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## Ludlow re-vote reaffirms merger with Mount Holly, BRHS will close by 2020

BY SHARON HUNTLEY  
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - Voters in Ludlow returned to the polls on Tuesday, Feb. 6 to cast their ballots on a re-vote for the proposed merger between Ludlow and Mount Holly district that protects Ludlow and Mount Holly Elementary Schools, gives school choice to students from grades 7 through 12, and closes Black River High School by June of 2020.

The re-vote resulted in 288 "yes" votes and 231 "no" votes, confirming the merger.

The re-vote was the result of a petition that was filed in Dec. 27, 2017 that included 127 signatures asking for a re-vote, citing confusion from voters about what their



The Booster Club, along with parents, students, and community members, set up a table of flowers and snacks in the teachers' lounge on the day of the re-vote to show support for their staff.

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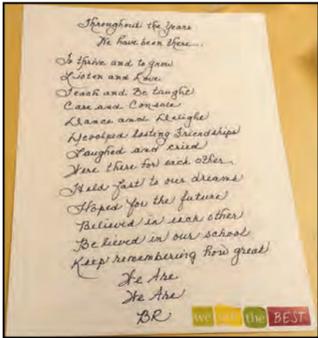
vote meant.

The original vote on Nov. 28, 2017, garnered 344 "yes" votes and 172 "no" votes. The number of ballots cast for both elections was approximately the same with 516 votes cast in November and 519 cast in February. Although the "no" votes gained some ground, it was not enough to overturn the original decision, which would have required a 2/3 majority and a minimum of 230 votes.

The creation of the district will now move forward organizing the Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District. The new structure of the LMHUUSD board includes four representatives from Ludlow - Chris Garvey,

Dan Buckley, Mariel Meringolo, and Paul Orzechowski - and four representatives from Mount Holly - Katie Hollebeek, Mary Alberty, Brigid Faenza, and Kelly Tarbell. Board members were voted in during the Nov. 28, 2017 election and now can begin the process of organizing, with a deadline to operate the district by July 1, 2018. In addition to developing and approving a budget, which is typically a lengthy process, the board must also review and approve all policies and procedures. The LMHUUSD district continues to fall under the Two Rivers Supervisory Union.

The next LMHUUSD board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7 at 6 p.m.



A letter of support and gratitude to the staff of Black River High School.

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## Fletcher Memorial Youth Library spring flower power fundraiser

LUDLOW, Vt. - Throughout the months of February and March, the Fletcher Memorial Youth Library located in Ludlow will be holding an online fundraiser. This event is being held in hopes of earning \$1,000 to be used towards the purchase of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) materials to enhance programming opportunities for young community members.

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offers a vibrant range of perennials, bulbs, seeds and gardening necessities at reasonable prices. Making a purchase is easy and all merchandise is directly shipped to the buyer's home with a 100 percent satisfaction guarantee. To view the Flower Power catalog simply log on to [www.fmlnews.org](http://www.fmlnews.org) and click on the Flower Power icon. This link will take you directly to Fletcher Memorial's own fundraiser page where you can browse the catalog and ultimately make a purchase. Fifty percent of all profits go directly to the library. Please consider helping the youth library today!



Spring flower power fundraiser.

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## Three finalists selected for the Green Mountain Union High School principal position

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Green Mountain Union High School Search Committee has selected three finalists to meet students, faculty, staff, community members, and the Green Mountain Unified School District (GMUSD) Board. The finalists were invited to our school on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018. In the afternoon, the finalists met with groups of students, faculty, staff, and community members. In the early evening the finalists were interviewed by school board members.

Community members were invited to meet the finalists in classroom sessions on Tuesday. The finalists were located in a classroom and community members had the opportunity to meet with each candidate for 20 minutes.

Twenty-three candidates applied for the principal's position with 13 candidates having the proper qualifications. The Search Committee vetted those 13 candidates and selected 8 candidates to interview. After the initial round of interviews, four candidates were selected for a second round of interviews. Following the second round of interviews, the Search Committee selected three candidates as finalists. The three



Green Mountain Union High School to hire new principal.

PHOTO BY ROBERT MILLER

candidates include Carl Chambers of Etna, N.H., Lauren Fierman of Amston, Conn., and Michael Ripley of Proctorsville, Vt.

Mr. Chambers has served as a Director of Curriculum for the Windsor Southeast and Windham Northeast supervisory unions, a principal, and a high school teacher. Mrs. Fierman is currently the Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment at Regional School District No.

8 in Hebron, Conn. and has previously worked as a district data coach, an English department chair and a middle school teacher. Mr. Ripley is the Associate Principal at the Green Mountain Union High School and has served as an assistant principal and a science teacher in other school settings.

Community member feedback will be shared with the GMUSD Board of Directors.

## TRSU central office lays off two long-time assistants

BY SHARON HUNTLEY  
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - Two administrative assistants in Two Rivers Supervisory Union Superintendent Meg Powden's office have been laid off. Administrative Assistant Deborah Carleton and Superintendent Office Operations Assistant Julie Barr were both informed last week that they were being terminated, effective May 11, 2018. Carleton has been with the SU for almost 8 years and Barr for 11 years.

"The news came as a complete shock," said Carleton. "I was saddened and disappointed with the decision especially since I had a great working relationship with the 42 board members and my co-workers."

Superintendent Meg Powden told Carleton that she was "not what she needed." According to Carleton, Powden is planning to

hire an executive assistant to replace the two superintendent assistants.

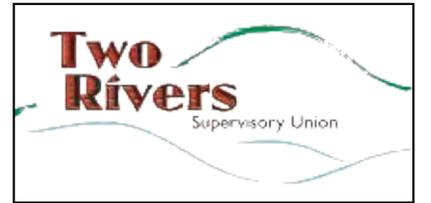
It is unclear whether the addition of the executive assistant position will result in an overall reduction to the SU Superintendent's office budget.

The TRSU central office had to go back and retool their budget after it was voted down by a wide margin at the last Board Meeting on Feb. 1, however Carleton's expectation was that any staffing reductions would take place within the finance department since they had purchased an expensive software "Infinite Visions," which "was bought because it streamlined many of the finance functions."

During executive committee and other board meetings surrounding the purchase of the software, Direc-

tor of Finance Chris Adams talked of Finance Office efficiencies that might be realized. In a meeting in Nov. 6, 2014, in discussing the upcoming software recommendation, Adams stated, "While the software is not cheap, it should allow the business office to realize some efficiencies," including eliminating the need for timesheets. He went on to add, "They might realize some savings with a reduction in a bookkeeper position."

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# Weston Playhouse announces 2018 New Musical Award goes to Aryanna Garber and Benjamin Velez

WESTON, Vt. - The writing/composing team of Aryanna Garber and Benjamin Velez are the winners of the Weston Playhouse Theatre's 12th annual New Musical Award for their musical "Borderline." The only award of its kind in the country, the Weston New Musical Award brings the creator or creators of a promising new project together with a small ensemble of actors to rehearse and record selections from the winning score with Grammy winner

Kurt Deutsch of Sh-K-Boom Records.

Nominated for the award by Di Glazer of International Creative Management Partners, "Borderline" is a musical about Anna, a young woman living with Borderline Personality Disorder who struggles to find a semblance of normalcy and intimacy amidst a revolving door of therapists, medications, and dysfunctional relationships.

Glazer writes, "Garber's book

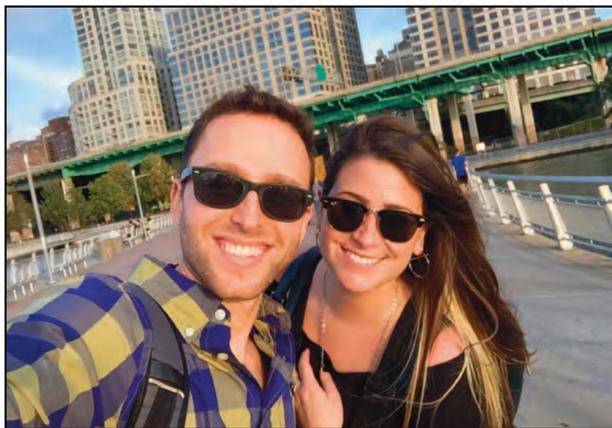
challenges the stigma of BPD, Velez's lyrics capture the protagonist's inner turmoil and the frustrations of the people she surrounds herself with, and his music works as a form of therapy for all the characters. Though seen through the lens of a specific disease, "Borderline" expresses a universal search for honest connections that will resonate with all audiences."

"Borderline" was developed, in part, at the Advanced BMI Musical Theater Workshop.

Weston Associate Artistic Director Michael Berresse will direct the project with Music Director Daniel Green. The cast includes Margo Seibert ("Boardwalk Empire," Broadway's "Rocky") as Anna, Derrick Baskin ("The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," "Mem-

phis"), Stephen Bogardus ("Bright Star," "White Christmas"), Leo Ash Evens ("School of Rock"), and Katie Thompson (City Center's "Pump Boys and Dinettes"). Two free public concerts of selections from "Borderline" are scheduled for Saturday, March 3 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Weston's new second stage, Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm. To reserve your free tickets (general admission) visit [www.westonplayhouse.org](http://www.westonplayhouse.org).

Support for Weston New Works Programs has come from the Dramatists Play Service; the Fredrick Loewe Foundation; Stacey Mindich Productions; Music Theatre International; the Rodgers and Hammerstein Foundation; and generous individual donors.



Borderline's writing/composing team, Aryanna Garber and Benjamin Velez.

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## Cavendish to sponsor hydroponics workshop

CAVENDISH, Vt. - The Cavendish Energy Committee will sponsor a workshop on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 6 p.m. to be held in the Cavendish Town Office meeting room on the subject of Hydroponics.

Casey Hodge of Southern Vermont Hydroponics in Mount Holly will present the workshop. He will discuss suitability for southern Vermont climate, and practicality of growing our own fresh food year round. His presentation will include a general overview of the different types of hydroponics and



Hydroponics workshop.

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the most used and useful growing methods for the home. Also, he will address the reasons why we should grow this way, including the economies and advantages over traditional agriculture. He will also include examples of plants and equipment.

An underlying reason for our concern with energy is the state of our natural environment and the need for people to live more sustainably. Hydroponics is a method of growing plants without soil. While the practice of hydroponics has been around for hundreds of years, the issue of sustainability has taken on new meaning in our world today and hydroponics is one way of helping to feed us. NASA is studying hydroponics for future space missions, and countries such as Holland and Canada have many acres of hydroponic systems producing a variety of crops.

Anyone from any town may attend the workshop. The Cavendish Town Office is located at 37 High Street in Cavendish. Light refreshments will be served at the workshop. For additional information, please contact Karen Wilson at 203-550-7430.

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Tyler Technology's Infinite Visions software was approved for purchase at a cost of \$85,927, using a 5-year lease option, by the executive committee in April of 2015. The software is used in the majority of school districts in the state.

Once the Infinite Visions software was in place, however, it seemed that those efficiencies might not be realized. During a full board meeting in November 2016, board member, Dave Venter questioned why the bookkeeping and accounting expenses were up when the software they purchased was supposed to make the work more efficient. Adams reported during that meeting that the new software has given the office greater internal controls, but they still have 11 entities to track.

To further complicate matters in the midst of the budget rework, Director of Finance Christopher Adams is currently out on an indefinite leave of absence. His duties are currently being covered by business office accounting bookkeeper, Cheryl Hammond.

The revised TRSU central office budget will go in front of the Full Board again in hopes of winning approval on Thursday, Feb. 15 at Cavendish Town Elementary School at 6 p.m.

# A cozy country kennel that feels like home

BY SHAWNIAE STILLWELL

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. - Gus was a handsome boy that looked like "a little bear cub, big brown paws, blue eyes, cuddly and sleepy. It wasn't long till those blue eyes turned brown and

you were a big boy, very busy. Off to doggy day care you went! You loved doggy daycare," read an open letter to Gussie from the Moniers, his loving family.

The house at 248 Elm Street had an electrical fire back in March of 2015. Gus was asleep on the Monier's bed

like usual. The Moniers not only lost their home on that cold winter day, but also their beloved dog who was very much a part of their family. He had such a personality, playing in the snow with the kids, walking on and off leash without trouble, and occasionally eating the cat food.

In December 2017 Gail and Jerry Stewart, friends of the Monier family, opened Gussie's Place on that same property. Owing a kennel was something that Gail had wanted to do for a long time. She had volunteered for the Animal Welfare Society in West Kennebunk, Maine for almost ten years, and she was on their Board of Directors for many years as well. Gail had a passion for dogs, and she "knew the area needed a doggy day care."

Gussie's Place is not just an average K9 kennel. It has a country rustic charm that is not only warm and welcoming, but also durable for the doggies. Wooden gates keep the pups in their main playroom, while giving a warm rustic atmosphere. The floors have radiant heat to keep the dogs cozy all day. And beds are

provided in case they want to get up off the floor. You simply feel at home when you walk in, and most of the dogs do too!

"One little dog was shy," Gail said with a smile. So she set up his bed next to her desk, "and he laid there next to me all day."

Gussie's Place is "convenient for customers," Gail explained. They are small enough that she can work around busy schedules, day care drop-off and pick-up times are flexible, and the kennel is in a good location for the local Chester residents. Boarding offers dog owners a peace of mind leaving their dog in good hands in a fun homey environment.

Gail's kennel is unique in many ways. Boarder dogs "aren't in their kennel that often," she explained, "they are out with the day care dogs," playing, socializing, and getting exercise. She has a completely fenced in yard for the dogs to play outside, as well as a large main room with a couch and dog beds for inside time.

In a separate space, each kennel has a name tag for each individual pup, and all the dogs have daily quiet



Gail gets all the pups to sit for a treat.

PHOTO BY SHAWNIAE STILLWELL



Gussie's Place canine kennel awaits a thaw to install a new sign.

PHOTO BY SHAWNIAE STILLWELL

time in their kennels from noon to 2 p.m. "They have down time so they don't get too snippy," Gail said - they're much like kids! And when it's time to go home, Gail will get the dogs ready with their harnesses, leashes, and anything else they came with.

Gail uses all non-toxic cleaners throughout the space, and her husband Jerry maintains the building and property. Though Gail runs the day care by herself, Gus's human brothers Kyle and Jeb Monier help feed and water the dogs if Gail needs to step out or take a day off. She also has friend and contractor Randy Bobar to help look after the kennel if

she were to take an extended period of time off.

Gussie's Place is more than just a country K9 kennel, and though the dogs never get fed cat food, Gus would have approved. Gussie's Place is open Monday - Saturday from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., closed from noon - 2 p.m. daily for quiet time. You can visit them online at [www.gussiesplace.com](http://www.gussiesplace.com), and like them on Facebook.

Being a smaller kennel means that the dogs get more attention, but it also means Gail must limit herself to 18 dogs per day. Be sure to give Gail a call at 802-875-3535 before bringing your pup in for day care or boarding.

# Countryside Alarms named one of 2018 Best Places to Work in Vermont

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - Countryside Alarms of Mount Holly is proud to be named as one of the 2018 Best Places to Work in Vermont. The 11th annual list of the Best Places to Work in Vermont was created by Vermont Business Magazine, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, the Vermont Department of Economic Development, the Vermont Department of Labor, the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) - Vermont State Council and Best Companies Group.

This statewide survey and awards program is designed to identify, recognize and honor the best places of employment in Vermont, benefiting the state's economy, its workforce and businesses. The 2018 Best Places to Work in Vermont list is made up of 45 companies.

Companies from across the state entered the two-part survey process to determine the Best Places to Work in Vermont. The first part consisted of evaluating each nominated company's workplace policies, practices, philosophy, systems,

and demographics. This part of the process was worth approximately 25 percent of the total evaluation. The second part consisted of an employee survey to measure the employee experience. This part of the process was worth approximately 75 percent of the total evaluation. The combined scores determined the top companies and the final rankings. Best Companies Group managed the overall registration and survey process in Vermont and also analyzed the data and used their expertise to determine the final rankings.

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# The 62nd annual Apple Blossom Cotillion is underway

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The 62nd Apple Blossom Cotillion is three months away, but the hard work for its participants began on Sunday, Jan. 7 at Riverside Gymnasium in Springfield and will continue every Sunday until the big night on May 5.

Thirteen high school senior girls and their chosen escorts will be joined by 25 elementary school couples at this year's cotillion. The musical theme this year is "Apple Blossom on the Big Screen" and will feature songs from recent motion pictures, including "Beauty and the Beast."

The high school senior girls who will be competing for the title of Apple Blossom Queen are: Ainsley Bertone, Elizabeth Chambers, Kylee Charest, Alyssa Ellison, Sofia Gulick, Gillian Guy, London Heiden, Alexis Morin, Hailey Rabtoy, Eliza Rounds, Madelyn Stagner, Samantha Stoddard, and Laura Wentworth.



The girls work on their choreography.

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The boys practice their moves.

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Madison Moreau is the director of this year's cotillion. She is assisted by Lexi Roldan, Tracy Austin, and Kyla White. Larry Kraft will be the event's master of ceremonies for the 18th consecutive year.

The Apple Blossom Cotillion is a fundraiser for Springfield Hospital. The proceeds from this popular evening of community entertainment provide support for the Dr. E. Sherburne Lovell Health Career award and the services of the hospital.

# Tai in some happiness to 2018

BY TRINA MENARD

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

REGION - Djemila and Patrick Cavanaugh dedicate themselves to spreading the ideology and practice with Tai Chi to the citizens of Vermont and New Hampshire. "I was first attracted to it (Tai Chi) without knowing what it is," says Djemila Cavanaugh. Cavanaugh first approached a class 20 years ago while on a German exchange trip. She was only able to make a few classes, but recognized it was good for balance and centering. "It was simple but was not so easy."

She came back to the practice years later, when looking for an activity to help with posture and stress relief. Tai Chi is a soft martial art, using soft voice and non-violence ideals. "I clicked right away, like I had found something really beneficial." Djemila went to all possible classes, practiced with friends, and attended workshops. "I was totally fascinated." She found lots of sharing; it is not just about self-growth but helping to grow each other. "My first teacher asked me to assist him and I loved it. I was working as a translator and after a while I started teaching on my own."

While Yang style is the most common style taught in the United States, there are other styles available. Cheng Man-ching lin-

eage, the style the Cavanaugh's teach, features shortened forms using his knowledge of medicine to remove some repetitions to 6-10 minutes per form, keeping the essentials. He tailored the forms to be more beneficial, more and approachable to people with busy schedules. The Cheng Man-ching style has a very soft approach to the body and interactions with partners being collaborative instead of combative. Partnering comes after the individuals learn the single forms independently.

"Tai Chi is definitely a very important thing we (Patrick and Djemila) share... but not the only thing!" The couple met as at a workshop in Amherst, Mass. Patrick then went to France on a trip with his school and they got to know each other. Djemila then moved to Vermont to be with her soul mate, and later they married.

Djemila and Patrick participated in the 2017 Spring Health Fair at the Cavendish Town Elementary School. "It was a great experience and I would love to do more work with them. The children responded very well to it. They got really involved with the tai chi introduction."

The Cavanaugh's would like the opportunity to do this again and do more outreach to educate children in Tai Chi. They offer Tai Chi beginner classes across New Hampshire and Vermont for those who are interested in learning the practice.

Current Tai Chi beginners' classes



Djemila practicing Tai Chi.

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The roster of Vermont dealers this year includes Michael and Lucinda Seward displaying fresh picked

wares from around New England and John Bourne Antiques from Pittsford with painted smalls and country furniture; Judd Gregory from Dorset with a double booth of elegant 18th century furniture and artwork all fresh to the market; John and Eileen Smart of Mendon with a booth bursting with fine smalls, primitives and items in paint; the Cargill Collection from White River Junction with a general line of antiques; Partridge Hollow of Milton with copious amounts of sterling, chocolate molds, lanterns and what-have-they; Rick Fuller of Royalton with a primitive country booth; Back Door Antiques of East Middlebury displaying sporting items, signs, and ephemera from around Vermont; the Horse and the Bear from Norwich showing art, linen, and a fine variety of furniture and smalls; Stone Block Antiques from Vergennes with a double booth of always-interesting fine art, fine furniture, and fine smalls; Kyle Scanlon of Colchester with fresh picked merchandise from Vermont estates; and Osgood Hill Antiques of Essex will be bringing a selection of jewelry, silver, oils, and primitives. We can also expect to see great wares in the booths of Uriah Wallace, Vershire, and Ken Arthur of Spotted Horse Antiques in Windsor.

Joining the Vermonters will be several New Hampshire dealers including Thomas Thompson of

Pembroke showing country smalls, collectibles and interesting unusual items; Brett Cabral with a mix of 18th and 19th century country antiques with mid-century modern and art pottery; Nancy Cummings of Swanzey with a general line of interesting furniture, silver, artwork.

From Massachusetts, driving north will be Kay Baker from Amherst with a fresh batch of maps, tools, copper and brass; West Pelham Antiques of Pelham showing fine samplers, painted items and 19th century china; and David Thompson Antiques and Art from S. Dennis with photography, reference books and various 19th century treasures. Rounding out the exhibitors will be Dover House Antiques from Kentucky, Ian McKelvey Antiques from Connecticut, and Martin Ferrick from Maine with his great line of Americana and Mark Longval with his oriental rugs.

The show hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 17, so plan to spend the day and celebrate both President's Day Weekend and the material culture of our past while looking for that special something. Located just 5 miles west of Route 89 at exit 2 and just 6.4 miles east of Woodstock, it is easy to find. Enjoy a delicious breakfast or lunch catered by Coventry Catering of White River Junction. For information call Lori Scotnicki, manager, at 802-318-1619 or lscotnicki@gmail.com.



*Remember when*

Does anyone remember this Rock Maple tree on John Orcutt Farms in Chester, Vt.

Do anyone know who is pictured in the photo with his dog?

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## LOCAL HISTORY

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

He can be reached at 802-374-0119 or email knotz69@gmail.com



BY RON PATCH

## Kelly's Tavern part 2

Below is a continuation of Ed Kendall's 1962 Springfield Reporter article. Last week ended with Austin N. Chandler's early memories in Chester. Here are Kendall's memories of a later time in Chester. Kendall was a teacher at Chester High School.



Cheese factory near Howe Hotel where plays were held prior to 1884.

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"Mrs. Gowing's memory should be kept alive by the people of Chester. I best remember her as School Superintendent. I can testify to the fact that she had the teachers maintain proper discipline. One winter day the older boys persuaded me that it would be a good idea to put several large firecrackers in a block of wood just as it was put in the stove. It nearly wrecked the stove as it blew several lengths of stove-pipe to the floor and put the school out of commission for the rest of the day. Mrs. Gowing came down to help the teacher ferret out the instigators which ended in my being laid across the teacher's desk and the ruler applied in a manner that I did not forget for many a day. If a little of like discipline were used in our schools today there would be less juvenile delinquency.

"Before the advent of the movies home talent plays were the chief source of amusement in many Vermont communities. Plays directed by Mrs. Gowing always drew a full house on the evenings of their presentation....The erection of the Town Hall (1884) gave an added impetus to home talent plays. What was considered at the time to be a large commodious stage was a part of the hall. One or two settings of scenery painted by out of town artists were part of the stage equipment....

"During the decade or more that it was my good fortune to be numbered among the Chester Players, we had the good fortune to have Mrs. George C. Allen, "Agusta" as we called her as our coach... I must mention a few of my fellow actors and actresses. Rated according to portrayal of the role assigned them, Edward Whitcomb stands at the head. Ed was a farmer who lived over West Springfield way.

tie and Mamie French stood at the head of the lady Thespians. Mattie filled the role of the heroine to perfection in many plays; Mamie's roles were more of the motherly type. Annie Olney, whom so many of us remember as Annie Pollard of Baltimore, did her high school work at Chester High during E.W. Gibson's principalship.

"I have made mention of the rendition "Neighbor Jackwood" in the cheese factory on North Street. Years later when Annie was attending high school it was decided to give the play again. With the improved stage facilities at the Town Hall we thought we could improve its first rendition. Annie was given the role of a quadroon girl who filled quite a prominent part in the play. She outdid herself. Her portrayal of a quadroon girl with a face once seen would never be forgotten, he was the star in play after play rendered in Chester. DeWitt Davis, a well-known Chester farmer for many years, usually took the role of the villain with a false goatee, matching the color of his mustache he certainly looked the part of a bad man.

"His ability as an actor was on par with his appearance. Ed Farr was another veteran with many plays to his credit. His role was that of a well-to-do gentleman. Never was there anything mean or villainous in the roles assigned to Ed. I must not omit Charles Waterman from my list. His dry, Yankee drawl won much applause from the audience. He will best be remembered as the star actor in many farces. The evening's entertainment always ended with a short farce....

"What about the ladies? According to my judgement, Mat-

trayal was the talk of the town for many a week."

Kendall then goes on to mention the minstrel plays at Town Hall. I thought it best not to include those here.

Don't forget to bring your old photos to Town Hall in Chester on Sunday, Feb. 18 from 1-3 p.m. Tom Hildreth will scan your photos while you wait. We are looking for photos of Chester, Derry & South Derry, Weston, Andover and Simonsville for a book Chester Historical Society is to publish early this summer. This is your chance to have your old photos published in a book. Don't miss it.

*This week's old saying. "If two wrongs don't make a right, try three."*

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# opinion

## Op-Ed: Vermont House working on changes to education funding

Vermont has a unique system of funding education. We can be proud of the fact that it is progressive and that it meets the requirements of the Vermont Supreme Court's decision in Brigham, which says that it is a state responsibility to ensure access to substantially equal educational opportunity for every Vermont child.

But over the years, our system of paying for education (known as Act 60/68) has grown more complex and hard to explain or understand. Household income, circuit breakers, income sensitivity, CLA, excess spending, income yields, the look back - these all contribute to a loss of faith in the basic fairness of the system.

At the same time, there have been continuing efforts to reduce reliance on the property tax and depend more heavily on an income tax, which better reflects ability to pay.

When public confidence in the fairness of the education finance system is eroded, support for our schools is eroded as well.

This legislative session, the House is working on a proposal that will reduce reliance on the homestead property tax, that will better reflect

ability to pay, that respects the requirements of Brigham, that maintains local control, that is simpler and more transparent, and that maintains the overall progressive structure of the current system.

Our proposal will better reflect local budget decisions with locally adjusted tax rates. Because we will also recommend a change in the way property tax rates are set to better reflect spending decisions, the actual impact will vary from town to town.

This is a heavy lift. There will be winners and losers at every income level. But when faced with a projected 7 percent increase in homestead tax rates and having heard from taxpayers that they feel overwhelmed by increases in their property taxes, we believe it's time to act.

Here are the basic elements of the proposal:

1. An education income tax will be created. It will have progressive rates, with a zero rate for income below \$47,000, and it will apply to adjusted gross income. It will include a mechanism to protect low-income homeowners and will maintain a progressive tax structure.

Unlike the property tax, the edu-

cation income tax will be subject to wage withholding, which will be an advantage for taxpayers.

The education income tax will be fixed statewide, will not be affected by local spending decisions, and will replace income sensitivity.

2. The homestead education property tax will be adjusted by local spending decisions. Overall, it will be significantly reduced by an average statewide of more than one-third. The impact in individual towns will vary depending on their local spending decisions.

The method of adjusting the homestead rate will be modified so that additional district spending will be more expensive than under current law, eliminating the need for an excess spending penalty and more closely tying a district's homestead tax rate to its spending.

Under the current system, most voters with incomes under \$47,000 are insulated from the impact of their votes. Under this proposal, every voter on the school budget will feel the consequences of their vote.

3. The non-residential property tax (which applies to any property other than a homestead) will continue as it is - uniform across the

state - with the same relative share of contribution to the education fund.

4. We are considering a system for separating the municipal and education tax bills. The towns will continue to administer and collect the education tax but the distinction between municipal and school taxes will be clear to voters.

5. We are also considering ways to eliminate the general fund transfer to the education fund. We would substitute instead 100 percent of the sales tax and may also move some education fund obligations to the general fund. Among other things, this change would provide a healthy mix of revenue sources for the education fund - income, property and sales. The general fund would rely on income and meals and rooms, as well as a mix of fees and other miscellaneous taxes.

These are significant changes. Our intention is to make the system better - more fair, simpler to understand, more direct. We welcome your thoughts and questions as we continue to work on this proposal.

Article written by Representative Janet Ancel (D-Calais), Chair of the House Ways & Means Committee.

## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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## R.F.D.



by Mike Marland

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Meals on Wheels is a non-profit community service designed to help seniors remain independent as they face challenges related to aging. We want to thank the more than 50 residents of Springfield and surrounding towns who have recently donated to Meals on Wheels.

These donations have made it possible for us to deliver nutritious meals and safety checks to over 200 seniors who have needed our service over the past year due to situations such as hospital recovery, ad-

vancing age, or disability.

We also just received a donation of a new freezer from a very gracious donor who knew about the dire situation we had with our old freezer. Thank you everyone! You are what helps keep this vital program alive in Springfield, Chester, Weathersfield, Baltimore, and Andover.

Sincerely,  
Meals on Wheels  
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Gov. Phil Scott plans to spend \$3.2 million taxpayer dollars to encourage people to move here and fill positions that employers are having trouble filling. Maybe "Move to Vermont" should have the descriptor "be taxed excessively, take a lower paying job than you have now, and experience a high cost of living that will make you regret your move." Sounds very enticing, doesn't it?

Gov. Scott, who has worked in construction, should understand better than most of us the necessity of starting with a well-prepared footing and a strong foundation when building a house. Without a solid foundation, your house will end up with serious problems over time. The

same applies with government.

There are several issues that need to be addressed if we want people to move here. First is the high taxation we Vermonters are saddled with. That is why I will work to aggressively cut wasteful spending. I believe that an initial goal of \$100 million in government spending cuts is absolutely attainable.

Then there is the high cost of public education. Let's bring the state Agency of Education down to a bare bones agency. It is overstaffed, and they are overpaid. I also believe working with the school districts a minimum combined \$100 million reduction in spending is definitely not out of line, which means reductions in property

taxes throughout the state. Using a health share organization to replace our current health insurance for state employees and educators could achieve substantial savings.

Bringing taxes down for individuals and businesses will be an incentive to stay and former Vermonters to return. Next the lack of affordable housing absolutely needs to be fixed. Where the governor believes the government is responsible for funding new housing, we who understand the free market know that investors can make money building and renting or selling housing when the impediments such as high property taxes and lack of landlord protections are removed.

The next step is to create a strong business climate where businesses thrive and the unemployment rate is so low that businesses will be forced to compete for employees by paying higher wages and offer better benefits. This can be achieved in large part by reducing excessive regulations, including the very expensive and cumbersome process of Act 250.

So that's it; build the proper foundation and Vermont will become prosperous. Try to take shortcuts and the house will never be right.

Sincerely,  
Keith Stern  
Republican candidate for Governor  
N. Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

It would be an understatement to say that polite political conversation is at an all time low in the United States. The last time political differences were so extreme in our republic were just prior to the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861. Then, as we know, all hell broke loose on American soil.

I keep searching for some common ground between the factions of left and right, Democrats and Republicans. While listening to conversations originating from the most extreme sides of political spectrum, I have found two common denominators that unite average Americans and Vermonters. These beliefs in common could bring some fresh oxygen into the room.

The first thing we all seem to have in common is the desire for term limits. The base of each party, the average Joe or Jane, appear to agree that the power structures created by career politicians do nothing for the economic or political health of the nation. The career politicians and the leadership of each party want nothing to do with a constitutional amendment requiring term limits. Why would they? Term limits threaten their accumulated wealth and immense power. Term limits would restrain their ability to fleece the taxpayer and violate the people's liberty.

The second thing that the base of each party has in common is its disgust with crony capitalism. Crony capitalism - not to be confused with free market capitalism - is when special interest groups - labor unions included - lobby politicians for favors. These favors include tax incentives, government subsidies, and any other allowances that benefit the private interest or emolument of any one man or woman, family, or class of men or women. The list of failures when politicians pick winners and losers in an economy is long. The biggest losers are always taxpayers and consumers. Crony capitalism drives up costs, reduces quality of products, and stifles innovation all at the same time emptying the pockets of the citizen.

The authors of the original Vermont Constitution, way back in 1777, were well aware of the negative effects of taxpayer-funded favors. So much so that they wrote Article 6 of that document as a prohibition against crony capitalism. It reads, "That government is, or ought to be, instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security of the people, nation or community; and not for the particular emolument or advantage of any single man, family or set of men, who are a part only of that community; and that the com-

munity hath an indubitable, unalienable and indefeasible right to reform, alter, or abolish, government, in such manner as shall be, by that community, judged most conducive to the public weal."

Any Vermonter who is paying attention to the political skulduggery in Montpelier knows that Article 6 is completely ignored. Having mingled with many Vermont politicians, I have found that most of them have never even read our constitution. The New Hampshire constitution has a similar clause. The politicians on that side of the river have set a

precedent by actually adhering to the clause. This appears to greatly benefit the political culture and economy of that state.

Despite the present hostilities between factions in Vermont and the larger nation, I am hopeful that the people will take a breath and start to demand structural changes that could be made to reign in the excesses and abuses of the politicians that represent us.

Sincerely,  
Stuart Lindberg  
Cavendish, Vt.

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Worship services are at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. For more information, visit www.firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org or call 802-856-7266

## PERKINSVILLE, VT.

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**Vision of Light Church of Spiritualism and Healing, American Legion Hall, 10 Legion Dr., Hartland, Vt.**

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## SPRINGFIELD, VT.

**North Springfield Baptist Church, 69 Main St.**

The Healing Power of Music and Prayer will take place on Thursday, Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m. This will be an evening of sharing your favorite music with others combined with prayers for healing of our bodies, minds, and souls. Bring your healing songs on your phones or iPods, your hymns to sing, and your requests for prayer, and we

will share them together. Lent is a time of reflection and prayer in many of our Christian traditions. Music has an amazing power to heal us and give us peace in times of crisis and stress. Contemporary worship service Saturdays at 6 p.m. for those who have difficulty getting to Sunday morning worship services in the winter. Adult Bible study on Sundays at 9 a.m. before the worship service at 10 a.m. Children have class after Children's time during the regular worship service. Communion is served on the first Sunday of every month. All are welcome to join us. Call 802-886-8107, email nssbc@vermontel.net or go to www.nsbvcvt.org for additional information and directions.

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All Church Services listed online at [www.VermontJournal.com](http://www.VermontJournal.com)

## Christamarie Boedtker

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - Christamarie Boedtker, 90, of St. Simons Island, Ga. and Eastman, N.H. passed away peacefully on Jan. 31, 2018 at Brunswick GA Hospital.

Services for the immediate family will be held in Vermont at a future date. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting with arrangements.

## Michael P. Harty, 1950 - 2018

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - Michael P. Harty, 68, of Wheeler Drive passed away unexpectedly Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018. Harty was born in Bellows Falls on Feb. 10, 1950, the son of Norman and Geraldine (Lorange) Harty. He was a graduate of Bellows Falls High School, the University of Vermont, and Western New England School of Law. He worked as a teacher for 14 years at Green Mountain High School, served as deputy states attorney, and retired from private practice six years ago. He served as town moderator for many years, was a lister for the Town of Rockingham for six years, and served one term in the State House of Representatives.

On July 13, 1974, he married Wendy Andros who survives. Also surviving is his mother Gerry Harty

of Bellows Falls; his children Edward Harty of Westminster and Emily Lisai of Westminster; his brothers Dennis Harty of Bellows Falls and Thomas Harty of Randolph; and his grandchildren Declan and Cole Lisai and Quinn and Marlow Harty; and several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his father, Norman.

There will be calling hours 5 - 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16 at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt. The funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 at the United Church in Bellows Falls. Burial will take place in the St. Charles Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Our Place Drop In Center, 4 Island Street, Bellows Falls, VT, 05101.

## Mark J. O'Neil, 1942-2018

**CHESTER, Vt.** - Mark J. O'Neil, 75, passed away peacefully on Saturday evening, Feb. 3, 2018 at the Springfield Hospital in Springfield, Vt. He was born April 9, 1942 in Burlington, Vt. the son of James J. O'Neil and Alice Marguerite (Stearns) Scott. He attended Chester schools, graduating from Chester High School class of 1961.

He owned and operated O'Neil's Garage for many years in several Chester locations; on Dodge Road, at the former Jiffy Mart and Soap Shed locations, and later worked at Brownie's Garage, which became Benny's Sunoco. He finished his career at Benny's Sales & Service on Elm Street.

O'Neil served as a member of the Chester Fire Department, joining in 1964 at the age of 22 and retiring 45 years later. Upon his retirement, he was recognized by the Chester Select Board for his many years of service and as the longest serving firefighter to serve the Chester Fire Department. He retired as assistant chief.

O'Neil was instrumental in maintaining Chester's 1931 American LaFrance fire truck and drove it in dozens of Chester's parades. He can be remembered as a big participant of the Class of 1961's alumni parade celebrations.

O'Neil enjoyed racing stock cars at Devil's Bowl Speedway in West Haven, Vt. and running the rope tow at the Chester Pinnacle. He loved to watch racing and westerns on TV.

O'Neil is survived by his son and daughter-in law Michael and Amy



Mark J. O'Neil, 1942-2018.

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O'Neil of Ludlow, Vt., his daughter Beth O'Neil of Golden, Colo., his grandchildren Marlee O'Neil of Stratham, N.H., Mitchell O'Neil of Ludlow, Vt., and Christian O'Neil and Miles Dalebroux both of Golden, Colo. He was proud of their accomplishments and never forgot a birthday. He is also survived by his longtime companion, Audrey Fletcher of Springfield, Vt.

He was predeceased by his parents and stepfather Wendell Scott.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the American Legion in Chester on May 19, 2018 at 2 p.m. Contributions may be made in his memory to the Yosemite Engine Company, P.O. Box 631, Chester, VT, 05143.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting with arrangements.

## Wilma C. Westcott, 1930 - 2018

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - Wilma Charlotte (Henderson) Westcott, 87, passed away peacefully on Feb. 3, 2018, at the Golden View Health Care Center in Laconia, N.H. surrounded by her beloved family, after a brave battle against Alzheimer's disease.

Westcott, or "Grammie," as she was known to most, was born in South Acworth, N.H., on Aug. 8, 1930, to Thomas and Annie (DeMond) Henderson, the youngest of three girls. She was raised on the family farm in South Acworth until the age of 14 before moving to Bellows Falls, Vt. After graduating in 1948 from Bellows Falls High School, she went on to New England Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing in Boston, where she graduated as a registered nurse in 1951. She started her nursing career in Pittsfield, Mass., moving to Keene, N.H. in 1956, then to Lakes Region General Hospital in Laconia in 1959. Westcott finished her nursing career as a school nurse for the Laconia School System. She was a 20-plus year volunteer nurse for the American Red Cross blood drives. After retirement, she and Erving spent winters in Winter Haven, Fla. from 1992 until 2013.

She married her high school sweetheart, Erving Westcott on Nov. 11, 1951, and together they raised four children. Her home always greeted you with warm chocolate chip cookies, a warm hug, a smile, and great conversation.

Westcott is survived by her husband Erving of Laconia; daughter Barbara and her husband, William Crawford of Laconia; sons David of Hallandale Beach, Fla.; Kevin and his wife Mary of Swanzey, N.H.; and Jeffrey of Newmarket. The proud Grammie to Lyndsay, Kate and her fiancé Kris, Megan and her husband Craig,



Wilma C. Westcott, 1930 - 2018.

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Shari, Michael, Erin, and Caitlin, and a devoted great-grandmother, "GG," to Connor, Carly, and Bradyn. She also is survived by her sister Mabel and her husband Charles Lockerby, of Springfield, Vt.

She was predeceased by her sister, Margaret Goldman of East Bridgewater, Mass. in 2008.

A celebration of her life will be held on Feb. 24, 2018 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Beane Conference Center, 35 Blueberry Lane in Laconia, N.H. A private burial will be held at the Walpole Cemetery in Walpole, N.H. at a later date.

Westcott's family is very appreciative for the excellent care and comfort she received from the staff while staying at Golden View Health Care Center.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a charity of one's choice in Wilma's name. Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, is assisting the family with the arrangements. For more information and to view online memorials go to [www.wilkinsonbeane.com](http://www.wilkinsonbeane.com).

## Daniel J. Underhill, 1999-2018

**N. WALPOLE, N.H.** - Daniel Joseph Underhill, 18, of East Street passed away in a house fire on Monday, Feb. 5, 2018. Underhill was born in Springfield, Vt. on Nov. 11, 1999, the son of Charles and Gloria (Gaudet) Underhill. He attended school in Walpole and was attending Fall Mountain Regional High School, part of the Class of 2018. He was a volunteer at the Monadnock Humane Society. Underhill loved animals and dinosaurs. He was very kind, was a friend to everyone he met, and brought out the best in people.

He is survived by his parents and his brother Christopher, all of North Walpole.

There will be calling hours noon - 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 with a celebration of Daniel's life beginning at 2 p.m. all at the Westminster Congregational Church. Friends and family are welcome to share in fellowship



Daniel J. Underhill, 1999-2018.

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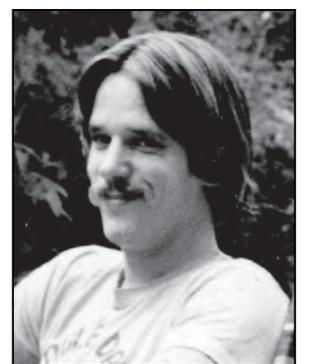
after the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Underhill Family Fund at the Savings Bank of Walpole, 68 Ames Plaza Lane, Walpole, NH, 03608.

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - Paul Charles Jensen of Bellows Falls, Vt., passed away peacefully at Elmwood Center in Claremont, N.H. from complications of Lewy Body Dementia on Feb. 2, 2018. He was preceded in death by his parents and his youngest daughter, Anne Jensen Griffin. He is survived by his brother and sister, his daughter Susan Jensen and her partner Janna Thomas, his three grandchildren Tess, Joe, and Ellie Griffin and son-in-law Sean Griffin.

Born April 30, 1953 in Plainfield, N.J., Jensen spent his childhood in Livingston, N.J., where he graduated from high school in 1971. He then graduated from Roger Williams College in Rhode Island in 1977 and got married, delighting in the birth of his daughters Susan and Anne. While they were young, he worked as a magazine editor in Connecticut and then as an educational paraprofessional in Winchendon, Mass. He moved to South Carolina where he spent six years caring for his ailing father and most recently returned to education, spending 12 years working as a paraprofessional at Bellows Falls Union High School in Bellows Falls, Vt.

From an early age, Jensen was curious and interested in big ideas - notably peace, social justice, and left-leaning politics. He never liked rules and joyfully subverted author-



Paul C. Jensen, 1953 - 2018.

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ity whenever he could. He developed passions for music - Bob Dylan, The Band, John Prine, Grateful Dead - and later running and hiking in the New England outdoors. He enjoyed surfing the Jersey shore, walking and swimming the beaches of Hunting Island, S.C. He was a kind man with a deep love for his daughters and his grandchildren.

The family will be holding a private memorial service. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association in Westminster, Vt. at [www.windmillhillpinnacle.org](http://www.windmillhillpinnacle.org). The woodland trails provided him hours of joy and peace.



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## VILLAGE OF LUDLOW, VERMONT Board of Trustees Notice of Public Hearing

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 24, Chapter 117, § 4444, of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, the Village Trustees for the Village of Ludlow proposes to adopt an amendment to the Village Zoning and Flood Hazard Regulations, under Section §4415 Interim bylaws.

The Village Trustees for the Village of Ludlow will conduct a public hearing for the residents, taxpayers, and interested persons in the Village of Ludlow on the sixth day of March 2018, at 6:00 P.M., in the Town Hall conference room to hear comments on the "Regulations".

### Statement of Purpose (Section 120)

It is the intent of these regulations to:

1. Provide for and promote the orderly development of Ludlow;
2. Implement the goals and objectives of the Ludlow Municipal Development Plan;
3. Promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community; and
4. Advance the purpose and goals set forth in §4302 of "the Act".

### Geographic Areas Affected:

The Village Residential and the Village Residential Commercial Districts.

### The proposed Amendment contains the following Sections:

Section 420: Village Residential District - Building Height Maximum  
Section 430: Village Residential Commercial - Purpose of District

The proposed "Regulation" is on file with the Town Clerk, and copies are available at the Planning and Zoning Department, at the Town Hall, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 A.M. through 4:30 P.M. [www.ludlow.vt.us](http://www.ludlow.vt.us)

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# Chester Winter Carnival



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**CHESTER, Vt.** – This year's Winter Carnival takes place Friday, Feb. 16 through Sunday, Feb. 18.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 16 -

The festivities kick off with a Chester Andover Elementary School dinner and

a movie for the kids from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Feb. 16. This event is free.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 17 -

Festivities will take place throughout Chester, starting with sledding at the Pinnacle at 11 a.m. Other events taking place at the Pinnacle include:

- Sleigh rides with Smokeshire Farm from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- CAES PTG will have food and beverages for sale from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- From 5 to 8 p.m. Southern Pie Company will have coffee, hot chocolate, and pie for sale at the Pinnacle.



Horsedrawn sleigh rides.

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### SATURDAY, FEB. 17 CONT. -

- The Chester Conservation Committee will host a self-guided tiki torch snowshoe hike around the disc golf course. Snowshoes will be available for borrowing.
- From 6-8 p.m., there will be a bonfire and a skating party with music to end the day.

Southern Pie Company will also host a pie tasting at 287 Main St. from noon to 4 p.m. Proceeds will be donated to the Chester Recreation Department. There will also be free face painting.

a.m. to 1 p.m. There is a fee per team. Please preregister by emailing matt.mccarthy@chestervt.org.

### SUNDAY, FEB. 18 -

The Winter Carnival concludes with a Broom Hockey tournament from 10

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Don't forget to take pictures of all of your family winter fun! We'd love to see them! Tag us on Facebook @VermontJournal



Ice skating near the fire ends the day.

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Sledding on Pinnacle Hill.

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## THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

### Black River student about to make local history

Timing is everything. Just as I was mapping out this week's sports page, the telephone rang. Black River Athletic Director Joe Gurdak was on the other end of the line. He told me that the Black River Presidents would be playing Leland & Gray at home that evening (remember home for this season is Nason Gym in Chester) and that senior Drew Schoenberger would be chasing his 1,000th point in the game. Schoenberger was likely to become the 6th president in Black River sports' lore to join the elusive 1,000-point club.

Hopefully by the time you read this, Schoenberger will have joined said club, but if he scored 7 points or less against the Rebels, the senior would be out again to hit the mark on Feb. 15 at Nason Gym in a game against Long Trail.

Once again, over the long and storied history of Black River basketball, there have only been five players to hit the cherished mark. Bruce Stryhas created the list, followed by Greg Witalec, Matt Warnecke, Travis Cook, and the most recent was Robert Rohrig who also coached the Presidents at one time. Certainly, the club is very elusive.

Taking things a step further, the club is unofficially closed. The truth is, the club remains open until the doors of Black River High School shut for good. However, adding up all the numbers, no current athlete has enough points to come close to entering the club. Thus, the club is forever totally elusive now.

The first knowledge I have about high school basketball in Ludlow, is that Black River Academy competed in Division I and reached the official Vermont State Tournament for the first time in 1927 and played no other than Springfield, in the Division I state semi-final game and lost 39-21. I wonder, if it was during that title-chasing season, Black River Academy became known as the Presidents. After all, Black River graduate Calvin Coolidge was in the White House at the time.

Springfield faced Burlington in the title game that year and fell 25-15. Putting two and two together, this means in about 100 years of the sport, Black



Black River boys' basketball player, Drew Schoenberger, stands alone with the ball. If he scores eight points the rest of the season, he will stand forever with five other former President basketball players as the only thousand-point scorers in the school's history.

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River style, there will only be six standout performers, who gained entrance to the special grouping. High standards indeed.

#### Sportsmanship emphasis

Sportsmanship, for the most part, is not a problem at high school sporting events in the area. There are occasional small problems, but area athletic directors are on top of these outbursts and are able to deescalate the source in time to prevent bigger happenings.

Springfield first year Athletic Director, Cagney Brigham, saw a situation he was not comfortable with at a road basketball game this season. Some Springfield fans went beyond the norm in a game, and their actions were noticed by

many.

A few days later, the Springfield girls' team had a rivalry home game with Bellows Falls and Brigham wanted to make sure all fans understood their expectations. He printed up a spectators' memo, handed it out, and the contents are a good reminder to one and all of what everyone's role is.

The correspondence read:

"Recently we have had some events occur at games that is no longer going to be accepted. The conduct that has been on display, in the stands, WILL NO LONGER BE TOLERATED! Please let the players play, the coaches coach, and the officials officiate.

"Four Roles in HS Athletics:

1. Athlete - Role is to work hard, keep a positive attitude, and do everything they can to improve on their skills.
2. Coaches - Role is to develop athletes' skills and to provide the most positive experience possible for the athletes.
3. Officials - Role is to manage the rules of the game.
4. Spectators - Role is to encourage and positively support the athletes who are competing.

"If anyone is not able or willing to adhere to these expectations I will be asking them to leave the building. Spectators need to support their team by cheering for them; not against the other team or anyone else involved in the game."

Sincerely,

Cagney Brigham  
Athletics Director"

The night, Brigham passed out the memo. It went well, generally. There were a few fans representing both sides who kind of pushed the envelope, but Brigham paid them a little attention, and the limits were quickly understood.

This correspondence was included today, not in any way to point out that Springfield was having a problem but as a proactive approach to each of our communities, in promoting good sportsmanship. One time or another, most schools have needed a reminder or two to make sure certain fans support their athletes in the best way possible.

#### Thanksgiving football

If at first you don't succeed, try again. That is what Fall Mountain Athletic Director Gordon Danserau is doing at Fall Mountain, where a couple of years back he attempted to put together a Thanksgiving Day football game between Fall Mountain and Monadnock. When push came to shove, the game was not held because the Wildcats would not have enough players on that day.

I applaud Danserau for trying again. I love Thanksgiving football games but only on one condition. To gain my support, the school needs to push the start of the basketball season to give the boys' basketball team the same preparation everyone else on their early schedule gets. If not, playing a game from another season unfairly impacts another team's opportunity to prepare properly for their competition. Time will tell how that will end up playing out.

Fall Mountain's scheduled opponent next Thanksgiving will be Stevens, their biggest rival. The Wildcats will host the game in Langdon, N.H. Hopefully they draw a large crowd and establish a great tradition.

If you would like to comment on the sports in this paper, feel free to email me at [bmurphy@vermontjournal.com](mailto:bmurphy@vermontjournal.com).

## Varsity basketball games schedule for the remaining season

**REGION** - Games start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise specified. All games are subject to change, weather permitting. Local rivalry games are listed in bold.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 15 -

- Girls - Leland & Gray @ Bellows Falls

### FRIDAY, FEB. 16 -

- **BOYS - SPRINGFIELD @ BELLOWS FALLS**

- Boys - Leland & Gray @ Green Mountain

- Girls - Fall Mountain @ Conant

- Girls - Green Mountain @ Mount Saint Joseph

### SATURDAY, FEB. 17 -

- Girls - Springfield @ Mill River 2:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, FEB. 19 -

- Girls - Bellows Falls @ Hartford

- Girls - Black River @ Mount Saint Joseph

### TUESDAY, FEB. 20 -

- **BOYS - GREEN MOUNTAIN @ BELLOWS FALLS**

- Boys - Poultney @ Black River

- Boys - Hillsboro-Deering @ Fall Mountain

- Girls - Woodstock @ Springfield

### THURSDAY, FEB. 22 -

- Girls - Twin Valley @ Bellows Falls

- Girls - Arlington @ Black River

- Girls - Proctor @ Green Mountain 6:30 p.m.

- Girls - Springfield @ Windsor

### FRIDAY, FEB. 23 -

- Boys - Bellows Falls @ Leland & Gray

- Boys - Fall Mountain @ Campbell 6 p.m.

- Boys - Green Mountain @ Twin Valley

- Boys - Hartford @ Springfield

### TUESDAY, FEB. 27 -

- Boys - Springfield @ Windsor

- Boys - Arlington @ Black River

- Boys - Twin Valley @ Bellows Falls

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28 -

- Boys - Long Trail @ Green Mountain

### FRIDAY, MARCH 2 -

- Boys - Springfield @ Woodstock

- **BOYS - BELLOWS FALLS @ GREEN MOUNTAIN**



Basketball Schedule.

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## Bellows Falls reigns in the mythical tournament

BY BILL MURPHY

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**REGION** - Earlier this winter, I made a big deal of the match-ups between Bellows Falls, Springfield, and Green Mountain in girls' basketball. I encouraged people to attend because I felt each of the three teams had plenty to offer, and I expected the games between the teams to be competitive and exciting.

During my formative years, Philadelphia made up a mythical college basketball conference and called it the Big Five. They still preach its virtue today. The schools of St. Joseph's, LaSalle, the University of Pennsylvania, Temple, and Villanova make

up that mythical arrangement, playing each other once, and naming a champion each year.

In Vermont, my mythical conference of these three area schools play each other twice each for four games and for those involved, it's exciting as well.

This winter's play has been completed, and Bellows Falls was 3-1 in the games, Green Mountain finished at 2-2, and Springfield was 1-3. Bellows Falls and Green Mountain split their games. So did Green Mountain and Springfield. However, Bellows Falls defeated Springfield twice. The Terriers and the Cosmos have decided that one game between the two rivals is now known as the Gold Cup.

Obviously, Bellows Falls won the initial game in that series.

Both Bellows Falls and Green Mountain should get first round home games in the play-offs, which are a couple of weeks away. Bellows Falls is currently 13-3 and seeded 7th and Green Mountain 13-4 and seeded 5th. Bellows Falls would host Hartford; Green Mountain would host Twin Valley if the post season began today.



Lady Chieftain Paige Karl has her eye on the hoop to score two more points during this 2017-18 campaign.

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Terrier Madison Streeter throwing a pass earlier this season.

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# arts & entertainment

## Don't miss the February Bellows Falls 3rd Friday

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - The public is invited to our Bellows Falls 3rd Friday on Friday, Feb. 16 from 4-8 p.m. - an opportunity to stroll through various venues of Bellows Falls and the vicinity for art, music, literary events, food and late-night shopping.

The following venues will host BF3F events:

- Windham Antiques open until 7 p.m.,
- Village Square Booksellers will have a book club sign up and free ARCs,
- River Artisans will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
- The Rock and Hammer Jewelry will be open until 6 p.m.,
- Shona Grill will be serving dinner specials,
- Sherwin Art Glass is open at 33



Bellows Falls 3rd Friday. PHOTO PROVIDED

Bridge St. with demonstrations and refreshments,

- Popolo will have casual to fine dining until 9:30 p.m.,
- Halladays Florist will be open un-

til 5:30 p.m. with dip tasting,

- Flat Iron Exchange will host Bellows Falls native Michael Veitch performing at 5 p.m. and quilts from Margo Hrubec will be on display,
- Canal Street Art Gallery will the Southern Vermont Young Professionals for an evening of art, live music - featuring jazz guitarist Ken Rokicki - and tasty treats,
- Cafe 7 will host the Gail Mickle Art Show and have light dinner fare until 7 p.m.,
- Anastasia's Closet will be staying open to 7 p.m.

Check out our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/BellowsFalls.3rdFriday/](http://www.facebook.com/BellowsFalls.3rdFriday/) for additional information and future events.

## Vendor spots available for 2018 Chester Fall Craft Festival

**CHESTER, Vt.** - Applications for the annual Fall Festival on the Green on the weekend of Sept. 15-16, 2018 are available! High quality artists and craftspeople creating handmade work in New England are encouraged to participate. Applications are due by April 1, 2018. Download an

application and guidelines at [www.chesterfallfestival.org](http://www.chesterfallfestival.org). Participating vendors will be listed on the Fall Festival website. If your Chester business or organization is planning a special event for that weekend, please let the Fall Festival Committee of Rotary Club of Chester, Vt., know and we

will do our best to include it in our publicity. In 2017, this event was designated as a "Top 10 Fall Event" by the Vermont Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact [chesterfallfestival@gmail.com](mailto:chesterfallfestival@gmail.com).

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Sign up for the craft fest by April 1. PHOTO PROVIDED

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## Join FOLA and BRNG for a special sing-along version of "The Sound of Music"

**LUDLOW, Vt.** - Looking for something to do on a cold February evening? Come join us on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of fun, and at the same time support a really good cause - the Black River Good Neighbor's food shelf. FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) will feature the classic musical, "The Sound of Music," in a unique sing-along format in the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium on 37 Depot Street.

Julia Andrews and the rest of the wonderful cast will still be there singing all the great Rodgers and Hammerstein music we all remember from this great production. You'll also be part of the musical by singing along with them! If you want, you can dress up for your favorite cast member - Maria, a nun, the baroness, the captain, etc. - or just come and sing your favorite songs by following the large captioned lyrics on the screen.

The sing-along version of this movie has become a world favorite since it offers everyone the opportunity to sing songs they love along side the great cast led by Julie Andrews, the Captain, and the von Trapp kids.

Audrey Bridge of BRNG, a long time participant in this sing-along version, noted, "Even if you don't have a great singing voice, there will be plenty of us to blend with you."

This will be a fun and memorable family experience. So get ready to sing "Climb Every Mountain," "My Favorite Things," "Edelweiss," and, of course, "The Sound of Music."

This wonderful evening is open to everyone so clear your throat and get ready to sing.

There is no admission fee, but we are asking for a small donation per



Sing along to "The Sound of Music." PHOTO PROVIDED

person to the food shelf. Space is limited so donate today and reserve seats, or donate at the door.

More information is available from Audrey Bridge at BRNG at 802-228-3663 and FOLA at 802-228-7239 or visit [www.brng.org](http://www.brng.org).

## Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

**CHARLESTOWN, N.H.** - Love, murder, and laughs will be in the air Friday, Feb. 23 and Saturday Feb. 24 at 5:30 p.m. - with a snow date of Sunday afternoon Feb. 25 in case of a cancelled performance - at the Town Hall in Charlestown, N.H. The Charlestown Rotary and River Theater Company are teaming up to present "Poetry to Die For," a Valentine's Day themed murder mystery dinner. It promises to be a lively and fun evening. Dressing as your favorite poet is optional but highly encouraged!

"Poetry to Die For" is set in the present. A local poetry group is holding a special reading with

dinner and invited guests to celebrate the upcoming release of Charity Holmes' new book. Charity is a long-time member of the poetry group and an internationally famous poetess with a handful of previously published books of poetry that are famous overseas. It has recently been rumored that Charity may have been plagiarizing work from the group.

The audience is encouraged to interact with the actors to help solve the murder of one of the poets. The cast includes many familiar local actors plus some new faces: Samaira Aldrich, John Blair, Michael Conant,

James Dennenwitz, Joan Donohue, Maria Ganio, Gregory Higgins, Fran Kemp, Chuck Lessard, Jeanie Levesque, John Luther, Stan Marro, and Ruth Pratt. Sam Maskell, the director, has previously directed several murder mystery dinners including "Murder at Hartness House" which she also wrote, as well as a variety of other local area productions including: "Love Letters," "The Vagina Monologues," and most recently "Elegies for Angles, Punks, and Raging Queens," an AIDS benefit at the Latchis Theater in fall 2016.

A three-course dinner will be served, with choice of entrees - steak tips, baked potato and vegetable, or spaghetti squash alfredo. All dinners include salad, rolls with butter, chocolate mousse, and non-alcoholic beverages. Guests may bring their own alcoholic beverages.

Seating is limited, and reservations are requested by emailing [todayis4memories@gmail.com](mailto:todayis4memories@gmail.com) or calling 603-543-0433 or 603-439-1896.



The cast of "Poetry to Die For." PHOTO PROVIDED

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## Hot chocolate and cookies at Family Fun Day

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The North School Preservation Society will be holding a Family Fun Day with free hot chocolate and cookies, at the warming hut at the North Springfield Recreation Area off School St., on Feb. 24, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

The event will show NSPS's appreciation to all who support our efforts to improve the school and to all those who use the recreation area for winter recreation and other seasonal events throughout the year. We also want to thank all the organizations that donate items for tag sales and other support.

Stop by, bring your skis, skates, sleds, and snowshoes and enjoy a fun time with a warm drink and cookies. We will also have a few simple crafts for children as they take time out to



Enjoy family fun day.

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warm up. Learn what NSPS has accomplished during the past year and has planned for the future.

If you would like to be part of our organization and help us with our goal to bring the building back to life, information will be available.

## Pendant with cabochon and pine needle coiling

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - What a great time of year to make beautiful jewelry at Gallery at the VAULT. Join Lyn Parker Haas on Saturday, Feb. 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to create pendants with pine needle coiling and lovely cabochons.

A beginner or experienced pine needle coiler, you can make one or more pendants. If you are new to pine needle coiling, this is a fabulous first project because you can create a beautiful product that you will love wearing in a one-day class. If you are an experienced coiler, you may add embellishments by learning to make

spaces, wrapping rows, and adding beads. You also may successfully complete more than one pendant.

There is a cost and a separate materials fee that ranges in price depending on the stone you choose. The only thing you need to bring is a pair of scissors.

For more information, please call or come into Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street, Springfield, Vt. We are open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Contact 802-885-7111, galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit our web page at www.galleryvault.org.



Make pendants with Lyn Haas at the VAULT.

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## Presidents' Day open house at Calvin Coolidge State Historic site

PLYMOUTH NOTCH, Vt. - What inspiration did President Calvin Coolidge draw from George Washington? Join the Coolidge Foundation on Feb. 19 to hear President Coolidge share portions of his Feb. 22, 1926 speech to the National Education Association. Meet Coolidge, as portrayed by Tracy Messer, who will bring Coolidge's words to life:

"He (Washington) wished to see his country not only materially prosperous and politically successful, but beyond that, and above it, he wished to see the intellectual, moral, and spiritual life of the people developed."

Coolidge embraced technology in his day, being the first president to speak directly to the American people by radio. He would no doubt approve of Mr. Messer's use of technology to bring images and ideas to life. President Coolidge's talk will begin at 2 p.m., shortly after a preview of the upcoming season at Plymouth Notch by site administrator, William Jenney.

The President Calvin Coolidge

Museum and Education Center, located on 3780 Route 100A in Plymouth Notch, will be open from noon to 4 p.m. on Feb. 19. Enjoy the museum exhibit and explore hands-on activities for all ages in the Coolidge Classroom. Walk through the quiet village where Coolidge was born, grew up, returned to, and was sworn in as our nation's 30th president. Stop in at the Plymouth Cheese Factory.

At 1 p.m., Education Director, Diane Kemble, will make a short presentation on this year's Calvin Writing Prize topic, "What speech would you give as President to ad-



New Coolidge reenactor, Tracy Messer, will speak on Feb. 19 at the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation.

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vance Civil Rights?" All are welcome but this is an especially good opportunity for students, teachers, and parents to get to know this topic and the excellent resources available.

A \$1,500 first prize and \$500 second prize will be awarded! Vermont students, let your voice be heard! See www.coolidgefoundation.org/the-calvin-writing-prize.

The Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation partners with the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation to present these programs.

See www.Coolidge-Foundation.org or contact education@calvin-coolidge.org.

## Spiritual Dances of Universal Peace



Dances of Universal Peace are circle dances that use sacred chants.

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Dances of Universal Peace return to Springfield on Sunday, Feb. 18 from 2-4 p.m. at the Springfield UU.

The Dances of Universal Peace are simple, joyous, meditative, multicultural, circle dances that use sacred phrases, chants, music, and movements to touch the spiritual essence within ourselves, and recognize it in others. These dances are based on teachings embraced by Universal Sufism. No musical or dance experience of any kind is required, and every-

one is welcomed to join in.

The dances focus on peace, creating a sense of solidarity and community, while celebrating the underlying unity of all the spiritual traditions of the earth. Donations accepted. Come and be a part of the circle that connects all of humanity! This event is held at 21 Fairground Rd., Springfield, Vt. All are welcome!

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# outdoor news

## The Torchlight Parade and Okemo Mountain School Winter Festival

LUDLOW, Vt. - On Feb. 17, 2018, at the Clock Tower Base of Okemo Mountain Resort will be the Torchlight Parade, presented by Rockstar Energy Drink. Enjoy a pyrotechnics show at 7:30 p.m. in the Okemo Clock Tower base area, following an amazing torchlight parade of skiers and riders traversing Okemo's Open Slope trail. Kids can participate in their own special Light Parade prior to the Torchlight Parade and Fireworks show. Call 802-228-1600 to register in advance.

Would you like a guided snowshoe tour for Okemo's gala fireworks display? Meet Joe Karl inside the Okemo Express Rental Shop located at the Main Base at 6 p.m. to be fitted for Tubbs snowshoes - or you can bring your own. Tours depart the Okemo Base Area beside South Ridge Quad A at 6:30 p.m. and head up on the Bull Run trail to watch the fireworks. The snowshoe tour is first come, first served; reservations are recommended. Please have guests call 802-228-1558 to reserve their spot in the tour.

You are cordially invited to the 8th annual Okemo Mountain School

Winter Festival on Feb. 17, 2018 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Willie Dunn's Restaurant at the Okemo Valley Golf Club.

The Winter Festival is a fundraiser to benefit Okemo Mountain School, Ludlow's ski and snowboard academy. Please join us for an evening of wine and cheese tasting, Vermont beer tasting, and sampling of foods from our local restaurants. Enjoy catching up with friends, browsing the silent auction, and supporting OMS. It is a casual evening meant for mingling with friends, old and new, and enjoying great food and drink. Tickets can be bought in advance online at [www.okemomountain-school.org](http://www.okemomountain-school.org) or bought at the door. This event is most appropriate for adults only.

## Vermont Fish & Wildlife discuss the Battenkill River

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - The Battenkill River is one of Vermont's pre-eminent wild trout streams, but a near collapse of the brown trout population in the 1990s found that a lack of in-stream cover was leading to low survival of midsize trout - contributing to the population decline.

Lee Simard, a fisheries biologist for the Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife manages and protects fish populations and their habitats in lakes and streams in southern Vermont. On Friday, Feb. 23 at 2 p.m., he will be at the Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections to discuss instream habitat improvement projects on the Battenkill, which have resulted in an increase in the fish population across multiple age classes and how collaboration with watershed groups, Federal and State agencies, and other dedicated organizations is improving the overall health of the Battenkill watershed.

This presentation is offered at no charge, but call 802-824-4343 to attend.

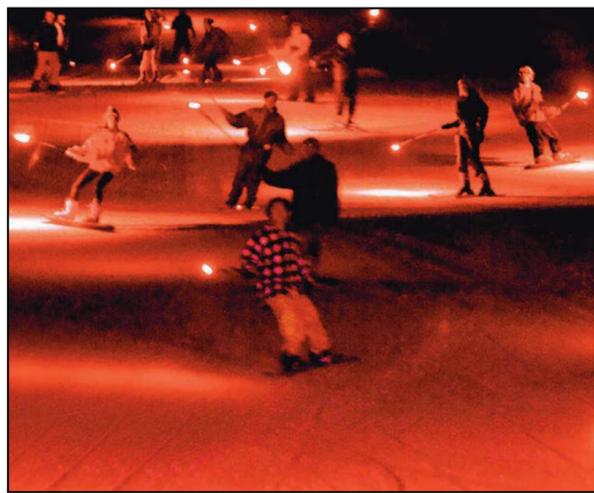
The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections is located in Lon-

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The Battenkill River.

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Torchlight Parade on the slopes of Okemo.

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## Fish & Wildlife urges us to remember nongame wildlife tax checkoff

REGION - Vermonters interested in conserving wildlife should donate to the Nongame Wildlife Fund on their state income tax form this year, according to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. The fund helps protect some of Vermont's most threatened wildlife such as bald eagles, lake sturgeon spruce grouse, and bats.

Donations are leveraged by a match from a federal grant, meaning that a \$25 donation brings up to \$75 to wildlife conservation in Vermont. They have helped recovery efforts for Vermont's bat species that were recently hit with a devastating fungal disease known as white-nose syndrome. These donations also help conserve de-



Bald eagles are now much more common in Vermont thanks to recovery efforts supported by the Nongame Wildlife Fund.

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clining pollinators such as butterflies and bees, which are critically important to agriculture and ecology.

Biologist Steve Parren manages nongame wildlife projects for the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. He works on the recovery of Vermont's rare turtle species, including the state endangered spiny softshell turtle. Parren monitors and protects the turtle's nests, and each winter he raises dozens of baby turtles in his

own living room before releasing them back into Lake Champlain in the spring.

"The Nongame Wildlife Fund has helped some of our great wildlife success stories in Vermont," said Parren. "Thanks to the generous donations of thousands of Vermonters, we are restoring many of the iconic species of our Green Mountain State."

Past donations to the Nongame Wildlife Fund have helped recover peregrine falcons, osprey, and loons in Vermont. "It's clear that Vermonters care deeply about wildlife," said John Buck, a wildlife biologist who works to recover the state's endangered bird species. "These donations demonstrate that the people of our state share a strong commitment to conservation."

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## business spotlight



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wwcvt@vermontel.net  
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Wholistic Wellness Center in Springfield is a quiet, peaceful space with a small community of independent professionals who are all gathered to provide an array of wellness services, including: physical therapy, therapeutic massage, psychotherapy, and energy medicine.

Cindy Aldrich and her husband have owned the business property for 16 years after Cindy decided she wanted to work in a space with others in order to "simply use the energy of each other." However, the Wholistic Wellness Center has grown into a community where the practitioners sometimes collaborate on community events. Space is rented out to the individual practitioners for their appointments. "We are a community of healers dedicated to serving our broader community with integrity, compassion, responsibility, and commitment," their mission states.

Upon entering the Wholistic Wellness Center, there is a bright and sunny waiting room that is "quiet and serene." The ambiance really helps clients start to unwind while they wait for their therapist. Each practitioner has their own treatment room, and there's a gym area with equipment – treadmill, bike, weights, etc. – for physical therapy use.

Cindy Aldrich, PT, LTD, and Shawn Antonivich, PTA, have collectively 40 years of experience in physical therapy. Most of their work is manual – or hands on – therapy for lower back, neck, joint pain, etc. They specialize in post-operational rehabilitation following injuries. Each treatment program is individualized based on a client's specific needs. To schedule an appointment, call 802-885-1600.

Joni Foster-Robinson, RN, MS, FNP, ST, is a Holistic Nurse Practitioner and Somatic therapist with a focus on deep tissue massage, neuro-muscular, craniosacral, Reiki, exercises, nutrition, relaxation, mind-body, and centering therapies. Each session with Joni is "meant to give you sacred space in your busy life." She can be reached by calling 802-263-5249.

Lu Parker, CMT, MA, AS, CMFR, performs different massage techniques including: Swedish, deep tissue, sports, hydrotherapy, prenatal, and reflexology. Each session is "created to guide you to accomplish your own goals for wellness and happiness, and for you to find balance and joy in body, mind and spirit." Call her at 802-558-7932 or email luparkermt@yahoo.com.

Joanie Gioffi, MS, RMT, specializes in sports, deep tissue, and relaxation massage therapy. Joanie can be reached by calling 802-376-9878 or emailing cmj@vermontel.net.

Samantha Snide, LMT, specializes in pre-and-postnatal massage. Snide believes "prenatal massage offers a unique opportunity to help both the mothers' and their babies reach their optimal health and well being." She also specializes in myofascial, deep tissue, trigger point therapy, and Swedish massage therapy. To contact Samantha, call 603-558-1317 or email samantha.snide@yahoo.com.

Dee Goings does Reiki, body work, and card readings. She can be contacted by calling 303-710-7009 or 802-885-8594.

Kate Bell, MSW, LICSW, does family therapy and can be reached by calling 802-376-5818.

Mara Cicaloni, MS, LCMHC, EEMCP, specializes in psychotherapy, art therapy, energy psychology, thought field therapy, and energy medicine. Energy medicine "focuses on the entire body as a system... and then by working with specific energies that are involved with the problem." Mara can be contacted by calling 802-384-2698 or emailing mara@goldenkeywellness.com.

Marie Gray works in integrated energy therapy and aroma touch therapy – working with essential oils. She helps "get the issues out of your tissues." Marie can be reached by calling 802-591-1597.



With a wide array of services and practitioners, it may be difficult to decide whom to work with for first-time clients. Luckily, Dianna Wilson is there to welcome clients into the center. She can answer questions and make recommendations. While she does not schedule appointments for the practitioners, she can pass along contact information. She's usually in the office Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will usually be someone in the office during the week to answer phone calls. Otherwise, they will respond to voice mail typically within 24 hours. Services are by appointment only.

Cindy Aldrich also owns Inner Journeys with Horses, an engagement with horses that teaches leadership, communication, and personal awareness, at Seavers Brook Farm, located at 381 Will Dean Road in Springfield. Not to be confused with therapeutic riding, Inner Journeys is a non-riding horse therapy for adults who want to look within themselves. More information can be found at www.innerjourneyswithhorses.com

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**THURSDAY, FEB. 15 - LUDLOW, Vt.** – Learn the lost art of making bread dough flowers at the Black River Academy Museum, 14 High Street in Ludlow, on Thursday, Feb. 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All supplies will be included in the fee. Snacks will be provided. BYOB. Each flower made will be unique. For more information email Joan Willett at willett@comcast.net or call 802-228-8690.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 17 - CHESTER, Vt.** – Join professional astrologer, Lisa

Verschuur as she explores “Love in the Year of the Dog” at Dream Barn Hollow in Chester, on Saturday, Feb. 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy a lively and informed discussion of how recent planetary shifts will affect your love life this year. The cost includes your astrology chart wheel and a light vegetarian lunch. Workshop space is limited and fills quickly so reserve early via phone at 802-875-1717 or email dreambarnhollow@gmail.com.

**TUESDAY, FEB. 27 - CAVENDISH, Vt.** – The Cavendish Energy Committee will sponsor a workshop on Hydroponics (a method of

growing plants without soil), on Tuesday, Feb. 27 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Cavendish Town Office meeting room. Casey Hodge of Southern Vermont Hydroponics in Mount Holly will present the workshop and discuss suitability for southern Vermont climate, economics and advantages. Anyone from any town may attend. The Cavendish Town Office is located at 37 High Street in Cavendish. Light refreshments will be served. For additional information please contact Karen Wilson at 203-550-7430.

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28 - RUTLAND, Vt.** – If you’ve had a spiritual experience such as seeing spiritual lights, hearing inner sounds, strong intuitions or déjà vu, dreams of flying, past life recall or an out-of-body experience, join the Spiritual Experience discussion on Saturday, Feb. 28 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Rutland Free Library on Court St. in Rutland. There will be an opportunity to try a spiritual exercise that can open the way for more spiritual experiences in your life. For more details visit the Vermont Eckankar website at [www.eckankar-vt.com](http://www.eckankar-vt.com).

org. call 800-772-9390 or email [eck.vermont@gmail.com](mailto:eck.vermont@gmail.com).

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

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – 9-10:30 a.m. Playgroup at the Springfield Area Parent Child Center. Come to play and meet new friends. All parents with young children are welcomed. Contact Celeste at 802-886-5242 or email at celestem@vermontel.net. TFN

**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

**CHESTER, Vt.** – Sign up by Feb. 13 for Kundalini 8-week Yoga Series entitled “Awakening to your 10 Bodies” begins Tuesday, Feb. 20 at Buddhaful Yoga,

Fullerton Inn, 40 Common in Chester from 6 – 7:15 p.m. Liza Eaton, Certified KRI Kundalini Yoga Teacher awakens and aligns our “10 bodies” consisting of the Soul Body, 3 mental bodies and 6 energetic bodies. Reduce stress, heal, awaken, strengthen, purify and spread mindfulness throughout your life as we practice ancient yoga. Sign up by Feb. 13 for either full 8-week or your choice 4-week course. To sign up contact [eaton.liza@gmail.com](mailto:eaton.liza@gmail.com) or call/text 518-763-1490. Series ends on April 10.

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

**CAVENDISH, Vt.** –From 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., there will be a Tai Chi beginners’ class at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Cavendish/Proctorsville, Vt., next to the Post Office at the corner of Rte 131 and Depot St. There is a monthly tuition cost. To learn more about the classes, please contact Djemila at 802-490-0225, by email: [djem.translator@gmail.com](mailto:djem.translator@gmail.com) or check for updates on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/genstaichi/](http://www.facebook.com/genstaichi/). 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](http://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](mailto:eaton.liza@gmail.com) or [www.buddhafulyoga.com](http://www.buddhafulyoga.com). TFN

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**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](mailto:info@myreccenter.org). TFN

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

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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](http://www.myreccenter.org). TFN

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### CLUBS

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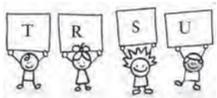
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The schools in the Two Rivers Supervisory Union (Mount Holly Elementary, Ludlow Elementary, Cavendish Town Elementary, Black River High School and Green Mountain Union High School) are looking for great people to work with our staff in our schools! Have fun, support our local children and earn a little money. Be a Substitute! We pay full day and ½ day rates.

You must be at least 18 years old, Background check will be required.

Send a letter of interest with a resume and we will send you an application packet, or stop in on Wednesdays to pick one up. You are required to provide ID and proof of employment eligibility when you apply.

**Two Rivers Supervisory Union**  
609 VT Route 103S (on the Fletcher Farm Campus)  
Ludlow, VT 05149  
[www.trsu.org](http://www.trsu.org)  
802-875-3365  
802-875-6438 (fax)



### TOWN OF LUDLOW, VERMONT POSITION AVAILABLE PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

The Town of Ludlow invites applications for the position of Parks & Recreation Director. This is a full-time position with competitive wage and municipal benefits package. Recreation Director will oversee the recreation programs for youth and adults and coordinate the community center scheduling and activities. Successful candidate must be a team player, organized and able to communicate effectively in written and oral form. Must possess a valid VT driver’s license and be able to operate outdoor maintenance equipment, prepare fields for events and work in all weather conditions. Must be available weekends, holidays and some evenings. Computer experience is required.

Send resume with three references to the Municipal Manager, Town of Ludlow, PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT, 05149. The Town of Ludlow is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Selectboard of the Town of Rockingham, Vermont, hereby gives notice that positions for the Planning Commission and Development Review Board are being solicited. The Planning Commission is rewriting the Town Plan and will update the town’s land use regulations. The Development Review Board reviews and permits development and land subdivision proposals.

Any Rockingham resident interested in serving must forward a letter of interest to Charles Wise, Town Planner, P.O. Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT 05101, or [planning@rockbf.org](mailto:planning@rockbf.org), no later than March 2, 2018.

Please indicate if you wish to serve on the Planning Commission or the Development Review Board. The Rockingham Planning Commission will consider applications and recommend new members for appointment by the Selectboard. We anticipate the new volunteers will start April 2018.

### PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY WINTER PARKING

Please take note: This ordinance was revised and adopted January 9, 2018. It will take effect on March 12, 2018, unless a petition signed by at least 5% of the voters of Mount Holly is filed with the municipal clerk by February 23, 2018, asking for a vote to disapprove the ordinance. A copy of this ordinance can be found at the Mount Holly Town Office. Please contact Carrie Dougherty SB/PC Clerk with any questions.

Purpose: The purpose of this ordinance is to promote public safety, provide effective traffic flow, and assist the Town in the maintenance of Town streets and highways.

Winter Parking: No person, owning, operating or controlling a motor vehicle shall park or cause to be parked said motor vehicle shall park on any street or highway within the Town of Mount Holly from 9:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M., inclusive, from November 1st to April 30th inclusive.

Thank You,  
Carrie Dougherty

Mount Holly Town Office  
50 School St  
Mount Holly, VT 05758  
802-259-2391  
[selectmen@mounthollyvt.org](mailto:selectmen@mounthollyvt.org)

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## CLUBS CONT.

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

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

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

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

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

## COMMUNITY MEALS

**FRIDAY, FEB. 16 -**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – St. Mary's Annual Fish Fry begins Friday, Feb. 16 and continues every Friday until March 30 at St. Mary's Nolin-Murray Center on Pleasant St. in Springfield. Serving from 5 to 7 p.m. Menu includes fried or baked haddock, baked potato or french fries, coleslaw and dessert. Fee required. Fundraiser sponsored by St. Mary's Social Functions to Benefit St. Mary's Parish. Take-outs are available. For more information call 802-885-4375 or email [mikeknoras@vermontel.net](mailto:mikeknoras@vermontel.net)

**SATURDAY, FEB. 17 -**  
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join us for The Bellows Falls Rotary Club's Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday Feb. 17 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at the Bellows Falls Moose Club. The food is freshly prepared and served by the Bellows Falls Rotary Club members. The menu includes homemade spaghetti sauce and homemade meatballs, freshly made crisp salad with balsamic maple dressing, bread, dessert and

beverage. Vegetarian sauce is also available. Takeout is also available. Tickets will be sold at the door or you may ask a Rotarian. Kids under 5 are free. There will also be a signup sheet for delivery of a dinner to the Canal House and Riverview apartments. Any questions please feel to call 802-376-9972. All proceeds support Rotary sponsored projects and programs.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join us for a Ham Supper at North Springfield Baptist Church on Saturday, Feb. 17, from 4 - 7 p.m. Menu includes ham, raisin sauce, mashed potato, carrots, coleslaw, dessert and beverage. Handicapped accessible. Children five and under free. Call 802-886-8107 for more information.

**TUESDAY, FEB. 20 -**  
PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – Join us for our monthly potluck and aging program on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at noon in the Perkinsville Community Church vestry on Rt. 106. A newly formed town committee will do a program on aging and staying in ones own home. They will ask those attending to fill out a brief questionnaire. Bring a hot dish, salad or dessert. Paper goods, utensils and beverages will be provided. Contact Lorraine Zigman 802-263-5245 or email [lzigman@comcast.net](mailto:lzigman@comcast.net).



**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21 -**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Free community lunch at the First Congregational Church United Church of Christ in Springfield on Wednesday, Feb. 21 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Menu includes chicken casserole with rice and peas in a cheese sauce, coleslaw with pineapple, rolls, cookies and Clementines. No take-outs. All are welcome.

**TUESDAYS-**  
PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – Monthly potluck, third Tuesdays at the Perkinsville Community Church vestry located at 33 Church St. Bring a hot dish, salad or dessert and have a nice visit. For more information contact Lorraine Zigman 802-263-5245 or email [lzigman@comcast.net](mailto:lzigman@comcast.net). TFN

**WEEKDAYS-**  
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center serves lunch on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at noon in the Perkinsville Community Church vestry on Rt. 106. A newly formed town committee will do a program on aging and staying in ones own home. They will ask those attending to fill out a brief questionnaire. Bring a hot dish, salad or dessert. Paper goods, utensils and beverages will be provided. Contact Lorraine Zigman 802-263-5245 or email [lzigman@comcast.net](mailto:lzigman@comcast.net). TFN

## EVENTS

**THURSDAY, FEB. 15**  
TOWNSHEND, Vt. – On Thursday,

Feb. 15, 5 - 7 p.m. at the Dutton Gym in Leland & Gray, there will be a "Community Dialogue on Police Coverage & Law Enforcement in Townshend." People who live and work in the Townshend community are encouraged to join your neighbors and colleagues for a moderated community conversation designed to discuss what needs may exist for ongoing law enforcement and policing support in this region. Law enforcement members will be on hand to answer questions. This event is co-sponsored by Community Hope & Action, Grace Cottage Hospital and West River Valley Thrives. Coffee and cookies will be served. For more information contact Steve Tavella at 802-365-4700.

PERU, Vt. – Snowshoe with the Green Mountain Club Manchester Section on the Catamount Trail on Thursday Feb. 15, 2018. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at FR 10, carpool to start snowshoeing from Hapgood Pond Rd north to FR 10 on the Catamount Trail. Snowshoe 3.1 miles with about 500 feet of elevation variation. Bring

extra layers, snacks and fluids. RSVP requested. RSVP required. Contact Marge Fish at 802-384-3654 or [marge.fish@gmail.com](mailto:marge.fish@gmail.com)

**SATURDAY, FEB. 17 -**  
WINDSOR, Vt. – Come to sing, play, read, or just listen at our Open Mic Coffeehouse at Old South Church in Windsor on Saturday, Feb. 17 at

7 p.m. Donations and offerings of baked goods are gratefully accepted. This is a family-friendly event, and all are welcome! View the event on our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/OldSouthChurchWindsor](http://www.facebook.com/OldSouthChurchWindsor), and let us know if we'll be seeing you! For more information call 802-674-5087.

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Tiny bits
- 6 "I, Robot" writer
- 12 Catch in a net
- 13 Household
- 14 Treeless Asian plain
- 15 Bach piece
- 16 Corn recipe
- 17 Experts
- 19 Ultramodern
- 20 Reverberate
- 22 Kiwi's extinct cousin
- 24 – Khan
- 27 Get better
- 29 "Two and a Half Men" role
- 32 Arguably, best-known line from Shakespeare
- 35 Still
- 36 Peacenic
- 37 Performance
- 38 Blushing
- 40 Iodine source
- 42 Pitch
- 44 Spud's buds
- 46 Scored 100 on
- 50 Hard to find
- 52 Guarantee
- 54 Yearly
- 55 Tradition, perhaps
- 56 Forward a story

### DOWN

- 1 Grooving on
- 2 Portent
- 3 Reservation residence
- 4 Nile slitherer
- 5 One often seen with a crook?
- 6 Bullets etc.
- 7 Quake
- 8 Hostel
- 9 Hawaiian volcano
- 10 Curved molding
- 11 Kill a bill
- 12 Sixth sense
- 18 Virginia city
- 21 Comedian Margaret
- 23 Feedbag tidbit
- 24 Noshed
- 25 Head of st.
- 26 Straying
- 28 Smitten, maybe unrequitedly
- 30 Jimmy Kimmel's employer
- 31 Lepidopterist's prop
- 33 Away from WSW
- 34 – Aviv
- 39 Sticker
- 41 Old hat
- 42 Despot
- 43 Dermatology subject
- 45 Holler
- 47 Adorable
- 48 Cupid's alias
- 49 Rep.'s rival
- 51 Regret
- 53 Sister

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Congratulations, Lamb. The end of the month brings good news in the workplace, thanks to all the efforts you've made to get your projects off the ground and running.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Don't let yourself be cowed into thinking you're not up to the challenge you've taken on. Keep reinforcing your self-confidence, and no one and nothing can stop you.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Positive responses to a recent workplace move should give you added assurance that you're on the right track. Celebrate the good news with family and/or friends.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) There's still a little emotional fuzziness you have to work through before you can feel really certain about your recent decisions. But you're on the right track. Stay with it.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You're tempted by an offer that seems close to what you've been looking for. But before you pounce on it, see if you can coax out some added perks to sweeten the deal.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your efforts to settle a volatile situation should prove successful. Now could be a good time to analyze what might have created the problem in the first place.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A once-close associate re-emerges with news that could cause you to reconsider a recent decision. But don't make a move before consulting a trusted adviser.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You might feel pressured to reveal a colleague's secret. But you can rely on your strong Scorpio sense of rectitude to help you continue to do the right thing.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) That pesky situation is still creating problems. But you are moving ahead with it, and soon it should be successfully resolved in your favor.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A spate of indecision leaves you susceptible to doubt. But you'll soon regain your emotional sure-footedness and be back leading the way, as usual.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Love rules the week with new romances favored for single Aquarians looking for partners. Cupid also targets renewed commitment for wedded Water Bearers.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A surge of creativity keeps you happily busy through the week. But leave some quiet time to share with loved ones. Some long-awaited news finally comes through.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** People rely on you whenever they need someone they can trust to be caring, considerate and also discreet.

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# calendar

## REAL ESTATE/AUTOMOTIVE

### EVENTS CONT.

**SAT., FEB. 17 -** SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Coffeehouse Music Series will host a Hootenanny Open Mic on Sat, Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Springfield. This is a no-cost, family-friendly evening of music and fun. Snacks and beverages are available for purchase. Bring your instrument(s) and your voice and be part of the fun. All welcome!

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21 -** RANDOLPH, Vt. - Chandler Center for the Arts in Randolph is holding open auditions for the 11th Annual Mini Mud Variety Show, for youngsters of any age between 6 and 18. Auditions are being held in Chandler Arts main hall on Wednesday Feb. 21, after school. Prospective performers are invited to

bring a vocal or instrumental musical offering, a dance, a skit or magic trick, juggling, a special drama piece, or any another special talent to share, and are encouraged to get together in groups or ensembles, even with original music or choreography. Acts should be well-rehearsed and no more than three minutes in length. Please contact Chandler Board President Janet Watton at [president@chandler-arts.org](mailto:president@chandler-arts.org) or 728-9402 to sign up for an audition time.

**THURSDAY, FEB. 22 -** LUDLOW, Vt. - Join us for a "Sound of Music Sing Along" on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Friends of Ludlow Auditorium (FOLA) in Ludlow. Enjoy the classic movie "Sound of Music," and sing along, as loud as you want. The show will benefit Black River Good Neighbor Services. Free admission but donation

requested. Space is limited, donate today and reserve seats, or donate at the door. For more information, please call Audrey at 802-228-3663 or visit our website at [www.brngn.org](http://www.brngn.org).

**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

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

### 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!

### LIBRARIES

**MONDAYS -** CHESTER, Vt. - Children of all

ages are invited to join the LEGO Club at the Whiting Library in Chester. We will provide the LEGOs and DUPLOs and you supply the imagination. The program is on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Chester for helping us with a generous donation for this program. For further information contact 802-875-2277, [www.whitinglibrary.org](http://www.whitinglibrary.org), or on Facebook. TFN

**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

**WESTON, Vt.** - Join us at the library for an informal

gathering to work on knitting projects or other handiwork. Share with others, give and receive encouragement, and help solve problems. Rumor has it, there may even be chocolate. This is an ongoing event until Feb. 27, on Tuesdays from 2 - 4 p.m. Wilder Memorial Library is located in Weston, Vt. at 24 Lawrence Hill Rd. For more information, call 802-824-4307.

**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

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

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

**LONDONDERRY, Vt.** - Join world traveler Carol Barclay for "Sit and Knit" at the South Londonderry Free Library, 15 Old School Street in South Londonderry, on Wednesday evenings from 7 - 9 p.m. Carol is an extremely patient instructor and is always creating a beautiful, intricate something out of yarn. Come on over, all are welcome! TFN

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

**CAVENDISH, Vt.** - Sit & Knit at Cavendish Fletcher Community Library on Thursday evenings from 5 - 7 p.m. Sit and Knit or Crochet, or do any fiber art of your choice. Light snacks

will be provided. There is no charge. TFN

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

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

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

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

### MEETINGS

**MONDAY, FEB. 19 -** CHESTER, Vt. - Please join the Chester Senior Citizens Club for their monthly luncheon meeting at on Monday, Feb. 19 at 11:30 a.m. at the Chester Congregational Church on Main Street. Senior Solutions will make a presentation about their programs and services. Just bring your place setting, if possible a dish to share, and a friend! If you need a ride, just call Georgia at 875-6242. Hope to see you there.

**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.** - Westminister Fire & Rescue Department monthly meeting on the first Tuesday at 7 p.m. Rescue training is on the second Tuesday and combined drill on the third Tuesday. More information can be found at [www.westminsterfireandrescue.org](http://www.westminsterfireandrescue.org). TFN

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



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## SUPPORT GROUPS

**FRIDAY, FEB. 23 - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - The Connecticut Valley, Ostomy & IBD Support Group (COG) is having their first seasonal meeting on Friday, Feb. 23 at 5 p.m. at the Rockingham medical group building in Bellows Falls (old hospital), lowest floor in the fireplace room. COG aims to bring people together who are managing inflammatory bowel disease or who have had an ostomy of any type. For more information call Margaret Heale at 802-376-8249 or email mheale@healewoundcare.com.

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

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

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

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

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - TOPS Chapter Vermont #12 meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Social Center, 39 Green Street in Bellows Falls. Come to TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) a non-profit, non-commercial, weight loss support group that really works. Every week there are interesting programs that touch on topics that help us in our quest for weight loss. We share healthy recipes for main meals and snacks. Your first meeting is free. Bring a friend; you won't be disappointed. Visit our website www.tops.org for more information. TFN

**WEDNESDAYS - LONDON DERRY, 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.

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**ASCUTNEY, Vt.** - Twin State Depression Support Group meets on the third Wednesday at Martin Memorial Hall, Lower Level (Handicapped-accessible), 5259 Route 5, Ascutney, (near Exit 8 off I-91) at 6:30 p.m. Do you know or think you may be depressed? Have a friend or family member who has depression? Then this group is for you! Support, empathy, sharing,

education, confidentiality, peer-led. Contact TwinStateDSG@gmail.com or 641-715-3900 (ext. 650055#). TFN

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

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Pre-K open enrollment is now open for Head Start.

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A typical day at Head Start begins with arrival, morning circle, breakfast, outside play, movement circle, free play, lunch, outside play, rest, snack, and then departure. We have a monthly curriculum and while the children are playing, we are making

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Each classroom is made up of a state licensed early childhood education teacher, a teaching assistant that holds a minimum of an associate's degree, and a teaching associate that has completed or is working on completing the Vermont State Apprenticeship Program.

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# Nine scholarships are available to high school students

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# What should you do with your tax refund?

**REGION** - You may not get much of a thrill from filing your taxes, but the process becomes much more enjoyable if you're expecting a refund. So, if one is headed your way, what should you do with the money?

The answer depends somewhat on the size of the refund. For the 2017 tax year, the average refund was about \$2,760 – not a fortune, but big enough to make an impact in your life. Suppose, for example, that you invested this



Invest your tax refund in outstanding debt, emergency funds, or other investment options. STOCK PHOTO

amount in a tax-deferred vehicle, such as a traditional IRA, and then did not add another penny to it for 30 years. At the end of that time, assuming a hypothetical 7 percent annual rate of return, you'd have slightly more than \$21,000 – not enough, by itself, to allow you to move to a Caribbean island, but still a nice addition to your retirement income. You will need to pay taxes on your withdrawals eventually, unless the money was invested in a Roth IRA, in which case withdrawals are tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions.

Of course, you don't have to wait 30 years before you see any benefits from your tax refund. If you did decide to put a \$2,760 tax refund toward your IRA for 2018, you'd already have reached just over half the allowable contribution limit of \$5,500. (If you're 50 or older, the limit is \$6,500.) By getting such a strong head start on funding your IRA for the year, you'll give your money more time to grow. Also, if you're going to "max out" on your IRA, your large initial payment will enable you to put in smaller monthly amounts than you might need to contribute otherwise.

While using your refund to help fund your IRA is a good move, it's not the only one you can make. Here are a few other possibilities:

- Pay down some debt. At some time or another, most of us probably feel we're carrying too much debt. If you can use your tax refund to help reduce your monthly debt payments, you'll improve your cash flow and possibly have more money available to invest for the future.

- Build an emergency fund. If you needed a new furnace or major car repair, or faced any other large, unexpected expense, how would you pay for it? If you did not have the cash readily available, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments. To help avoid this problem, you could create an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. Your tax refund could help build your emergency fund.

- Look for other investment opportunities. If you have some gaps in your portfolio, or some opportunities to improve your overall diversification, you might want to use your tax refund to add some new investments. The more diversified your portfolio, the stronger your defense against market volatility that might primarily affect one particular asset class. However, diversification, by itself, can't protect against all losses or guarantee profits.

Clearly, a tax refund gives you a chance to improve your overall financial picture. So take your time, evaluate your options and use the money wisely.

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