May 15 is Finding Your Niche on Social Media from 11 a.m. to noon. Networking events include Business Speed Dating at Sotheby's Ludlow on March 14 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The annual meeting will take place on May 10 at the new Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm from 5 to 7 p.m. It will include tours of the new building, a short annual meeting with a five minute walkthrough of the Chamber's new website, Taste of Okemo Valley and a cash bar, and a presentation by the Weston Playhouse on their upcoming season. There will also be free raffles for two season tickets to Weston's 2018 Summer Season and live entertainment.

There will be new members to welcome, networking events, and thrilling trips to take. We're so excited to see what else 2018 has in store for us!



A recap of 2017 as we leap into 2018.

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Give blood this year

LUDLOW, Vt. – On Monday, Jan. 22, 2018, the Ludlow Community Center will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. The community center is located at 37 Main Street, Ludlow, Vt. When you give blood, you will receive a Dunkin Donuts gift card while supplies last. You can set up an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS. You could also streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting www.RedCrossBlood.org/Rapid-Pass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment. Walk-ins are also available. Please give blood. It's always needed.

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De Cormier Singers throughout the United States, performing choral arrangements of folk music.

Still, De Cormier missed the musical depth of the classics. In 1970, that all changed. First, the New York Choral Society, one of the city's major choruses, asked De Cormier to become its music director. He accepted and remained for 17 years, performing most of classical music's popular

choral works. Two years later, the respected Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., invited De Cormier to lead its chorus and teach.

Still, De Cormier wasn't able to forgo folk music entirely. When Peter, Paul and Mary first began to be successful, Travers had asked De Cormier to become the trio's music director, but he was too busy with other projects. After 10 years, the group disbanded only to join up again seven years later, and this time Travers was able to recruit De Cormier. He arranged and conducted music for the trio's final performances, recordings and television specials ever since, including the holiday show for PBS, "Peter, Paul & Mommy Too."

In 1993, De Cormier was approached by VSO Manager Thomas Philon and Music Director Kate Tarkenton, who wanted him to create the VSO Chorus. It was also through the VSO Chorus that the De Cormiers - Louise was a member - cemented their relationship with Vermont.

In 2000, Robert De Cormier selected 11 members of the VSO Chorus to create a professional vocal ensemble. The group, Counterpoint, soon made itself heard throughout the state, performing concerts and making CDs and even DVDs.

He retired from Counterpoint in 2012, the VSO Chorus in 2014.

"I let go of Counterpoint, and I got used to that. I've been going to concerts and loving them, and really appreciating what Nat (Lew, Counterpoint's new director) has done with them. But, to think of not having any group?" De Cormier said in 2014.

"This will be the first time since I got out of the Army in 1946 that I haven't been intimately involved in some kind of chorus. I don't know, what am I going to do?"

Still, until just before his death, De Cormier continued to arrange and compose and - appropriately - conduct in Counterpoint's peace concerts.

Grace Congregational Church "A Celebration of the Life and Music of Robert De Cormier (1922-2017)" will be held 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, at Grace Congregational Church, 8 Court St. in Rutland. Performers will include the Vermont Symphony Orchestra Chorus, Counterpoint, and other local musicians who worked with him, and the audience. Admission is free; for information, go online to www.counterpointchorus.com.

Article written by JIM LOWE of the Rutland Herald and Times Argus.

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FOLA's first movie of 2018 is "WALL-E"

LUDLOW, Vt. - "WALL-E" will be FOLA's first 2018 movie on Saturday, Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. in the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium.

WALL-E is a 2008 American computer-animated science fiction film produced by Pixar Animation Studios for Walt Disney Pictures. It stars the voices of Ben Burtt, Elissa Knight, Jeff Garlin, Fred Willard, John Ratzenberger, Kathy Najimy, Sigourney Weaver, and the MacInTalk system. It follows a trash compacting robot in a deserted world, left to clean a largely abandoned city. However, he is visited by a probe sent by the Axiom ship, whom he falls in love with and pursues across the galaxy.

After hundreds of lonely years of doing what he was built for, WALL-E (short for Waste Allocation Load Lifter Earth-Class) discovers a new

purpose in life (besides collecting knick-knacks) when he meets a sleek search robot named EVE. EVE comes to realize that WALL-E has inadvertently stumbled upon the key to the planet's future, and races back to space to report her findings to the humans (who have been eagerly awaiting word that it is safe to return home).

Meanwhile, WALL-E chases EVE across the galaxy and sets into motion one of the



WALL-E is FOLA's first free movie of 2018.

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screen. Joining WALL-E on his fantastic journey across a universe of never-before-imagined visions of the future is a hilarious cast of characters including a pet cockroach, and a heroic team of malfunctioning misfit robots.

The Axiom's passengers have become obese and feeble due to microgravity and reliance on an automated lifestyle, including the ship's current captain, McCrea, who leaves the ship under the control of the robotic autopilot, AUTO. EVE is taken to the bridge, with WALL-E tagging along. McCrea is unpre-

pared for a positive probe response, but learns that placing EVE's plant in the ship's Holo-Detector for verification will trigger a hyper jump back to Earth so humanity can recolonize it. However, AUTO orders his robotic assistant GO-4 to steal the plant to prevent this from happening.

As with all FOLA movies, the film is free and open to everyone; donations are appreciated. Berkshire Bank will supply popcorn and water by FOLA.

For more information, call (802)228-7239 or visit the FOLA web site at www.fola.us.

Laura Molinelli and Ben Campbell to perform in Weston

WESTON, Vt. - Talented musicians Laura Molinelli and Ben Campbell, the lead performers of the "dream pop" band Luminous Crush, will appear together in concert on Sunday, Jan. 14, at 4 p.m., in Weston's Old Parish Church on Route 100, a return engagement as part of OPC's Hearts & Voices series. Those who saw them at OPC in May 2016 will not want to miss this performance.

Molinelli and Campbell perform with acoustic instruments but are also at home with effects pedals, drum kits, and amplifiers as well. Sweet, soaring harmonies shimmer as they perform original songs as well as carefully chosen familiar favorites. When you're in the audience with Luminous Crush performing as an acoustic duo, or as part of an electric ensemble, you will feel real, authentic goose bumps... guaranteed! Formed in 2015, Luminous Crush has recorded two albums available for purchase.

Ben Campbell has collaborated with a number of Vermont's musical luminaries, including Anaïs Mitchell, Michael Chorney, and Caleb Elder. He has been praised by Dan Bolles, music editor at Seven Days, as "insatiably curious and wildly multifaceted." For you bluegrass fans, he can do things on the mandolin that would have made John Duffy jealous.

Laura Molinelli is an established member of the New York/New England music scene, having won many local fans for her solo performances and appearances with the Bondville Boys and Luminous Crush. In a wider universe, she has shared the stage with such notables as Lucinda Williams, Dar Williams, The Band, NRBQ, The Samples, Rebecca Hall, Lou Gramm (former lead singer for Foreigner), and The Legendary Lead

Singers of the Temptations.

This concert is the latest presentation in the Hearts & Voices Performance Series, established in 2009 in memory of G. Frederick (Fritz) Zeller, a longtime educator, community leader, and a pillar of Old Parish Church. Revenues from the performances are donated to benefit deserving area non-profit organizations. For this performance, patrons are asked to donate a small fee per person, which will benefit three neighborhood food pantries that help provide sustenance to those in need in our community. Molinelli and Campbell are graciously donating their talent, as have several other Hearts & Voices performers, which means that all money received will go to help alleviate hunger in south central Vermont.

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

Green Zone appearing at the Pizza Stone



Green Zone.

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CHESTER, Vt. - On Saturday, Jan. 6, Green Zone will bring its high-energy mix of funk, reggae, rock, and soul to the Pizza Stone in Chester from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Green Zone features Ben Mitchell on guitar and vocals, Eric Rhomberg on bass and vocals, Johnny Yuma on drums and vocals, and Fred Tipton on sax. Come enjoy the show at the Pizza Stone on 291 Pleasant Street in Chester, Vt. There will be great food and

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Tips for a more organized home in the new year

StatePoint - After the hectic holidays, it's no surprise that many people commit to getting better organized in the new year.

There are plenty of reasons why people obsess over organization and resolve to master it year after year. Household items become easier to find. Rooms all of a sudden seem bigger and more welcoming. Each walk past a tidy linen closet - where there was once an avalanche waiting to spill forward - comes with a small sense of accomplishment.

Whether you're after smarter storage or looking to cut clutter, successful resolutions begin with a thoughtful approach.

Think small

While it's fun to dream about a large-scale routine reset, smaller

sustainable actions are key to lasting change. Take it one room or even one drawer at a time to keep momentum positive and to avoid feeling overwhelmed. Doing so also allows you to focus, leading to more creative solutions for taking advantage of under-utilized areas. For example, you may find using over-the-door organizers a great way to free up space in home offices and craft rooms.

Say "no" to clutter

Everyone has items they keep around for no real reason that aren't particularly meaningful and don't serve a purpose. Being able to objectively identify these items makes everything easier.

Paring down possessions doesn't have to be painful. That cardinal shaped cookie jar that you've al-

ways been on the fence about? It would make an incredibly thoughtful "just because" gift for an ornithology-obsessed aunt. Often, less can literally be more: consignment shops and eBay make it easy to turn four or five pieces of furniture you "kind of like" into one piece you absolutely love.

Store décor wisely

Everyone loves holiday decorating. Taking down decorations afterward... not so much. It's difficult to preserve items in a haphazard collection of cardboard boxes, plastic bags, and



Use decor boxes to store ornaments and holiday decorations safely. PHOTO PROVIDED

mismatched bins, all crammed into the corner of a garage or basement. Stepping up storage containers can make a big difference. For a wide selection of storage solutions specifically designed for holiday décor, check out Improvements, which offers everything from ornament and gift-wrap organizers to wreath and garland storage bags.

Keep a place for everything

Nobody likes wasting time gathering or searching. Make storage more convenient

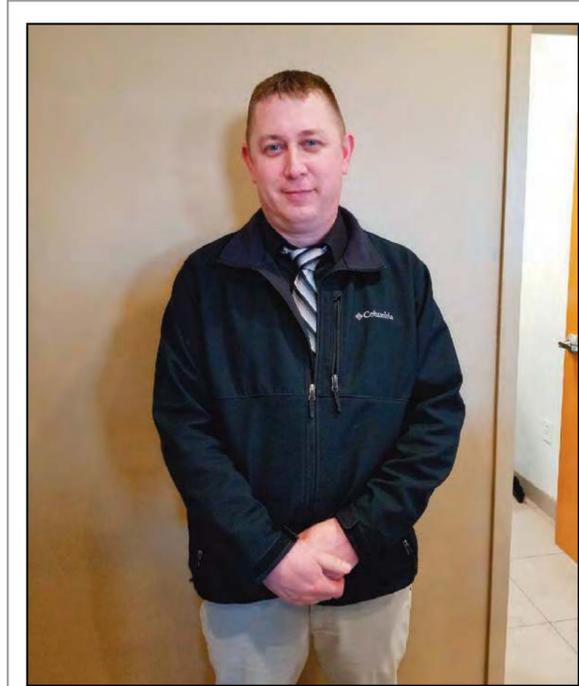
and efficient by streamlining. Items frequently used together should be kept together, from coffee supplies to vehicle maintenance tools.

Make a plan

Create a schedule so nothing is overlooked. Knowing which project is next gives you time to prepare and purchase any storage items you might need. When scheduling, designate specific rooms and spaces for certain seasons. For example, the first warm days of spring are made for cleaning out the shed or garage.

More organizational inspiration can be found by visiting www.improvementscatalog.com.

Successful resolutions are essentially new habits that become part of a lifestyle. Deliberately choosing to incorporate small acts of organization on a daily basis will pay off tremendously throughout the year.



Springfield GMC

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Wayne Rawson has returned to Springfield GMC as the service manager. Stop in and say hi!

PHOTO BY ROBERT MILLER

Tips to refresh yourself in the new year

StatePoint - Planning some New Year's resolutions? Instead of simply resolving to lose weight or drop a clothing size, consider placing a more positive spin on your objectives. Whether your stated goal is to try new sports and hobbies or to get in touch with nature, you can better refresh yourself this new year with resolutions that help you get in shape while appreciating your surroundings and having fun.

Try something new

Testing out new sports and hobbies doesn't need to require a great deal of time or financial commitment. There are plenty of ways to dip your toe in the water. Thanks to online marketplace coupon services, it's easy to find discounted access to local experiences like orienteering and rock climbing classes, fishing excursions, white water rafting journeys, and more. Consider giving your fun and fitness goals a recharge by trying out something completely different.

Make more of it

Whether you're hiking, biking, skiing, or trying any other new outdoor sport, consider making the

most of your excursions with tech gear that enhances the experience and keeps you safe. For example, the PRO TREK Smart Outdoor Watch WSD-F20 from Casio, powered by Android Wear 2.0, has GPS capabilities, a full color map display and water resistance of up to 50 meters, making it well suited for rugged adventures. Because it can be used offline in areas without cellular service, it can free you up to go farther off the beaten trail and help you find your way back.

Find a great fishing spot or vista on a hike? Spot some beautiful wildlife on the trail? Its Location Memory app instantly reads a user's current location, so you can add notes to otherwise unmarked map spots.

Additionally, Casio's Moment Setter app gives users an opportunity to automatically receive important alerts, such as best fishing times, rest break intervals, and sunrise/sunset times.

Get competitive

Having a race or competition ahead on the calendar can be the motivating force that drives you to



Try something new this year like going for a nice hike. PHOTO PROVIDED

get off the couch, get fit and enjoy the outdoors. Whether it's a 10k, obstacle race or a triathlon, training for such a competition can have cascading effects, leading to new healthy habits beyond more frequent workouts, such as getting more rest and

hydration and eating a healthier diet. Completing your goal can be a truly rewarding experience.

In the new year, think beyond the scale. Refresh your body and mind with new experiences that lead to healthy habits.

Gov. Scott announces sexual harassment training now mandatory for state employees

MONTPELIER, Vt. - On Friday, Dec. 22, 2017, Secretary of Administration Susanne Young issued a

directive requiring all executive branch employees participate in sexual harassment training classes

offered through the State of Vermont Department of Human Resources (DHR).

In response to the national dialogue around the prevalence of sexual harassment, Governor Phil Scott called on DHR to review the State's sexual harassment policies and procedures and recommend any necessary changes. Policies were found to

be current and in line with best practices, and the Department identified an opportunity to improve training requirements to increase effectiveness.

"What we've seen and heard about the prevalence of harassment and assault from many across the country

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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A flag & a fire

In the photos Ted Spaulding recently donated to the Chester Historical Society are a couple exceptional photos. These photos belonged to Ted's father Ed. There are a couple photos that I would classify as rare. The photo with this article is one of those.

We have a number of images of the old Fullerton Hotel that you see here but taken from different angles. This image is unique in that it includes an American flag. The hem of the flag reads: "Harrison & Reid." Many flags of this vintage survive today, but this is not your standard flag. It is a political flag for the Presidential race of 1892 and would be quite rare today.

Republican, Benjamin Harrison was elected president in 1888 and sworn into office on March 4, 1889. Harrison had defeated President Grover Cleveland in Cleveland's bid for a second term.

Harrison ran for a second term in 1892. This was a rematch between Harrison and Cleveland. In this election Harrison lost. Harrison has the distinction of being the only United States president whose predecessor was also his successor.

When Harrison was elected in 1888 he chose Levi P. Morton as his Vice President. For Harrison's 1892 Vice President he chose Whitelaw Reid. This is helpful in dating this photo. With the Harrison & Reid flag in the foreground there is no doubt the photo was taken in the summer of 1892.

A little of Harrison's background:

Harrison served in the Civil War for the State of Indiana. He was commissioned Colonel of the 70th Indiana, August 7, 1862. He later joined William Tecumseh Sherman's Atlanta Campaign.

Harrison served under President Ulysses Grant in a landmark Supreme Court case concerning treason. Rapidly Harrison's popularity increased and he was urged by Indiana Republicans to run for U.S. Senator, and elected in 1880.

As president, Harrison with Republicans in both houses of Congress fought for Black American civil liberties. Harrison's Attorney General William H. Miller's Justice Department prosecuted voting rights violations in the South. Other civil rights bills were introduced.

In 1891 Congress passed the Land Revision Act of 1891. This bill allowed Harrison and future presidents the ability to create National Forests. Within a month of its passage Harrison authorized the first forest service to be established at Yellowstone.

During his presidency six states were added to the Union: North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Washington, Wyoming and Idaho. These state admissions were bitterly opposed by Democrats. The Democrats feared these states would be Republican.

Now a little about the Fullerton Hotel:



Old photo of the Fullerton Inn and an American Flag with Harrison & Reid on it. PHOTO PROVIDED

This was the third hotel on this site. It was erected in 1891 after the previous hotel burned in June of 1888. This hotel was a grand building as you can see. The hotel had 35 rooms and the latest and best design in furniture and accessories. A stage running from the Depot delivered railroad passengers to and from the Fullerton daily. It was a very busy and prosperous hotel. The Chester Historical Society owns the original blueprints for this hotel.

Howard Peck told me that his parents took him down to the Hadley place that cold January 20, 1920 night to watch the Fullerton burn.

Howard, standing in the Hadley home watched firefighters trying to save the building but to no avail. At the historical society we have a few photos taken the next day of the hotel ruins. We also have a couple photos that show the firefighting equipment completely covered in a thick layer of ice.

The photographer was standing on the porch of the Hadley house when he took this photo. Today we know the Hadley place as the Hugging Bear Inn. So the hotel you see in the photo was built in 1891 and the photo was taken in 1892.

Another little tidbit of information I found in an old ledger in the collection of the Chester Historical Society. That ledger is from the Yosemite Firehouse and dates to the 1880s - 1890s. One entry mentions President Harrison stopping one summer evening in Chester Depot. Harrison was on the train and while raining he did get off the train to stretch his legs. Yosemite firemen wore their dress uniforms with white gloves to greet the president. Har-

ison didn't stay long in the Depot before he boarded the train and continued to his destination. I know of no photos of his visit but remain hopeful to find one someday.

This week's old saying is a billboard I once saw in Rutland in the 1960s. Yes, at one time Vermont had billboards. It was a photo of a longhaired hippy and read "Keep America beautiful. Get a haircut."



Harrison & Reid detail. PHOTO PROVIDED



Remember when...

Remember when the Canadian Pacific Engine 1293 traveled on the Monadnock Northern Railroad in Brockway Mills, Vt. This photo was taken on Sept. 20, 1964.

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TRAINING

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is disappointing, and it is clear we must all take a strong stand against this abuse," said Gov. Scott. "I appreciate the work of our agency and department leaders in ensuring the state is vigilant in protecting its employees."

The directive requires all state employees to take sexual harassment training, which will be provided by DHR through the Center for Achievement in Public Service (CAPS). The training, Preventing and Addressing Sexual Harassment, is designed to educate state employees on how to identify, prevent, and address sexual harassment issues in the workplace.

"Ensuring a safe work environment for all employees is the top priority of our department, so the Governor's leadership on this issue is appreciated," said DHR Commissioner Beth Fastiggi. "We will offer as many courses as necessary to

complete this task, and have already scheduled 400 trainings across the state over the next year."

"Everyone in state government, from frontline workers to cabinet members, has a critical role in maintaining professional and respectful work environments," stated Susanne Young, Secretary of Administration. "Providing this training to all employees in a classroom setting, rather than online as it is today, will undoubtedly enhance the experience and promote healthy and civil discussions."

This directive to state employees is



Vermont State House in Montpelier.

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in addition to requirements for the Governor's appointed staff to attend training relating to sexual harassment at least annually, as detailed in an updated Executive Code of Ethics Gov. Scott issued earlier this month.



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Op-Ed: To boost the state's economy, flip our thinking

Even before Congressional Republicans passed the tax overhaul this month that promises to widen the worst income gap between rich and poor since before the Great Depression, there was ample evidence that the economy was leaving too many Vermonters behind. Now, as the President prepares to sign the bill, the task for Vermont's leaders and policymakers grows urgently clear: They must focus on raising the incomes of low- and moderate-income Vermonters, challenging the message from Washington that wages will rise and prosperity will spread as soon as the economy improves.

"State of Working Vermont 2017," a report released by Public Assets Institute, documents the reality confronting average Vermonters: while the economy grows, their paychecks do not.

"To get the trend lines moving in the right direction, we need to flip our thinking," said Paul Cillo, president of Public Assets and one of the report's authors. "We need to start with the premise that addressing the needs of workers and families is the way to a stronger economy, not than the other way around."

Among the report's findings:

- Wages and incomes are growing fastest for those who already are doing well.
- After accounting for inflation, for most of the last decade the median Vermont household has lived on less than it did in 2006.
- Poverty is increasing, and it is highest among Vermonters of color.

• While nearly all Vermonters have health insurance, housing has grown less affordable and childcare less accessible.

"Income inequality dampens economic growth, reduces upward mobility, and increases poverty," says Cillo. "But it's not inevitable. Vermont does not have to follow Washington's example. We can increase affordable childcare, ensure a higher minimum wage, and reduce barriers to education and employment. Addressing the problems documented in this report will improve life for all Vermonters."

Public Assets produces the State of Working Vermont each year in conjunction with the Economic Policy Institute in Washington, D.C. This report highlights how working Vermonters and their families were faring economically at the end of 2016 - the latest year for which most data are available - and how conditions have changed, for better or worse, in recent years. It is based on data released by the U.S. Census, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, and other state and federal agencies in 2017.

State of Working Vermont 2017 is published in readable chart book format with brief explanatory text. The report can be viewed or downloaded at www.publicassets.org.

Public Assets Institute is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization in Montpelier that promotes sound state budget and tax policies that benefit all Vermonters. More information is available at www.publicassets.org.

R.F.D.



by Mike Marland

Op-Ed: Experts warn no good options as Scott moves to shut down Vermont Health Connect

Last week, Gov. Phil Scott announced that his administration is preparing to move away from Vermont Health Connect, the state's insurance marketplace that has cost taxpayers over \$200 million.

"We're looking to bring a proposal forward before the next legislative session ... [and hope to move] away from VHC by next January," the governor told reporters at his weekly press conference.

While the governor has not released detailed information about the changes, he claims the proposal will be an innovative plan "others throughout the country could take a look at and follow."

Scott inherited VHC from the Shumlin administration. The insurance marketplace failed multiple benchmarks set by Gov. Peter Shumlin, yet the former governor refused to pull the plug.

The marketplace has likely cost more than \$200 million, though the exact figure is not certain due to the state's failure to report expenses, a violation of federal law. Despite the continued investment in the health exchange, workers still have to process changes of information by hand, and customers remain frustrated.

Scott said his decision was based on the healthcare reform slowdown from lawmakers in Washington as well as recent security breaches, including the disclosure of social security numbers online through the online system. "This is a new world for us. [Data breaches aren't] going to subsidize. This is going to intensify," Scott said. But healthcare experts tell Watchdog that Scott has few good options, including his idea of merging marketplaces with states like Connecticut to stabilize the system and share

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"Of course I love you, Dad. That's why I'm here."

"My guess is the state's real option is to follow the example of Oregon: close the state exchange and accept the federal www.healthcare.gov website as the state's exchange. There are costs involved, but there are no cost-less options."

In December, a state-commissioned independent review of VHC advised against joining the federal exchange due to costs and lack of ease. However, those findings may lack objectivity since the group conducting the study, Strategic Solutions, is often hired to fix state exchanges.

When Nevada transitioned to the federal exchange in 2014, lawmakers estimated the change would cost about \$20 million. That is roughly half the cost of annual VHC operational costs. However, the transition would likely cost more due to penalties written into the Affordable Care Act relating to states pulling out of state exchanges.

Additional problems keeping Vermont from the federal exchange are that health policies have less flexibility and are extremely dependent on federal funding.

Michael Cannon, director of health care policy at the Cato Institute, says that it is not possible for states to opt out of both a state and federal exchange.

"There really is nothing that states can do to fix Obamacare's problems," he told Watchdog. "All Obamacare provisions apply in all states, regardless of what the state does."

The failed exchanges of Hawaii, New Mexico, Oregon, and Nevada collectively cost taxpayers \$733 million. Vermont Health Connect may add millions to lost taxpayer dollars spent on state exchanges.

Article written by Emma Lambertson, www.watchdog.org.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The family of Jack Gleason would like to thank our extended families, friends, and the greater community for their love and support during our time of loss. We would like to express our special gratitude to Steven G. Fuller, Sr. for officiating at the funeral; to Fenton & Hennessey for their considerate and professional services; to Lisa's Market, Heidi Hindes-Brown, and Lisa Hindes-Moody for providing reception refreshments; to DHMC and Genesis Health Center for their

wonderful care of Jack; to Wayne and Jane Ryan for the floral arrangements; to everyone who visited during Jack's illness; and to everyone who attended his memorial service and calling hours.

As one guestbook entry stated: "Heaven just became a funnier place." Thank you all.

Sincerely,
Julie Gleason Compagna and family
Morrisville, Vt.

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Michele M. Hebert, 1968 - 2017

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Michele M. Hebert 49, passed away unexpectedly at her home in Londonderry, Vt. on Dec. 18, 2017. She was born on Nov. 5, 1968 in Rutland, Vt. the daughter of Bernard N. Jr. and Stasia A. (Quimby) Carey. She attended Springfield Schools, graduating from Springfield High School class of 1986. She attended Castleton State College and CCV earning a degree in Business Management. She later received training and Real Estate Licensing through Manfred.

On Aug. 13, 2011, she married Christopher J. Morse in Londonderry, Vt. Hebert worked as a real estate appraiser owning and operating her own business MMH Appraisal Services in Londonderry, Vt.

For those who knew Hebert, knew that she was a beautiful soul and always willing to help out whenever and wherever she could. She loved to have a good time with friends and family. She was the most gentle and kind hearted when it came to animals as well. She was always trying something new, in the past she was involved with quilting. Most recently, she really enjoyed painting pottery. Hebert was that friendly face you'd always see around town and always

said hello even if she was just passing by. Or she'd talk your ear off. She was the best friend anyone could've ever had or known. She will be greatly missed and always loved. Hebert always loved the beach and summertime - it was just where she always felt she belonged. If you ever feel alone or are missing her, just look for the sunshine and a warm breeze, or sit on a beach with your toes in the sand and listen to the roaring of the ocean. That's her just soaking up the sun and feeling at home and resting in peace.

She is survived by her husband Christopher Morse of Londonderry, daughter Alyssa Moffit of Putney, two grandchildren Kyle and Wilder. Her father Bernard Carey of Springfield, brother Michael Carey of Springfield, aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was predeceased by one brother Mark Carey and by her Mother Stasia.

Services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to the Friends of Manchester Animal Shelter, 490 Dunn Barton Rd. Manchester, N.H. 03102. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Neil R. Fairbanks, 1925-2017

LUDLOW, Vt. - Neil Rollo Fairbanks, 92, died Dec. 22, 2017 at the Rutland Regional Hospital in Rutland, Vt. Fairbanks was born on Aug. 22, 1925 in Bridgewater, Vt. the son of Rollo C. and Angie L. (Archer) Fairbanks.

Fairbanks was a World War II Navy Veteran and a long-time member of the American Legion. For many years, he was an active member of the Gethsemane Episcopal Church in Proctorsville, Vt. where he served as sexton. Upon his retirement from 32 years working for Jones & Lamsons, he enjoyed hours working in his woodworking shop, producing many fine pieces of furniture from cabinets, chairs, and tables to his beloved birdhouses. He also volunteered at the local senior center delivering commodities and driving seniors to appointments.

He is survived by his wife Barbara Fairbanks of Wallingford, Vt.; daughter Colleen (Nicholas) Kurylo of Millerstown, Pa.; son Francis Fairbanks and Cindy Perham of Mount Holly, Vt.; daughter Linda Dunworth and Claude Melason of Proctorsville, Vt.; son Paul and Sylvia Fairbanks of Ludlow, Vt.; four grandsons; two granddaughters; and five great grandchildren. He is predeceased by his first wife Elizabeth



Neil R. Fairbanks, 1925-2017. PHOTO PROVIDED

Preedham (1987); three brothers Orlo, Roger, and Clyde Fairbanks; and four sisters Minnie Worth, Ada Ranney, Della Fairbanks, and Myrtle Glidden.

A funeral service was held on Friday, Dec. 29, 2017 at All Saints' Mission Church in Rutland. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow in the spring.

Memorial donations may be made to the All Saints Anglican Church, 42 Woodstock Ave., Rutland, VT, 05701 or the Gethsemane Episcopal Church, 89 Depot Street, Proctorsville, VT 05153.

The family is being assisted by the Cabot Funeral Home in Woodstock, Vt.

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Leroy Simonds, 1936 - 2017

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - Leroy "Bud" Simonds of Saxtons River, Vt. passed away peacefully, surrounded by love Saturday, Dec. 23, 2017. Simonds was the son of Mildred (Odette) and Leroy Simonds Sr., born on Aug. 23, 1936. Simonds graduated from Bellows Falls High School in 1955. In 1956, he joined the U.S. Navy along with his brother Jerry. After returning home, he married his childhood sweetheart Marilyn Boyd on July 13, 1957. Simonds worked as a route man for Tip Top Baking and a shipper for Nissen's Bakery, retiring in 2000.

Simonds is survived by his wife Marilyn, son Leroy Simonds III, daughter Mary and son in law Tim Evans, and daughter Patricia and son in law Dennis Landers. His brother George Simonds and wife Dolly, his brother Gerald "Jerry" Simonds,

brother in law Leo Sprague, sister in law Carol Simonds, and his childhood best friend and brother in law James Boyd. Simonds is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and two great-great grandsons. He is predeceased by his parents, sisters Carolyn Whitaker and Barbara Sprague, brothers Clifford, Ronald, and Bruce Simonds, and his great-great granddaughter Kylie Alexis.

Simonds enjoyed watching his sports, discussing (debating) current events with family and friends, and engineering toys for his grandchildren. He was a wealth of knowledge and a dedicated family man. Most of all, Simonds enjoyed his grandchildren.

Services were held at Fenton and Hennessey in Bellows Falls, Vt. Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017.

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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

Rivalries are often the focus of sports competition. According to Webster, a rival is one of two or more parties striving to reach or obtain something that only one can possess. One that, at least, equals another in a desired quality.

There are good rivalries, and there are bad rivalries. I happen to think some good rivalries can be bad at times. I also believe some bad rivalries can be good at times. Sometimes, rivals change depending on the sport or the season. Many think Bellows Falls and Springfield are this area's fiercest rivalry. Depending upon where you live, there may be others claiming that the rivalry between Chester and Ludlow, or Green Mountain against Black River takes a back seat to no one. I haven't even mentioned Fall Mountain, who has separate rivalries at times with Stevens, Monadnock, and Bellows Falls.

Again, it depends who you are or where you live and upon your life experiences. Many might say today: both the rivalries originally mentioned between Bellows Falls and Springfield and Black River and Green Mountain are stale compared to what they use to be. There are still others who might offer that the world has changed and relationships are different. Social media has made it easier to get to know someone and yet tougher to believe some of the things people might say about your hated rival.

I grew up in the Bellows Falls vs. Springfield rivalry. Those who influenced me at a young age made it clear I shouldn't like Springfield. There were games, and then there were games. Springfield was the game, and you better not lose. I learned, for the most part, it didn't matter what the records were; either team could win and you better not let them win. Red Sox vs. Yankees, Patriots vs. Jets, Celtics vs. Lakers, and Dartmouth vs. Holy Cross were some of the ferocious rivalries I came across at a very young age.

How about that Black River vs. Green Mountain one I thought was the same as all the others? I was led to believe the two just didn't like each other. Was that true? Someone recently told me different.

I was inquiring about the status of the Black River Gym, which we have

now heard is either officially or unofficially entitled Presidential Hall (really like that name), and Black River Athletic Director Joe Gurdak told me, "Green Mountain has always been a really good rival."

Green Mountain Athletic Director Todd Parah and Gurdak met recently and were able to somehow schedule almost all of the Black River boys' and girls' basketball games at Nason Gym in Chester. If you missed the news a few weeks ago, the floor at Presidential Hall has become unplayable because of wood rot. The President teams were looking for a place to play. Gym scheduling is a headache in every town for every athletic director, but to fit four programs into one gym...WOW! There should be a standing ovation for both Parah and Gurdak.

Gurdak told me, "Todd did an incredible job. The school board approved it. The principal is on board - even their assistant principal attended our meeting. The cooperation has been tremendous. They even bent over backwards to get a JV game in."

Back to the Black River vs. Green Mountain rivalry, Gurdak answered, "Our rivalry between the two schools has always been a good rivalry. It has never been about trying to smash them. It has always been about respect in every sport. It has never mattered what the records have been. It is a game that you always looked forward to, but when the game was over, you are talking to each other and you are friends."

Gurdak is about the same age I am. How did his definition of rivalry turn out so different than mine? I decided to call some other contacts through the generations of that rivalry to find out what either Gurdak or I missed. I know I have spoken to persons on both sides of the Bellows Falls vs. Springfield rivalry several times and persons of several generations feel differently there. One Springfield coach told me in the past decade, "I've played in this rivalry as well as coached in it. We didn't know the kids from Bellows Falls, and we didn't want to. We knew if the other players wore purple, we didn't like them."

Those words might have been a little harsh, but they weren't too far beyond all that I had been brought up with and knew existed. The same coach



Black River's Ryan Sheehan is shown making a pass in game action earlier this season. Sheehan and his mates will not be playing any home games this winter. Due to a gym floor problem, they will play most of their home games at Green Mountain's Nason Gym.

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problem like they did with the gym. Parah said, "It was actually pretty impressive how we were able to work out the dates. There is only so much time. It felt rewarding to be able to sit down with a crosstown rival and make it work. We want to help out."

These two communities have worked together like this before. There was another unfortunate time in the not-so-distant past when a storm made Green Mountain's softball field unplayable. Black River came to the rescue and dates at Dorsey Park were worked out for the Chieftain team. Now the shoe is on the other foot, and the powers that be from Chester have extended the helping hand.

This certainly is a good rivalry.

If you would like to comment on the sports in this paper, feel free to email me at bmurphy@vermontjournal.com.

Fall Mountain girls' basketball capture their own tourney title

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

LANGDON, N.H. - The initial MG Holiday Tournament trophy will reside in the Fall Mountain trophy case. In past years, Keene State College has hosted a girls' basketball tournament. But when Owlville decided not to do the event this year, the Fall Mountain Athletic Department was ready to welcome the tourney with open arms. The Lady Wildcats were either the perfect hosts or not, depending on your point of view. Regardless, they used the comforts of home to their advantage - all the way to the tournament crown. Brian Pickering's team bested neighboring Monadnock 46-45 in double overtime to capture top honors in Langdon.

In New Hampshire, tournament games don't count in the standings. Fall Mountain and Monadnock meet twice during the regular season, and they were scheduled for the first meeting back on Dec. 12, 2017 at Monadnock when Fall Mountain stood 3-0. This winter's weather got in the way, and the two teams had to postpone the contest until Jan. 26. Thus, the first meeting doesn't count unless you want to be the champion of the first annual MG Tourney. In reality, the bet here is that both sides believe the game counts.

The final was a thriller between the two programs. Pickering's team trailed the defending state champi-

ons 36-33 in the waning moments of the title game. Freshman Sophie Bardis found the ball in her possession with the clock winding down in the final seconds of the contest. She released a three, hoping to tie the proceedings. That is exactly what happened as her shot tickled the twine with 5 seconds to play and the rivals were headed to overtime, tied at 36.

Both teams tallied 4 points in the first overtime, and then the Wildcats outscored the Huskies 4-3 in the second overtime to make the difference. Chrissy Craig led Fall Mountain in scoring with 15 points, while Zoey Luopa and Bardis each contributed 10.

To reach the finals, the Fall Mountain team had to get by both Sunapee and Hinsdale. They beat the Lakers 55-20 before outrunning the Pacers down the stretch 56-36 in the semifinals. The Wildcats led 14-2, following the first stanza of the Sunapee game and really didn't have a challenge, but the Pacers proved to be much tougher.

Fall Mountain did run away with it in the final period, but this was a tight game for three periods. They trailed 16-12 at the quarter, had moved ahead 24-23 at the half, and had a small cushion of 38-34 at the third before blitzing their opponent 18-2 in the final 8 minutes.

Luopa paced the 11-person scoring attack with a team high 12 in the Sunapee victory, while Morgan Beauregard, Luopa, and Bardis tossed in 15,

14, and 11 in the semi-final effort.

The Lady Wildcats now stand 5-0 in the regular season with the latest two triumphs coming at the expense of Franklin 51-23 and Mascoma 44-33 in a pair of home contests in the Den. Fall Mountain raced to an 11-0 advantage in the Franklin game and never looked back. Luopa was high scorer with 15, while Beauregard had a strong night with 14, and Bardis added 8.

The undefeated team was in a catfight so to speak with Mascoma, as the two teams each kept things close enough until the final 8 minutes. An 18-13 halftime advantage was stretched by the winners to 32-21 after the third quarter and was big enough to keep the pressure on the team playing from behind. Craig's 16 led the scoring column with Luopa adding 7 to the cause.

Pickering is a little surprised his team has played so well, but upon thinking about it, he remarked, "We are blessed to have so much depth. We have respect being behind at times and shown to be resilient and have shared the ball very well to set ourselves up to win some games that have been close."

Fall Mountain begins the post-holiday part of their schedule, Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018 versus a tough Hopkinton team on the road.

Fall Mountain boys' basketball takes third place in Keene State Tourney

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

LANGDON, N.H. - A basketball program must walk before it can run. Sometimes if a team has not found the winners' circle much in recent seasons, the players tend to become impatient to get running, before they learn to walk well enough. Fall Mountain boys' team fits that bill. They are 1-3 in the regular season and have recently captured third place in the Keene State Holiday Tournament. In each case, the players feel they should have done better. From here, it looks like they are making good progress.

Achieving third place in an eight-team tournament takes playing some pretty good basketball. Especially when ConVal and Murdock, Mass. are the two teams finishing above you. Justin Cassa-

rino's team defeated Newport 52-51 to take third place honors. Cassarino said, "It was a sloppy game all around."

But that's what happens when any team plays three games in three days after some time without playing over the holidays. A win is a win and, however sloppy it was, the Fall Mountain team are pointed in the right direction.

Owen Marandino attacked the basket with 20 seconds remaining to push the Wildcats over the Tigers and win round one of three battles the two will stage this winter. Marandino led the team scoring parade in the contest with 16 points and was strongly aided by Jacob Bardis' 10.

Cassarino's team had lost a tough battle to Murdock in the semi-finals despite Marandino and Bardis tossing in 28 points, evenly split between them. The Wildcats came from 32-22 down at halftime to bring the game back to one point 51-50 and had two cracks to take the lead, but Murdock's defense prevented a score. "Both teams played some strong defense at times in this one," Cassarino noted.

The Wildcat men had little trouble in the opening round of the tournament, easily beating Sunapee 63-42. "We started out slow after the time off but picked things up, with lots of intensity on defense helping us to easy baskets," Cassarino said. Bardis

led the offense with 15 in the game followed by the Murdoch brothers Michael and Joey with 11 and 10 points respectively.

Fall Mountain had their heads in every game all season despite their official 1-3 record. They fell to a good Contant team 68-58 in the opener, before another 10-point defeat 66-56 in the home opener with Monadnock. A couple of technical fouls helped point the Wildcats the wrong way versus the Huskies. Bardis had 23 in the opener, while Marandino added 10. Marandino and Michael Murdoch contributed 16 and 10 respectively in the Husky encounter.

The Wildcats first win 69-61 over Franklin on the road was a come-from-behind effort in which Marandino with a season high 21, Ranger Wilson with 18, and Michael Murdoch with 15 assured the triumph. It was another tough regular season loss to Mascenic 63-58 just before the tourney. Michael Murdoch and Wilson paced the offense with 20 and 13 on the night when the Cats led a 49-45 lead slip away in period number three.

Cassarino tells us, "This is a big week for us." The Wildcats host Bellows Falls on Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 5:30 p.m. and Springfield on Saturday, Jan. 6 at 2:30 p.m. They travel to Hillsboro-Deering on Friday, Jan. 5, 2017.



Fall Mountain basketball.

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Ian Clark wins competitive Dari Joy baseball contest

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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Ian Clark collected a healthy 22 points to nose out defending champion Joe Sampsell in a three-round tiebreaker to claim first place in the 2017 Dari Joy Baseball Picking Contest in an extremely competitive fight to the finish. If you scored 16 points in the 2016 contest, you would claim third place. Tallying 16 points this time around would only place you in a tie for sixth; and two contestants, who claimed that point total this time, were eliminated from any prizes in a three-way tiebreaker.

This was the seventh year the Dari Joy and the Vermont Journal/Shopper teamed up to allow baseball fans

to be both recognized and awarded for their baseball forecasting expertise. A record number of contestants excelled with their picks for this professional season. Back in 2013, when North Walpole's Mike O'Brien set the contest record of 26 points with his title, alongside his out-of-nowhere Red Sox pick, 16 points was good for second place. Today, 16 points left two competitors out of the prize recipients, despite the fact, the number of prizes has doubled since the earlier days.

Experience counts in this annual contest as five of the top six finishers have been in the money before. Clark and Sampsell both mustered 22 points and the key to their high finish and many of the other contenders being near the top, was their

selection of the Los Angeles Dodgers as World Series losers. No less than seven contestants earned 4 points on their score by making that choice. The contest winners also compete against yours truly and Rich Demuzio, the owner of the Dari Joy. Our choices are printed publicly in the paper before the contestants make their entries out. If any contestant outscore us, then the prizes in the contest double. Needless to say, in this high scoring season, they will take home the higher prizes when the Dari Joy re-opens for the season Saturday, April 7, 2018.

Behind the top scoring power duo, Melissa Nichols was next with 20 points in third place. Bob Sartini was a point behind with 19 points in 4th place. All four of those par-

ticipants were in the money with the Dodgers World Series runner-up pick. Greg Chaffee was one point further down the chain with 18, without the Dodgers tabbed. He had the Red Sox as World Series runner-up and still accumulated enough points to be high in the competition.

I already mentioned the three-way tie for sixth place. Only six positions are awarded, and the tiebreaker was put into motion to determine which contestant would rank sixth.

Alphabetically, Lewis Clark, Ron Logerfo, and Charlie O'Brien tied for the position. When all was said and done, O'Brien was sixth for the third year in a row. This is the third year six spots have been recognized, and each year O'Brien has been sixth. He had competed previously

but never finished in the rankings.

To break the tie, I checked how each of the three had fared choosing who would finish sixth in their divisions. They all agreed on four of the basement teams: Tampa Bay, Atlanta, San Diego, and Oakland. However, Oakland was the only one of those four who actually finished last and was also the only last place selection Logerfo had correct. Both Clark and O'Brien also tabbed the Cincinnati Reds correctly for the cellar, allowing the two to have a couple of selections correct in the opening tiebreaker round and advance to a second tiebreaker, where O'Brien would be the only one of the pair, who had any correct for next to last place on his entry. He forecast the Chicago White Sox for fourth

place to decide his sixth place.

The prizes for the contest include gift certificates from the Dari Joy and a choice of autographed baseballs to fill out the six awards. Ian Clark will have his choice from all the prizes and selection will continue down from there. The autographed balls available this year are Xander Bogaerts, Brock Holt, Joe Kelly, Craig Kimbrel, and Carson Smith.

This past summer's contest included our youngest candidate I can remember, definitely the youngest this time around. Nine-year-old Milo Tucker of Ludlow didn't win, but we wanted to let him to know, we noticed his entry. He scored points for both the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox making the post season.

arts & entertainment

Springfield OLLI winter/spring 2018 semester programs

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) winter/spring 2018 semester begins on Tuesday, Jan. 30 with an overview of the Weapons of Fraud and how to stay vigilant against becoming a victim.

This local educational group is pleased that its membership has steadily increased as people have become familiar with the engaging style of the speakers and the topics offered. Members have commented that "The excellent programs get better and better!" Sponsored by the University of Vermont, OLLI is run

by local volunteer members and is geared mainly towards seniors who are 50 years of age and older who enjoy learning for the fun of it! Anyone who would be interested in this type of program, regardless of their age, is welcome.

There are many interesting programs planned by the local committee to inform and interest participants such as local and Vermont history, nature, health, science, literature, art, music, world, and current event subjects. The programs are held Tuesday afternoons at 2 p.m. and last about an hour and a half.

The meeting location is the Nolin Murray Center on Pleasant Street, next to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Springfield, Vt.

There are membership fees each semester and include entrance to all nine programs in the semester as well as admittance to the seven other OLLI programs throughout Vermont, such as in Brattleboro, Rutland, and St. Johnsbury. Non-members are welcome and encouraged to attend individual programs for a single program fee. To facilitate registration, please send memberships to UVM OLLI Registration Office, 460 South Prospect Street, Burlington, VT 05401. Include a paper with your name, address, phone number, and email address. Checks should be made payable to "The University of Vermont." Indicate that it for the "Springfield OLLI." Memberships and day fees may also be paid at the program.

The latest brochures have been printed and distributed throughout the area at public locations such as local libraries, town halls, community and senior centers, and Chamber of Commerce offices. Requests for a brochure can be made by calling 802-885-3094. The program listing can be viewed and downloaded at www.learn.uvm.edu/olli. Choose "Statewide sites" and scroll to Springfield.

For weather-related changes to the schedule, you may check the above mentioned website, SAPA TV, or call 802-885-6248 or 802-885-3094.

Thanks go out to our local benefactor, Barbara Sanderson, and also to the Springfield Garden Club and

the Ascutney Mountain Audubon Society who are co-sponsoring programs.

Following is the listing of programs for the Winter/Spring 2018 semester:

Jan. 30 - Weapons of Fraud

Presented by Elliott Greenblott, coordinator of AARP Vermont Fraud Watch. Every two seconds, someone in the United States falls victim to identity theft - by phone, in the mail, and on the internet. We are in a state of siege created by con artists and scammers. We will hear an overview of the leading scams and techniques of con artists and discuss steps to take to avoid victimization.

Feb. 13 - The History of Spices

Presented by Hank Kaestner, former director of Spice Procurement for McCormick & Co. and co-sponsored by Springfield Garden Club. During his travels as spice buyer for the world's largest spice company, Kaestner literally followed in the footsteps of the early explorers, Vasco Da Gama and Columbus. We'll travel with him as he takes us back to the dawn of civilization, since spice buying is the world's second oldest profession! Tracing the use of spices by the early Chinese, the Romans, and the Egyptians, we'll follow the Age of Exploration when the European powers discovered direct routes to the spice origins in India and southeast Asia.

Feb. 27 - Gold Mines of New England

Presented by Jim Pecora, author and mining historian, director of Mica Mine Schoolhouse Museum in Alstead, N.H. and co-sponsored by the Ascutney Mountain Audubon



Check out the new line up of Winter/Spring 2018 OLLI programs.

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Society. New Hampshire and Vermont produce nearly 24 carat gold right out of the ground! This is the purest in the country. We will hear scams, myths, and facts about the most sought after metal in the earth. Gold truly is made from the stars! Understand how this stardust that the common man can successfully collect, or its pursuit, will drive you to a point of insanity called 'Madness.'

March 13 - Mozart: Child Prodigy Makes Good!

Presented by Erik Nielsen, professional composer. Most of us know the story of the young Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, who astonished the crowned heads of Europe as he and his sister Nannerl played duets, improvised, and created music on the spot from a prompt given them by their father or someone else. Once the young child grew out of prodigy status, however, he had to earn his living by his art. Realize that though the money was often inadequate, Mozart's variety of creations demonstrated his genius. Experience samples of Mozart's work to realize how remarkable (and wonderful!) it is. Prepare to be exhilarated and moved by the power of Mozart's creativity.

March 27 - The Construction and History of the Cheshire Railroad

Presented by Alan Rumrill, director of Historical Society of Cheshire County, N.H. The advent of the railroad changed the nature of life in southwest New Hampshire (and neighboring Vermont), making passenger travel faster and more comfortable, and fueling industrial growth in towns all along the rail line. The Cheshire Railroad ran from North Ashburnham, Mass. to Bellows Falls, Vt., and operated for more than 130 years. Learn how this technological marvel of the 1840s impacted the people and economy of the Monadnock Region.

April 10 - The Cornish Colony

Presented by Henry Duffy, curator of the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site. At the end of the 19th century, the village of Cornish, N.H. flourished as the center for classical arts in America. Brought here by the striking natural beauty of the Ascutney region, realize how the great sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens was the focal point of a gathering of artists, writers, musicians, political scientists, and even the President of the United States, that came to be known as "the American Athens."

April 24 - The Granite Cutters' Story: A History of Vermont's 200-Year-Old Granite Industry

Presented by Scott McLaughlin, director of the Granite Museum in Barre, Vt. Learn about the cultural and anthropological perspective of Vermont's granite industry as a tale of hope and loss, and of the eager immigrants, chasing a dream, who shaped our nation's cemeteries, parks and public architecture.

May 1 - Life of a Foot Soldier During the Revolutionary War

Presented by Damien Cregeau, independent historian. Hear what life was like for a soldier in America's Revolutionary War from our speaker who will come dressed in a Revolutionary War military uniform and carry his "kit" of equipment of the era. We'll reflect on the daily life story of an ordinary soldier, told in a very personal way.

May 8 - Political Polarization in the United States: Causes and Consequences

Presented by Eric Davis, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Middlebury College. We'll consider the causes of the political polarization that has increased in our country over the past 15 to 20 years to an all-time high. This has resulted in a dysfunctional political system oriented toward short-term solutions in the face of serious policy problems that require longer-term action.

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I am fine with children but would prefer them to be over 12 and have some dog experience. I like female dogs that are larger than myself, but have not been friendly towards male dogs. Cats and I will not be a good mix either. I just hope that there is a home in Vermont perfect for me! Come visit me soon! I am neutered and up to date on my vaccines.

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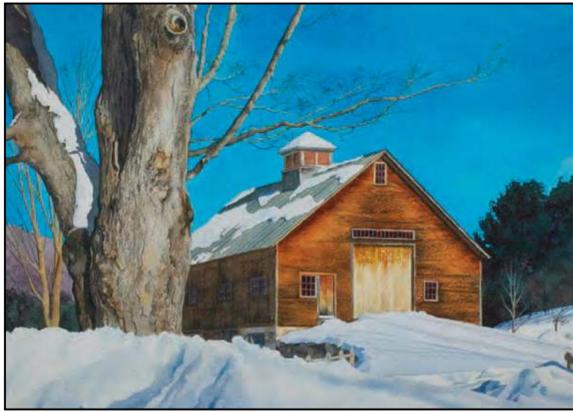
Painting the winter landscape in watercolor

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Gallery at the VAULT invites you to create the beauty of this season in a workshop with popular watercolor artist, Robert O'Brien. "Painting the New England Winter Landscape" will be on Saturday, Jan. 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Explore glazing techniques and the layering of subtle tints of snow, with an emphasis on value, composition, light, and shadow. Working from photos, you will learn to create a finished painting from a favorite winter subject. O'Brien will demonstrate his approach and provide hands-on guidance to each student. A critique will be held at the end of the session.

All levels are welcome. There is a registration fee and a materials list will be provided.

For more information, please call or come into Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street, Springfield, Vt. We



O'Brien brown barn.

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are open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Call 802-885-7111 or email galleryvault@vermontel.net.

Women's Freedom Center presents "My Stolen Revolution"

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - On Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 6:30 p.m., the Women's Freedom Center presents the documentary film "My Stolen Revolution" at the Rockingham Library.

As a student activist in Iran's 1979 revolution that overthrew the dictatorial Shah, Nahid Persson Sarvestani fled to Sweden with her baby after Islamists seized power and began persecuting leftists who had been their revolutionary allies. Three decades later, events in Iran inspire Nahid to revisit that part of her life. Shifting skillfully between past and present, this deeply personal documentary is an essential resource for understanding Iran today.

"My Stolen Revolution" is the fifth in a series of six films by and about women, sponsored by the Women's



Women's Freedom Center presents "My Stolen Revolution."

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Freedom Center running the second Wednesday of each month, Sept. 2017 through Feb. 2018 at Rockingham Library. If you were not able to make it to the Women's Film Festival in Brattleboro, the Women's Freedom Center is

bringing the festival films to you. Films are free and open to the public. The Women's Freedom Center is the local non-profit organization working to end domestic and sexual violence in Windham and Southern Windsor Counties. They are a feminist organization committed to offering support and advocacy to all survivors of violence, as well as prevention and activities to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated. The center's 24/7 hotline number is 802-885-2050.

Fireside Chat

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - Main Street Arts and the Saxtons River Historical Society are again pairing for a series of Fireside Chats to highlight the area's history Sundays in January from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. in the dining room of the Saxtons River Inn.

The series begins Jan. 7, 2018 with the Back-to-the-Land Movement as told through the experiences of Peter Gould, author of "Horse-Drawn Yoghurt: Stories from Total Loss Farm."

Gould moved to Total Loss Farm in Guilford in the 1970s at the height of the desire of young people to get back to their roots and live a simpler life. With the help of locals, they learned forgotten skills as they struggled to balance their peaceful communal life with the chaos brought on the rest of the country by the Vietnam War.

Although they didn't know it at the time, the new farmers were to have an impact on the future of agriculture on Vermont as they provided

the early impetus to the rise of organic farming and sustainable food production in the state.

The second in the series is Jan. 14, 2018 when the topic will be the Art of Timber Framing, with Jason Snell,

owner of Old Timers Timber Frames in Saxtons River.

In case of inclement weather, cancellation information will be available by contacting Main Street Arts at 802-869-2960.



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First Friday Film "Terms and Conditions May Apply"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - On Friday, Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. the Springfield Unitarian Universalist presents the documentary "Terms and Conditions May Apply" as their First Friday Film.

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sharing it with the government. And you agreed to all of it. With fascinating examples and so-unbelievable-they're-almost-funny facts, filmmaker Cullen Hoback exposes what governments and corporations are legally taking from you every day - turning the future of both privacy and civil liberties uncertain. From whistle blowers and investigative journalists to zombie fan clubs and Egyptian dissidents, this disquieting exposé demonstrates how every one of us has incrementally opted-in to a real-time surveillance state, click by click - and what, if anything, can be done about it."

The documentary was produced and directed by Cullen Hoback and released on July 12, 2013.

The program is held at the church at 21 Fairground Rd, Springfield, Vt. There's no charge. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Popcorn and hot beverages will be served. All are welcome!



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outdoor news

Okemo hosts Grommet Throwdown

LUDLOW, Vt. - "Grommet" is a widely accepted term for a young person who participates in extreme sports such as surfing, skateboarding, skiing, or snowboarding.

At Okemo's Grommet Throwdown on Saturday, Jan. 6, kids 13 and younger can spend the morning with Okemo park rangers and Ski & Ride school instructors learning park etiquette, safety, and some tips for performing tricks on terrain park elements. In the afternoon, Okemo's Bull Run will become a festive competition site as participants demonstrate what they learned earlier in the day. Prizes will be awarded for the best tricks.

Admission to this event is free, and participants will gather on Okemo's Bull Run trail, located in the Clock Tower base area at 10 a.m. Registration for the afternoon competition

starts at 12:30 p.m. at the bottom of Bull Run, and the contest will begin at 1 p.m.

To learn more about Okemo or upcoming events, call 802-228-1600 or visit www.okemo.com.



Down the ramp. PHOTO BY STEVE MULCAHY



Kids of all ages perform tricks at Homeward Bound Park. PHOTO BY STEVE MULCAHY



Snowboarding in the Grommet Throwdown. PHOTO BY STEVE MULCAHY

Free ice fishing day

CASTLETON, Vt. - Always wanted to go ice fishing but couldn't find a good excuse to get away? Now we have found that excuse for you: a Free Ice Fishing Day on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018. It's a day when anyone, resident or nonresident, may go fishing in Vermont without a fishing license.

Come to our free Ice Fishing Festival at Lake Bomoseen State Park in Castleton! Vermont Fish & Wildlife staff will be there to help everyone,

young and old, learn how to enjoy this unique and popular type of fishing. The festival will be held Jan. 27, 2018 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration opens at 11 a.m. and then fun family activities will happen throughout the day. This year, Fish & Wildlife staff and Let's Go Fishing volunteers will help new ice anglers learn the basics of winter ice fishing with stations including:

- Ice fishing gear explained
- Tip-up techniques

- Using a rod and jig
- Fish identification game
- Knot-tying know-how and tackle craft

Plus enjoy a fish fry and cocoa (bring your own mug if you can)! Warming huts will be available to keep you comfortable. Bring your

own ice fishing equipment or you can borrow ours.

Pre-register now to avoid long lines at registration and get in the "fast pass" lane for ice fishing! For more information, contact Nicole Meier by email at Nicole.Meier@vermont.gov or call 802-318-1347.



Snowy sunburst

Our friend Ron Patch went snowshoeing recently, and found a spot in the woods where the trees were covered in ice. "The sun was in my eyes and I ended up with a sunburst and a little ice on the limbs."

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Public visioning workshop and open house for the Weathersfield Forest

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. - The town of Weathersfield will be hosting a Public Visioning Workshop

and Open House on Tuesday, Jan. 9, from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Martin Memorial Hall in Ascutney to collect public input on the future of the Weathersfield Town Forest.

Weathersfield was selected as one of 10 communities in Vermont to receive a grant from the Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program. This grant program assists Vermont communities interested in addressing issues and opportunities in the use and stewardship of their town forest and generates town forest recreation plans. The town invites the public to share thoughts and ideas as the process kicks off to help explore the range of recreational uses you'd like to see in our town forest and to develop an action-based town forest recreational plan in line with our community values. The workshop will be an open house format so residents may drop in any time!

The Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program is a joint initiative of Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation and UVM Extension. Over the next year the program and its partners will be working with SE Group, a consultant specializing in community planning, to engage the ten selected communities in a robust planning process to develop action-based town forest recreation plans. In 2018 comprehensive action-oriented town forest stewardship and recreation plans will be developed for these ten Vermont communities. Based on the outcomes of these diverse forests and communities, a town forest recreation planning toolkit will be released to support sustainable, forest-based recreation in town forests statewide.

Weathersfield's 310-acre town forest is an integral part of its economic development plan that calls for an integrated trail system connecting villages, hamlets, and recreational areas throughout town. Weatherfield is interested in developing a trail plan that provides a solid foundation of the multi-use recreational trail system, conservation of wildlife habitat, and a stronger community connection that creates a true town forest.

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What sets D. Lasser Ceramics apart from other pottery are their brilliant colors and innovative, whimsical designs and patterns. The pottery is food safe, dishwasher safe and microwaveable. Several inns and restaurants in the area utilize and feature Lasser Ceramics dinnerware. Lasser Ceramics is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. year round.



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LEGAL NOTICES

VILLAGE OF LUDLOW DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on the twenty-second day of January, at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, to consider an Amendment to a Conditional Use Permit:

APPLICANT: Matthew Sydorowich
22 Smith Street
Ludlow, Vermont 05149

PROPERTY OWNER: Equity Trust, Co. Custodian
McLernon 3rd, IRA
1 Equity Way
Westlake, Ohio, 44145

PROPERTY LOCATION: 116 Main Street, Unit C6
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel Number 230429.006

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to allow for the change of use from a wine bar to a computer sales and repair shop with an art and photo gallery. This project is located in the Residential Commercial District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 88-191-CU, Amendment No. 6

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

Rosemary Goings
Board Clerk

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY, JAN. 16 –
CHESTER, Vt. – Join Kim Dixon of Insights Marketing Solutions for a free workshop “Grow Your Business with Digital Marketing” on Tuesday, Jan. 16 from 11 a.m. – noon at the Newsbank Conference Center at 352 Main Street, Chester. Focus will be on the DIY marketer— including blogging, effective email marketing, video, and social media. Bonus session from noon – 1 p.m. on email marketing using Constant Contact. This workshop is free but registration is appreciated, as space is limited. To register for this workshop visit www.events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eexj4w474d2cecxbd&oseq=&c=&ch=

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

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - 9:30-11 a.m. Play Group at Saxtons

River Elementary School. Come on over for crafts, activities and to play! Call Molly 802-376-6204. TFN

WEDNESDAYS -
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center Knit and Stitch group meets Wednesdays at 9 a.m. They can help you finish a project, repair an item and even take on special projects. The group is happy to donate “Knitted Knockers” to breast cancer survivors, stop by and ask for Betty for more information. Call: 802-463-3907. TFN

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Play Group at First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls/Rockingham Recreation Center. 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Come join the fun! Healthy snack served. Call Molly 802-376-6204. TFN

CAVENDISH, Vt. -From 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., there will be a Tai Chi beginners’ class at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Cavendish/Proctorsville, Vt., next to the Post Office at the corner of Rte 131 and Depot St. There is a monthly tuition cost. To learn more about the classes, please contact Djemila at 802-490-0225, by

email: djem.translator@gmail.com or check for updates on Facebook: www.facebook.com/gemstaiichi/. TFN

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

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

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Edgar May Open Play Group 10-11:30 a.m. at Studio Momentum, 71 Main St. An active playtime specifically designed for children aged 6 months through 5 years! Free to member families. Call 802-885-2568 or info@myreccenter.org. TFN

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

LUDLOW, Vt. – Okemo Valley TV offers “Train the Trainers” workshops on fourth Thursdays at no cost, 6-7 p.m. at the Okemo Valley TV studio, 37C Main St. in Ludlow. Everyone

who wants to learn the “ticks and tricks” of TV-video production is welcome. Reserve a space at pcody@lpcvt.org or call 802-228-8808. TFN

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

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

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

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

REGION - Bone Builders to combat osteoporosis. Free and open to 55+. Call 802-674-4547. Monday and Wednesday: Brownsville Town Hall 9-10 a.m.; Martin Memorial Hall in Acutney 10-11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday: Cavendish Baptist Church 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday: Andover Community Church 3 – 4 p.m. TFN

CLUBS

MONDAY, JAN. 1 -
STRATTON, Vt. – Join the Green Mountain Club, Manchester Section on Jan. 1 for a New Year’s hike at Stratton Pond. Meet at 10 a.m. at the Winhall Post Office to car pool to limited parking area to start the hike. This will be with snowshoes or traction depending on conditions with a total distance of 6 miles, and several hundred feet of total elevation change. Bring extra clothing, hand warmers, fluids, snacks and lunch. RSVP to Marge Fish at 802-384-3654 or marge.fish@gmail.com

SUNDAY, JAN. 7 -
RUPERT, Vt. – Join the Green Mountain Club, Manchester Section on Sunday Jan. 7 to snowshoe to the Thoreau Cabin in Merck Forest. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Shaw’s parking lot in Manchester Center or

STATE OF VERMONT WINDSOR COUNTY, SS NOTICE OF SALE

62 Andover Street, so-called Ludlow, VT

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Ludlow, in the County of Windsor are hereby notified that the taxes and/or water and sewer taxes assessed by such Town for the years 2015-2016, 2016-2017 are, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands in such Town, to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Richard E. Bauries to Joseph Sutowski and Betty Sutowski by deed dated December 30, 1981 and recorded in Book 78 at Page 581 of the Ludlow Town Land Records, and also deed dated December 27, 1982 and recorded in Book 80 at Page 598 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at Ludlow Town Office, a public place in such Town, on the 18th day of January, 2018 at Ten O’ Clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

You have the right to request in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the tax sale date set forth above, that only a portion of the property be sold to satisfy the delinquent tax bill. Should you wish to proceed with this request, you must follow the procedure set forth in 32 V.S.A. §5254; clearly identify the portion of the property to be sold, and include a certification from the Act 250 district coordinator and the town zoning administrator that the portion identified may be legally subdivided.

If you qualify under 24 V.S.A. §1535, you may be able to receive an abatement of the property taxes, interest and collection fees you owe to the town. Abatement means that your taxes could be reduced or eliminated. You have the right to appear before the Board of Abatement and explain why you think your taxes should be abated. To apply for an abatement, you must write to Ulla Cook, Town Clerk, P. O. Box 307, Ludlow, VT 05149.

Dated at Ludlow, County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 8th day of December, 2017.


Frank Heald, Collector of Town and
Town School District Taxes, Town Water and Sewer Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT WINDSOR COUNTY, SS NOTICE OF SALE

0 Evergreen Acres, so-called Ludlow, VT

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Ludlow, in the County of Windsor are hereby notified that the taxes and/or water and sewer taxes assessed by such Town for the years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017 are, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands in such Town, to wit:

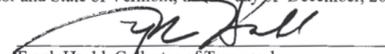
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Paul Burns to Jerome Rodriguez, Paul Burns and Kevin Romano by deed dated December 4, 2002 and recorded in Book 228 at Page 590 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at Ludlow Town Office, a public place in such Town, on the 18th day of January, 2018 at Ten O’ Clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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Town School District Taxes, Town Water and Sewer Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT WINDSOR COUNTY, SS NOTICE OF SALE

132 Ranta Road, so-called Ludlow, VT

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Ludlow, in the County of Windsor are hereby notified that the taxes and/or water and sewer taxes assessed by such Town for the years 2016-2017 are, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands in such Town, to wit:

Being a portion of the same lands and premises deeded by the Final Decree of Distribution in Re: The Estate of Gwendolyn J. Debish, Ronald J. Theissen, Administrator to John Debick by deed dated January 5, 2012 and recorded in Book 357 at Page 310 of the Ludlow Town Land Records, consisting of a building and 8.9 acres, more or less, of land located at 132 Ranta Road, Ludlow, Vermont.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at Ludlow Town Office, a public place in such Town, on the 18th day of January, 2018 at Ten O’ Clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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Frank Heald, Collector of Town and
Town School District Taxes, Town Water and Sewer Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT WINDSOR COUNTY, SS NOTICE OF SALE

741 East Lake Road, so-called Ludlow, VT

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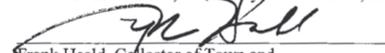
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Viola R. Carrier and Francis A. Forte to Lawrence Crainich and Annmarie Crainich by deed dated March 11, 1983 and recorded in Book 81 at Page 494-495 of the Ludlow Town Land Records. Lawrence Crainich conveyed his interest in said premises to Annmarie Crainich by Quit Claim Deed dated January 26, 1995 and recorded in Book 154 at Page 74 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

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CLUBS CONT.

SUN, JAN 7 CONT. - at 10 a.m. at the Merck Forest Welcome Center. Once we reach the cabin, if unoccupied, we can have our break and lunch in the cabin with a fire going, otherwise we will do so outside. Bring extra clothes, lunch and snack, fluids. Will need snowshoes or traction, depending on conditions. RSVP to Keld Alstrup at 802-362-1422 or alsrupkeld@gmail.com

FRIDAY, JAN. 12 - DORSET, Vt. - Join the Green Mountain Club, Manchester Section on Friday Jan. 12 for a snowshoe/ski on Mather Myrick Mountain. Meet at the parking lot at the top of Nichols Hill in Dorset at 9 a.m. This is a challenging ski/snowshoe up 3356 feet at a fast pace, keeping the group together. There is a spectacular view from the ridgeline, 30 minutes beyond the summit. Bring extra clothes, extra gloves or mittens, fluids, snacks and lunch, and hand warmers. RSVP required. Contact Katie Adams at 802-516-978-4016 or ktkadams@comcast.net

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

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

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

SATURDAYS - 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

COMMUNITY MEALS

TUESDAYS- PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - Monthly

potluck, third Tuesdays at the Perkinsville Community Church vestry located at 33 Church St. Bring a hot dish, salad or dessert and have a nice visit. For more information contact Lorraine Zigman 802-263-5245 or email lzigman@comcast.net. TFN

SATURDAYS- CHESTER, Vt. - Gassetts Grange holds a buffet breakfast every month on the 1st Saturday at 8-9:30 a.m. It consists of eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, pancakes (blueberry and plain), real maple syrup, juice, coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. All are welcome! Admission at the door. Hope to see you there. We are located on Route 103N, just above junction of 103 and Route 10. Any questions, call Dave at 802-875-2637. TFN

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

parking. TFN

EVENTS

SATURDAY, JAN. 20 CHESTER, Vt. - On Saturday, Jan. 20, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., third generation psychic, Dan Churchill, will be at Dream Barn Hollow to share insight and information about life after death. He will share stories from his life and family, answer questions and then give individual past life readings. Space is limited. To register call 802.875.1717 or email dreambarnhollow@gmail.com Includes a light vegetarian lunch.

WEDNESDAYS - CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Weekly bingo at the Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497, 365 Lovers Lane Rd. Early Birds at 5 p.m., Regular Games at 6:30 p.m.

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

FARMERS' MARKETS

FRIDAYS- WESTON, Vt. - Weston Winter Farmer's Market at the Walker Farm Playhouse. 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! Lots of fun and real close to home. Shop and enjoy local!



**STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS
NOTICE OF SALE**

818 South Hill Road, so-called Ludlow, VT

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Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Norma D. Guy, Betty Ann Demers, Ferne E.A. Bradder and Sandra J. Prokop to Paul A. Azzinaro and Katherine A. Azzinaro by deed dated August 10, 2001 and recorded in Book 207 at Page 584 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at Ludlow Town Office, a public place in such Town, on the 18th day of January, 2018 at Ten O' Clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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Frank Heald
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Town School District Taxes, Town Water and Sewer Taxes

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Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Wayne L. Hammond and Raymond H. Webb to Karen J. Hammond by deed dated July 24, 2003 and recorded in Book 245 at Page 432 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

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TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Winter woe
4 Movie fragment
8 Restaurant employee
12 Deteriorate
13 Stash
14 Head light?
15 Formed rust
17 Too
18 Felon's flight
19 Tasted
21 Miss Muffet's bugaboo
24 Prune
25 Candy in a dispenser
26 Deli buy
28 Rid of frost
32 Sandwich cookie
34 Yuletide quaff
36 Crucial time
37 Re ebb and flow
39 Existed
41 Individual
42 In medias —
44 Libra symbol
46 Sweet girl in an old song
50 Yale student
51 Poi base
52 Worried greatly
56 Ear-related
57 Links warning
58 Detergent brand

DOWN

1 To and —
2 Bagel topping
3 Worked with
4 Doorbells, often
5 Claiborne of fashion
6 Mid-month date
7 Accelerator, e.g.
8 In need of balm, maybe
9 Corridor
10 Differently
11 Comestibles
16 Father
20 Chic, in the '60s
21 Location
22 Actress Gilpin
23 Take off
27 Violinist's need
29 Put on a pedestal
30 Chaplin prop
31 Spud's buds
33 U-shaped part of a row-boat
35 Petrol
38 Hawaiian souvenir
40 Parts of an act
43 Big glitch
45 — Baba
46 Teeny bit
47 Piece of info on an invitation
48 Great Lake Ids' counterparts
49 Raw rock
53 Before
54 Beavers' construct

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be hurt by a colleague's harsh criticism. But don't let it shake your confidence in what you're trying to do. A more positive aspect starts to appear by week's end.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're torn between your sensible self and the part of you that enjoys acquiring lovely things. Best advice: Wait for an end-of-month sale, and then buy something wonderful.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your artistic side has practical applications this week, such as redecorating your home or redesigning your personal stationery. Whatever you do, someone special will like it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You could be drawn into a problem 'twixt friends or family members. Best bet: Ask the questions that go to the heart of the matter, then get them all together for a group hug.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As much as you love being the center of attention, your big Lion's heart impels you to share the spotlight with a colleague who helped you with that well-praised project.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your eagerness to act on a challenge is wisely tempered early in the week by a lack of necessary information. Things begin to clear up during the weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A relationship you'd hoped would keep going seems to be going nowhere. Close it out and move on to a brighter romantic aspect just beginning to manifest itself.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Things don't go completely as planned this week. But enjoy the surprises, even if you have to adjust your schedule. Some of them could be quite delightful.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Making choices is usually easy for straight-shooting Archers. But a new development could deflect your aim. Try to put off decisions until you know more.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While part of you might prefer taking a more familiar path, let your more daring and — admit it — super-curious self see what the unexplored has to offer.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Those nasty types have slithered back under the rocks and present no more problems. Now's the time to move ahead on that promising new relationship.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A new offer could clear up that lingering money problem. Also, a more confident attitude on your part might well help get that personal situation back on track.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of turning chaos into order. You're also generous with your help for those who seek it.

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calendar

LEGAL NOTICES

LIBRARIES

MONDAY, JAN. 22 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join the book discussion of "The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood at the Rockingham Library on Monday, Jan. 22 at 4 p.m. Copies of this title are now available to borrow at the Library's front desk. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, go to rockinghamlibrary.org, call 802-463-4270, or email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org

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

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

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Crafts,

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

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

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Rockingham Library hosts a series of six films by and about women for everyone, sponsored by the Women's Freedom Center on the second Wednesday of each month through February. These events are free and open to the public. For more information, go to rockinghamlibrary.org, call 802-463-4270 or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. on Thursday & Friday and 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Weekly toddler and pre-school story time with a weekly theme, music, and activity. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Fletcher Memorial

Library. Best suited for ages 5 and younger. Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email skrawczykvt@gmail.com to register for programs. TFN

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

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

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

11:30 a.m. Come and listen to a story every Friday with your children. Call 802-875-2277.

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

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

MEETINGS

TUESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Woman's Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month, through May, at the United Church. The hall is accessible to all. Women interested in joining and

helping with club projects may contact Barbara Comtois, membership chairman, at 802-344-0025. The Bellows Falls Woman's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

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.

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

TUESDAYS – 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

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

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

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.

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. Weigh-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 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 regularly.

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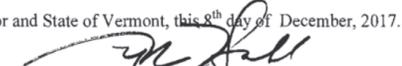
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Dorothy Pjura and Frances Orzech to Keith Sylvestre by deed dated August 18, 1982 and recorded in Book 80 at Page 34-35 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

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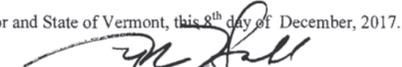
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Deryl J. Stowell Revocable Trust and Jennifer U. Stowell Revocable Trust to TCI Development, LLC by deed dated June 30 2004 and recorded in Book 272 at Page 470-471 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

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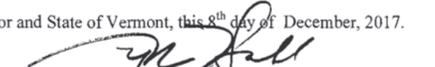
Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed by Bessie I. Webb to Roland L. Webb and Bessie I. Webb by deed dated January 9, 2003 and recorded in Book 231 at Page 252 of the Ludlow Town Land Records.

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