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Mount Holly family loses home after chimney fire

BY THOMAS FOSTER IV
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MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - The Mount Holly Fire Department responded to a house fire the morning of Thursday, March 15 on Lake Ninevah Road in Mount Holly. The home belonged to Judy and Paul Nevin, who managed to escape uninjured, but all of their possessions were lost in the blaze.

The fire happened after their chimney became filled with an excess of snow due to the recent winter storms that brought 60-plus inches to the area. However, hazardous road conditions hindered the response time of the fire departments that arrived on the scene. One of the fire trucks got stuck in a ditch, which made it difficult for others to get closer to the home. As a result, the fire had spread across the house making it more unmanageable.

Surrounding fire departments from Weston, Plymouth, Ludlow, East Wallingford, and Shrewsbury, Mass. responded to the scene. They spent most of the day and into the evening battling the flames, which were finally put out at 10:30 p.m. However, it was short lived due to a rekindling early the next morning that caused the Mount Holly Fire Department to return to the scene. The fire generated heavy damage to the building that the Nevins had called their home for many years.

Judy and Paul Nevin have been residents of Mount Holly for many years, and have been active citizens in that time. Paul served as a town



The Nevin family lost everything to their chimney fire. PHOTO PROVIDED

Selectman, and they both taught children in schools surrounding the area. Judy taught third grade in Mount Holly, and Paul taught at the Plymouth school and then in Springfield. It is their dedication to their community that has made others step forward to help.

"They have always been a positive influence in the community, contributing time as chaperones at local school dances and leading school ski trips, as well as being active members of local organizations, such as the Mount Holly Historical Society. Their lives and generosity have touched many who live in and around Mount Holly," wrote Michael Fogel, a family friend who launched the Go Fund Me page for the Nevins.

Unfortunately, their fire insurance did not cover all the damage from the fire so Fogel established the page for donations, and it has already raised around \$21,000 from over 70 contributions. "While generous neighbors have offered shelter for a while, they need clothing, housing, and help to start the rebuilding process," Fogel wrote.

The comments on the page are filled with heartfelt messages of support, which only shows the impact this fire has had on the Nevins and the people that share fond memories with them. If you wish to make a donation, visit www.gofundme.com/NevinsFireFund.

CTES's George Thomson wins Principal of the Year

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
The Vermont Journal

CAVENDISH, Vt. - The Vermont Principals Association has awarded Cavendish Town Elementary School Principal George Thomson the Henry R. Giaguque Vermont Elementary Principal Award for 2018. The honor comes as Thomson is set to retire after 29 years as principal of CTES.

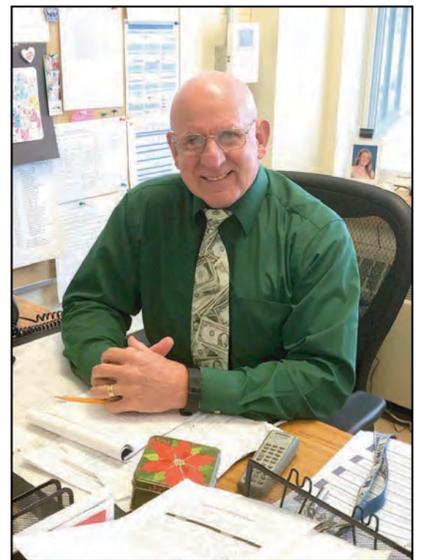
On Feb. 9 of this year, Superintendent Meg Powden and several school board members gathered with CTES students and teachers at the school's morning meeting to share the news that they were nominating Thomson to the VPA for Principal of the Year. Their submission was a seven-page document that the teachers had been secretly working on, outlining their appreciation for his dedication over his 29 years as well as his many contributions and achievements for the school. The paperwork was submitted and the waiting began.

Several years before, Thomson had been approached to have his name submitted for the award but he had asked them not to. At

the time, his response was that he didn't feel he needed any special attention, that he just felt like he was doing his job. "This time I didn't have a choice," he said, laughing.

Word came Wednesday, March 14, that Thomson was the winner of the elementary school honor. As word spread through social media, Thomson has been fielding congratulatory calls and emails. He acknowledged that it was a big deal and admitted, "I'm pleased and humbled." But he quickly went on to say, "I don't feel that it's just me. I really feel a big piece of it is a reflection on how this community has been so supportive over the years - who have supported me."

The award will be presented at the VPA Leadership Academy awards



CTES Principal George Thomson has been named Vermont Principal of the Year. PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY

banquet on Tuesday, July 31 at the Killington Grand Hotel in Killington, Vt.

Mt Ludlow Helicopter Landing Zone failed emergency use

LUDLOW, Vt. - On March 12, 2018, the Mt Ludlow Helicopter Landing Zone failed emergency operational use due to landing zone obstructions causing a responding medical evacuation helicopter to abort an emergency landing and circle while seeking a non-obstructed landing area. Ludlow first responders immediately relocated to an empty parking lot an eighth of a mile away where the medical evacuation transport helicopter safely landed without the use of a landing area windsock. The medical emergency patient was

moved from the Advanced Life Support Ludlow Ambulance and loaded onto the chopper, which provides a 15 minute timely and efficient flight to a New Hampshire trauma center.

Watch the video at <https://youtu.be/EuvRhURuk8U>.



Do not obstruct the emergency landing zone. PHOTO PROVIDED



Helicopter had to abort an emergency landing. PHOTO PROVIDED

State snowboard champ from BRHS

LUDLOW, Vt. - Katey Buckley was the Overall Individual State Champion in the State Snowboarding Championships that took place at Okemo. She also placed third in Giant Slalom, second in slope style, and first in half pipe. Congratulations, Katey.

PHOTOS BY SUZY BUCKLEY



BRHS robotics student award

LUDLOW, Vt. - Natasha Fortin, a sophomore at Black River High School, has joined the first robotics team, IBOTS 2370. The team competed in the New England District Worcester Polytechnic Institute event in Worcester, Mass. earlier in March and were ranked 2 out of 41 at the end of the event! The team also earned the Industrial Design Award sponsored by General Motors. The robot is packed up and ready to go because the IBOTS will be competing again March 22-24 in Maine.

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Neighborhood Connections names new executive director

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Neighborhood Connections is delighted to announce the arrival of a new executive director, Trisha Paradis. Paradis previously worked with the Springfield-based non-profit, Lincoln Street, Inc. This position had been held most recently by co-founder, Gloria Dawson who will help Paradis get established. Then Dawson will return to her "first love" at Neighborhood Connections: being a caring clinical social worker.

Trisha Paradis is a Vermont native, growing up in southern Vermont. Over the past 16 years, she has worked in both the medical and human services fields in a variety of roles. She began her career at the Memory Clinic in Bennington, which assists individuals with cognitive impairments. At the clinic, Paradis served in a variety of capacities including business management and clinical research coordination. According to Para-



Trisha Paradis is the new Executive Director. PHOTO PROVIDED

dis, "It was through this experience I realized my passion for helping people - particularly those with various disabilities and other challenges."

After the Memory Clinic, Paradis joined Lincoln Street, which provides individualized care to people with intellectual disabilities. Here once again, she "wore many hats" ranging from community outreach and marketing, oversight of quality assurance and assisting in developing a quality improvement plan for the organization to coordinating clinical services and supervising/training the staff. Into this mix of duties, she also assisted in managing budgets and "needs assessments," and developed funding proposals for the agency to grow its revenues.

"If there is a single 'common

thread' with my varied experiences," says Paradis, "it would be my passion for simply helping people in need. I greatly look forward to continuing this with Neighborhood Connections, which has a wonderful reputation for doing just that! I feel very honored to be able to join this terrific team of caring people."

The primary mission of Neighborhood Connections is to foster hope, particularly for the most vulnerable individuals and families in nine towns of south-central Vermont. Founded in 2009, it welcomes all people who come through its doors and offers useful health education, counseling and crisis management. Neighborhood Connections connects people to appropriate social service resources. Its community nurses make home visits, primarily to elderly or disabled residents, offering support. All of this comes from a small professional staff plus an army of local volunteers and community partners.

For more information about Neighborhood Connections, call 802-824-4343, visit us at the Mountain Marketplace in Londonderry, or go to our website, www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org.

Member of the month

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce congratulates Jill Tofferi of Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow for being chosen March Member of the Month. The award was presented for their membership, participation, and continued engagement. Tofferi and the Fletcher Memorial Library were selected by their business peers for the month of March.

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New books arrived at the Cavendish Fletcher Memorial Library

CAVENDISH, Vt. - The Cavendish Fletcher Memorial Library has a new selection of books available, including: "American Marriage" by Tayari Jones, "Still Me" by Jojo Moyes, "Dark in Death" by JD Robb, "Wallis In Love" by Andrew Morton, "Into the Black Nowhere" by Meg Gardener. There are also many new books for children and young adult readers.

The library also has a selection of new movies including: "Darkest Hour," "Three Billboards in Ebbing, Missouri," "Murder on the Orient Express," "I, Tonya," "The Shape of

Water," "Handmaid's Tale Season 1," and "Pitch Perfect 3."

There's still time to reserve your spot for the Paint & Munch Party on Saturday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m. to raise funds for an event marquis sign for the library. It will feature heavy appetizers and desserts. Don't miss this fun event! No previous painting experience necessary.

Your donation per person includes painting supplies, a guided painting lesson, food and non-alcoholic drinks, good times, and lots of laughs! Shake off that cabin fever and come have some fun! Tickets



Explore the new arrivals at the Cavendish Fletcher Memorial Library. STOCK PHOTO

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Thank you for participating in annual Tree of Remembrance

LUDLOW, Vt. - The GFWC Okemo Valley Women's Club thanks everyone who participated in our annual Tree of Remembrance fundraiser. We are very grateful to all who contributed to our fundraiser; the proceeds go toward a scholarship to a Black River High School senior. It is especially heartwarming in view of the fact that Black River High School will be closing in a few years.

We remember: Ed and Mary Au-

gustaushes, Oscar and Nellie Beckman, Harley and Mary Bragg, Harley and Ida Bragg, Helen Ballard, Peter Conner, Ellsworth and Dorothy Davis, Blua and Ralph Davis, Nick Decos, Thomas and Frances Dempsey, Carol Deluca, John and Isabelle Deluca, Pauline Deluca, Suzette Durgin, Finneas Egan, Friends of the Dunseith Family, Family and friends at the NYPD, the Geberth Family, Stanley Graniield, Maryann Gagner, Stan Hart, John Hart Jr. John Hart III, Doug Haskell, Brian Hodge-man, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Johnsen, Leta Hudgings, Charlie Hughes, Jack Kemp, Tina Koye, Luhrs family, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. McCean Jr., Aaron W. McNabb, George and Violet Matulonis, Iggy Matulonis, Mr. and Mrs. Eben Merrill, Ernest and Melba Noll, Pete Noyes, Irene and Joe Lorrain, Frank Owen, Ann Price, Sandra Prokop, Garder and Lauren Ripley, George Shaw, Allyn and Helen Seward, Davod Terns, Daryl Stp-wes, Craig Suladach, Kelly Sanderson, Gerard Snyder, Leon and Mary Shabbott, Bernard and Shirley Snow, Erin Paige Stinson, Caroline Spaulding, Mike and Betty Stone, and Marilyn Trick.

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Alexander's Martial Arts students compete in charity fundraiser



Students from ages 3 to 16 competed in the fundraiser competition. PHOTO PROVIDED



Black belt students receiving their awards. PHOTO PROVIDED

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - On March 3 members of Alexander's Martial Arts competed in a charity fundraiser tournament at their Londonderry dojo. The entry fee for the event was a food donation for the local food shelf. Alexander's Martial Arts raised nearly 500 pounds of food and donated it to the Londonderry Food Shelf. Not only did the event

give back to the community, which is very important, but it also helped them to build confidence and learn perseverance through the challenges of competition. All ages from 3 to 16 competed in the event. It was another year of success and fun.

Students also were tested for their black belts that day. As a part of the requirement, they also needed to

participate as judges for the tournament. The test started with a two-mile run, 500 push-ups, 500 sit-ups, and 1,000 kicks as well as a written test of general knowledge of martial arts and the lineage of their organization. The test lasted seven grueling hours. The students displayed their knowledge of what they have learned throughout the years at

Alexander's Martial Arts. On Wednesday, March 7, all four students were promoted to black belt. These students were: Noah Johnson of Saxtons River, Mia Ciccone of Londonderry, Rylee Gabert of Londonderry, and Tristan Alexander of Londonderry.

Prom shopping event at CAFC

CHESTER, Vt. - The Chester Andover Family Center is hosting a community service event for area teens to find their perfect prom outfit. On Wednesday, April 4, 2018, the CAFC will open its doors from 3-7 p.m. for prom shopping. We have a large selection of prom wear for girls and guys, including over 100 dresses, suits, and tuxedos. All are either new or in "like new" condition. You can also shop for accessories such as shoes, shirts, ties, handbags, and jewelry to complete your "look."

All teen shoppers can enter a free raffle to win prom flowers or manicure gift certificates donated by local businesses.

At a suggested donation, prom goers can put together a dress or tux outfit with all the accessories. Please join us on April 4, for a fun and affordable shopping spree. We will have the music going and dressing

rooms set up. The Chester Andover Family Center is located at 908 Route 103 in Chester. Follow us on Facebook or call the center at 802-875-3236.



Get your prom attire at CAFC. PHOTO PROVIDED

Hugging Bear Inn and Shoppe has new innkeepers

CHESTER, Vt. - We found innkeepers to run the Hugging Bear Inn & Shoppe. The calendar is open, and we are taking reservations again.

Back in January, we sent out the Hugging Bear newsletter to let everyone know that we would be closing the inn. Since then, we had some experienced Chester innkeepers come forward and say they would help us stay open. So we hired them.

Chester innkeepers, Andy and Linda Papineau will run the Hugging Bear Inn & Shoppe starting Memorial weekend. They will be here through the beginning of November 2018 or until we can find new owners (Yes, we are still for sale.). They are enthusiastic and excited to take over for the summer and fall seasons.

The Papineaus have been regular fixtures in Chester since the 1980s. They were former owners and innkeepers of two well-known Chester inns - the Chester House and then the Stone Hearth Inn & Tavern. They were also longtime friends with our mom, Georgette. We are happy to welcome Linda and Andy to the Hugging Bear!

Please take note of our different hours for the next couple of months. The inn will be closed April 1 through May 24 for some maintenance. It will reopen full-time on May 25. We have opened up the inn calendar, and we are taking reservations immediately for May 25 through Nov. 4, 2018. Thank you for booking directly with



Andy and Linda Papineau will run the Hugging Bear Inn & Shoppe until the inn is sold. PHOTO PROVIDED

us. It makes all the difference.

Call us to book, 802-875-2412 or go to www.huggingbear.com to make your reservations.

Our shoppe is open until March 31 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. Closed Monday and Thursday. From April 1 through May 24, the shop will be open Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. and weekdays by appointment. Call 802-875-2412. Regular full-time shop hours will resume when the inn opens full-time on May 25.

Senior Solutions will host a Medicare Boot Camp

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Are you eligible for Medicare this year? On Monday, March 26 at 10 a.m., a representative from Senior Solutions, the Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, will hold a Medicare Boot Camp at the Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections.

Offering unbiased information about Medicare, this seminar is for Vermonters who are new to

Medicare as well as family members who help Medicare beneficiaries. This informative session also prepares participants to make timely decisions about drug and supplemental plans. There is no fee to attend, but the

Senior Solutions HelpLine at 1-800-642-5119 to register.

The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections is located in Londonderry's Mountain Marketplace, next to the post office.

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - SEVCA's Head Start program in Windsor County offers a no-cost, high quality early education program to income-eligible families with children ages 3 to 5. An extra classroom is open, and spaces are available for 15 children to attend from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. SEVCA invites interested families to apply now, including families that need full-day care, as there are a few afternoon childcare slots available.

Families may also apply now for available Head Start slots in Springfield, Chester, White River Junction, and Windsor during the 2018-19 school year. Children must be at least age 3 by Sept. 1 to enroll. A full-day program is available in Springfield

Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and our other centers in Chester, Windsor, and White River Junction will offer six hours per day of classroom instruction, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Our extended day program makes it easier for children with working parents to attend, and gives children the chance to rest or nap in the afternoon, have an additional healthy snack, and enjoy quiet activities.

Head Start helps children reach their full potential by providing age-appropriate developmental opportunities, educational and developmental assessments, and health screenings. In addition, Head Start supports the entire family, providing parents with the information and

support to become effective parents as well as to work toward their own goals. And this year, Head Start introduced a more comprehensive 6-week parenting class, Positive Solutions, a program developed by the Center on Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning.

"I like how involved the parents get to be in the classroom and out of the classroom," said Felicia from Springfield. She recently attended a family craft day where she and her 4-year old daughter, Kendra, made friendship bracelets, and she said she enjoys the "buddy breakfasts" and "lady lunches" as well. Kendra is in her second year at Head Start, and Felicia is thrilled with how her daughter has come out of her shell.

"Kendra wasn't a child to join in on group play with other kids her first year; now she will join in or even suggest a game they all can play." Both Felicia and her husband had attended Head Start programs as children, and enrolled Kendra as soon as they found out there was a program in their town.

Find out about the benefits of a Head Start early childhood development program for your family. For more information and to obtain an application, check our website at www.sevca.org/head-start/enrolled-families. Ready to enroll? Please contact SEVCA's Head Start Program Director, Lori Canfield, at 802-885-6669 or by email at lcandfield@sevca.org.



Scholarships for GMCC

CHESTER, Vt. - The Chester Rod and Gun Club will again be giving two scholarships to this year's Green Mountain Conservation Camp. This is open to boys and girls from age 12-14 regular session, and boys and girls 12-16 for the advanced session. If interested, please send a one-page essay explaining why you would like to go. Submit the essay to The Chester Rod and Gun Club, P.O. Box 104, Chester, VT, 05143 no later than April 10, 2018.

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The Governor's Institutes' college credits

REGION - High school students from Vermont now have the option to use their Dual Enrollment vouchers to receive college credit for their successful completion of either of two Governor's Institutes! Students at the Environmental Science and Technology Institute can choose to receive credit via the University of Vermont (UVM), while young business thinkers at the Entrepreneurship Institute are eligible for credit

via Vermont Technical College (VTC).

"These partnerships make a huge amount of sense for students and families!" said Karen Taylor Mitchell, executive director for the Governor's Institutes of Vermont (GIV). "These young people are already diving deep into intensive college-level coursework at the institutes for the sheer love of learning. Now they can get an even bigger head start on

college by taking advantage of our Dual Enrollment partnerships with UVM and VTC."

Taylor Mitchell explains that unlike most Dual Enrollment offerings, "Governor's Institutes go beyond just college credits to approximate full college experiences." All students at Governor's Institutes live on college campuses for 1-2 weeks, conducting hands-on learning alongside other students pas-

sonate about the same topic, and participate in related workshops, trips, and career explorations along with fun activities in a motivated learning community. According to Taylor Mitchell, "GIV is a place where students can find their lives transformed."

In its 35th year, the Governor's Institutes offer summer institutes in a wide range of topics including astronomy, architecture design/build,

the arts, and information technology and digital media. All institutes feature a sliding scale tuition where families only pay what they can afford towards tuition. Room and board are included. Applications are online now with

deadlines in March. To find your local deadline and learn more, go to www.giv.org/apply.

Get more information or donate to keep GIV accessible to all students at 802-865-4448 or info@giv.org.

Deadline nears to participate in Weatherize Springfield and Chester

SPRINGFIELD / CHESTER, Vt. - The deadline is March 31 for residents in Springfield and Chester to sign up to participate in Weatherize Upper Valley. The Vital Communities program encourages homeowners to invest in energy efficiency

projects by offering free or discounted home energy assessments and chances to win cash prizes.

Residents in Springfield and Chester, Vt. can sign up for their energy assessment through March 31 by visiting www.VitalCommunities.org/

Weatherize. Homeowners who sign weatherization contracts by May 31 will be entered into drawings for cash prizes up to \$500 toward the cost of their energy improvements.

Weatherize Upper Valley teams up community volunteers with certified weatherization contractors to provide professional home energy assessments, proposals, and quotes. Before March 31, participants in Vermont can request free comprehensive home energy walk-throughs from Weatherize partner contractors.

"In the past six weeks, more than 140 homeowners have signed up for home energy assessments with Weatherize partner contractors to explore opportunities for energy improvements," said Sarah Brock, energy program manager at Vital Communities. "During our first round of Weatherize Upper Valley in 2017, 101 people signed contracts to invest in home energy efficiency projects. We hope to see similar results this year. The first step for homeowners is to sign up for an assessment with their community's Weatherize con-

tractors by visiting www.VitalCommunities.org/Weatherize by March 31."

Springfield and Chester are just two of 11 Vermont and New Hampshire communities participating in Weatherize Upper Valley this year. Weatherize Upper Valley is a program of Vital Communities made possible with support from Energy Emporium, Dead River Company, Perry's Oil Service and Patten's Gas, the Canaday Family Foundation, the Harris and Francis Block Foundation, Lintilhac Foundation, Lyme

Foundation, and Jane's Trust Foundation.

Participating weatherization contractors include Building Energy, van de Ven Construction, Vermont Foam Insulation, Weatherization and Renovation of Montpelier, Farnum Insulators and Earthshare Construction in Vermont. ABC Energy Savings, Build Basic Green, Building Alternatives, Quality Insulation, Shakes to Shingles, Earthshare Construction and Yankee Thermal Imaging are participating with New Hampshire communities.



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REGION - SEVCA announced that Crisis Fuel assistance is available through the second week in April (for most types of heat) to households in Southeastern Vermont facing a heating emergency. In addition, the state of Vermont has decided to allow people who have already received Crisis Fuel assistance and have household incomes up to 150

percent of the Federal Poverty Level to apply for a second assist if circumstances warrant it.

"Winter's not over yet! With the stretch of extreme cold we've had this winter along with rising fuel prices, we've found that many people have exhausted their Seasonal Fuel benefit and have already had to come to us for Crisis Fuel assis-

tance," said Pat Burke, director of SEVCA's Family Services Program, which administers the Crisis Fuel program in Windham and Windsor Counties. "We want everyone who doesn't know where else to turn for assistance to call us, and we'll do everything we can to help."

To be eligible for Crisis Fuel assistance, households must have had extenuating circumstances that led to the heating emergency (defined as being very close to being out of fuel or out of fuel without money to buy more), and income at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), which is based on household size; e.g., \$4,100/month (gross income) for a family of four. Those who have already received Crisis Fuel assistance are only eligible for a second assist if their income is 150 percent of the FPL, or \$3,075/month or less for a family of four. SEVCA may also be able to arrange an emergency furnace repair or replacement for qualified homeowners whose furnaces stop working or become unsafe to operate.

SEVCA also receives strong support from local individuals and foundations for emergency fuel assistance, and these contributions can help those who don't qualify for the state's Crisis Fuel program,

don't qualify for the second assist, or to bridge the gap between what is covered by the state's Crisis Fuel program and what is needed by a particular family in crisis. Recently, the Fanny Holt Ames & Edna Louise Holt Fund awarded \$10,000 to SEVCA to help some of the most vulnerable area families keep the heat on this winter.

For more information, call SEVCA toll-free at 800-464-9951 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Applicants in northern Windham County may also call that number to schedule an appointment. Brattleboro area applicants should call 802-254-2795; Springfield area applicants, 802-885-6153; and White River Junction area applicants, 802-295-5215. Applicants must bring paystubs or other proof of income, know how much fuel they have left, and provide information about their fuel dealer. Households should not wait until they are completely out of fuel as it could take a week or more to receive a fuel delivery and there are no funds provided to cover the fee for a special delivery; they should call for an appointment when the fuel level reaches a quarter tank. For Crisis Fuel Assistance on weekends and holidays only, call 1-866-331-7741, and for furnace repair or replacement assistance on weekends, holidays, or for after-hours emergencies, call 1-877-295-7998.

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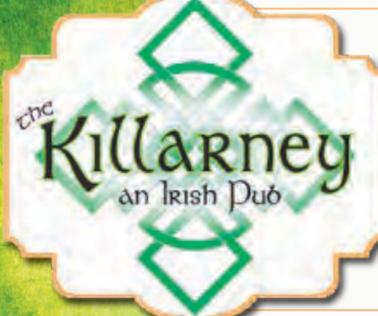
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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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The Belmont Drive-In

People my age or older will remember Drive-In movies. Locally we had the Belmont Drive-In in Bellows Falls. The Belmont was located across Route-5 from the Current Bus location.

Before television drive-ins were popular. The Belmont was owned by Robert and Electa Stocker. The Stockers lived on the upper end of North Main Street in Chester. Mrs. Stocker taught French and music at the Junior High School, now the Academy Building. I had her for two years of French and music. Because she taught both French and music we sang songs in French class. Do you remember singing *Frère Jacques*, *Dominique*, or *Alouette*? Below are a few of my memories.

I was kind of a troublemaker in school or at best mischievous (I know this will come as a shock to many). I don't remember now what I had done as so many years have passed, but Mrs. Stocker took after me. I ran downstairs into the boys' basement thinking I'd be safe. Nope, Mrs. Stocker followed me into the boys' basement. I said to her, "You can't come in here." Her reply: "You don't have anything I haven't seen before." She grabbed ahold of me and dragged me upstairs.

Also at this time in the same school was Mr. Clough's science class. He gave us a science project where we had to build something electrical that ran on batteries. Mr. Clough had a lisp and always said "electricity."

Upstairs in our barn, I found an unusual speaker with a wire cable that had been cut off about a foot or so. It was a speaker from a drive-in. Perfect I thought.

I then went down across the street from the Chester Laundromat to the telephone company building. A man was there (might have been one of the Stowell brothers) so I told him what I wanted to build. He gave



A typical drive-in speaker with volume knob at bottom center

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me a couple transmitters and one receiver and told me what I needed for switches, lights, and batteries to build my intercom.

I mounted all of the components on a board, installed the switches and lights as instructed, and low and behold it worked. I was some proud of my invention. I carried it to school and set it up in the science room.

Well Mrs. Stocker recognized the speaker as one from the Belmont Drive-In. Boy did I get chewed out. It turns out my older brother Brian had stolen it. When our science project was over Mrs. Stocker confiscated the speaker.

Now a little about the Belmont Drive-In. Cars would start to arrive an hour before dark. There were rows and rows of speakers mounted on poles. You drove up close to a speaker, rolled your window down and hung the speaker on the top of your window. As you drove up to the speaker pole there was an incline so when your car was parked you were looking slightly uphill. This way you could see better over the car in the row in front of you.

The movie would start when it

was dark. There were commercials and coming attractions on the huge screen for you to watch. "Visit the concession stand. We have sparkling sodas, hot dogs and juicy hamburgers on the grill. Popcorn and all sorts of candies await you," came the voice through the speaker. Tantalizing images of hot dogs, soft drinks, and French fries were shown on the screen.

In the 1950s my parents took us kids to the drive-in on Saturday night. The movies always began with cartoons. I most always fell asleep in the back seat before the movie was over.

Sometimes someone in front of you had his foot on his brake pedal. These brake lights were annoying when you were watching a movie. Then someone would arrive late and park behind you, with his headlights on, another nuisance. People would blow their horn or holler at the offender.

When some of us kids were older and had a driver's license we went to the Belmont. Money was tight for the admission so we would pool our money. We could get a couple kids in the trunk so they weren't seen and drive up to the admissions window and pay for the driver and one passenger. "Be quiet back there, we're approaching the ticket booth." Once parked, we opened the trunk and the kids would climb out.

Bordering the drive-in was a lumberyard. Some kids got out of the car before the drive-in and went into the lumberyard. Then they would sneak into the drive-in from the side and join their friends.

This week's old saying. "What's the difference between a friend and a real friend? A friend will bail you out of jail. A real friend is sitting beside you in jail and says, 'Damn that was fun.'"

Next OLLI program is Cheshire Railroad

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Alan Rumrill will present the next OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program on Tuesday, March 27. "The Construction and History of the Cheshire Railroad" will be presented at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Catholic Church on Pleasant St. in Springfield, Vt.

Rumrill, the director of the Historical Society of Cheshire County, N.H. located in Keene, will show photographs and discuss how the advent of the railroad changed the nature of life in southwest New Hampshire - and thus neighboring Vermont as well. This would make passenger travel faster and more comfortable and fuel industrial growth in towns all along the rail line. The Cheshire Railroad ran from North Ashburnham, Mass. to Bellows Falls, Vt. and operated for more than 130 years. This technological marvel of the 1840s impacted the people and economy of the Monadnock Region.

The "Mozart: Child Prodigy Makes Good!" program that was cancelled due to the storm on March 13 has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 3 at 2 p.m.

Then on April 10, "The Cornish Colony" will be presented by Henry Duffy, curator of the Saint-Gaudens National Historic site in New Hampshire.

OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, affiliated with the University of Vermont, is a local membership program geared towards seniors 50 years and older who want to engage in meaningful learning, "just for the fun of it!" People of all ages are welcome to attend.

The OLLI series programs are selected with input from the local members and carry varied themes from semester to semester including history, art, music, literature, health, nature, science, travel, and current events.

Programs are held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons and last about an hour and a half.

Membership for the semester includes nine programs. Non-members are encouraged and welcome to attend individual lectures for a single program fee. Memberships, as well as single program fees, may be paid at the program.

Brochures have been distributed throughout the area towns at businesses, the local libraries, town halls, and Chamber of Commerce offices. The complete Springfield and statewide program list is available online at www.learn.uvm.edu/olli. Choose State-wide programs from the menu, and then scroll to Springfield.

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The program is open to Vermont students in grades 5 through 12 and home study students ages 10 to 18. Working individually or in small groups up to 5 people, students choose a topic related to the National History Day annual theme, which in 2018 is "Conflict and Compromise." The topic can relate to Vermont history, U.S. history, or world history. Students complete a variety of projects including exhibits, websites, dramatic performances, documentaries, and historic papers. Last year, over 300 student historians competed for the chance to attend the national contest in Washington, D.C. in June.

The entries at the state contest are judged by local historians, educators, and other professionals. Through their work, students gain a deeper understanding of how people, cultures, and events affect the course of history. Judging of entries for the state contest will take place from 10 a.m. - noon on April 7.

For additional information, contact Victoria Hughes, Museum and Edu-

cation manager, at victoria.hughes@vermonthistory.org or 802-828-1413.

The Vermont Historical Society is a nonprofit organization. Established in 1838, its purpose is to reach a broad audience through outstanding collections and statewide outreach. The Vermont Historical Society believes that an understanding of the past changes lives and builds better communities. Visit the Society's website at www.vermonthistory.org.

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Op-Ed: Struggling to feed and discipline the “system”

Over the past six weeks the House Ways and Means Committee has diligently worked to produce a coherent bill to shift Education Fund spending from some people and districts to other people and districts, and erect a disincentive to excessive school district spending. This is a very intricate and difficult task that, frankly, probably 90 percent of the legislators don't readily understand.

Its proposals have included lowering school property tax rates in 2020, changing the parameters in the school property tax-determination formula, eliminating the income sensitivity program that lets 70 percent of Vermonters pay school taxes on the basis of their incomes, creating a new \$59 million income tax education surcharge, and putting every school district into what up to now has been punitive excess spending territory.

Just reciting this abbreviated list illustrates how difficult it is to find a so-

lution to educational finance that will satisfy even a bare majority of House and Senate members, plus the governor.

Maybe it's time for the governor and legislators to step back and examine why Vermont's K-12 education costs per pupil (\$18,066) are the fourth highest in the nation. Four of the reasons are easily understood. Vermont has the nation's lowest student to staff ratio (4.8:1), an oversupply of small schools and small classes, Universal pre-K that can claim little or no lasting educational value, and an enormous expenditure per pupil for special education services.

But beyond addressing these, we need to recognize that since 1971 we have steadily created a more centralized and expensive public school system. Maybe we should be looking for a new 21st Century model.

Two early efforts were the Schoolchildren First and Education Freedom

District proposals of 2001. The latter proposed to loosen the leash on districts interested in moving in more creative directions. Citizens could choose to opt their district out of the state-controlled public education system in favor of a new locally controlled system characterized by competition, parental choice, opportunity, diversity of educational experience, and responsiveness to local citizens and voters.

Among the opportunities available to the new district would be:

- Exemption from state mandates and required supervisory overhead (except for civil rights and financial accountability)
- Parental choice, with educational funding paid out to parents for use in public, charter, alternative, parochial, work-study, or other educational programs
- Voter approval of two district school budgets, one presented by the

district school board covering non-instructional costs, and the other presented by the teachers union, covering costs relating to the union contract

- Allowing home schoolers to take selected classes, make use of library resources, and participate in extracurricular activities at public schools
- Apprenticeship and community work-study alternatives to classroom instruction
- Exempting teachers from state certification requirements, and offering them merit pay
- Nationally recognized subject matter tests for students (such as ACT)
- Contracting for instruction, maintenance, and management
- Creating Florida-style McKay scholarships for special education students

The idea behind the EFDs was to allow pioneering districts do creative things, so that others would be motivated to do the same. Despite pro-

motion by the Chair of the House Education Committee, the “education stakeholders” killed the EFS bill in committee.

Eight years later, the report of the Commission on Rebalancing Education Cost and Value found that “a policy of creating an ever-enlarging ‘system’, populated with thousands of teachers, administrators and bureaucrats, controlling the annual expenditure of \$1,450 million taxpayer dollars, jealously protective of the benefits enjoyed by the people employed in the ‘system’, and dismissive of the abilities and preferences of parents and children, is a policy headed off in a totally wrong direction...What is insupportable is the continuing and ever growing extraction of well over a billion tax dollars each year, to buy overpriced and undistinguished educational outcomes for Vermont children who need ever-better outcomes to live and compete in the 21st Century.”

Not surprisingly, the “education stakeholders” wanted no part of the Commission's recommendations, because accepting many of them would threaten to disrupt their comfortable near-monopoly arrangement.

So today's legislators valiantly soldier on, trying to make a different collection of taxpayers feed the system and create more powerful disincentives to excessive school district spending. At the same time the governor, rightly concerned with “cost containment,” seems to lean toward doing that by creating a Great Big Hammer to beat school districts into submission.

But wait a minute – maybe the overgrown public school system itself is the problem.

Written by John McClaughry. McClaughry is vice president of the Ethan Allen Institute. He was formerly vice chair of the Senate Education Committee.

Op-Ed: Education funding can be fairer and simpler

While it includes some useful changes, the House bill to reform education funding fails in its stated objective, which was to “simplify the funding process” and “strengthen the connection between voters and the cost of supporting local schools.”

First the good news.

The plan would impose a new education income tax surcharge that would shift some education costs away from the property tax and onto a tax that is based on Vermonters' ability to pay. For the first time, taxpayers in the upper income brackets would be required to pay a progressive income tax directly to the Education Fund.

It shifts some costs from the Educa-

tion Fund back to the General Fund. Though nominally connected to education - for example, Community High School of Vermont for prison inmates or adult basic education - these programs should be supported with broad-based taxes other than the property tax.

These improvements, however, are overshadowed by a restructured funding formula that is far from simplified and likely to leave voters even more bewildered than they are now. For a funding system to “strengthen the connection between voters and the cost of supporting local schools” voters need to easily understand the tax consequences of their spending decisions. This plan does the opposite

- it makes the system more complex.

The new plan maintains the major pieces of the current system: a uniform, non-residential property tax, and a homestead (or residential) tax this is based on property values or household income at the taxpayer's choice. These homestead rates vary from town to town, depending on per pupil spending, and it is estimated that the averages - both on property and income - would come down in

fiscal 2019.

But the new plan changes the formula for calculating the variable homestead rates, putting in place a system that is more complicated for voters to grasp. Now, tax rates increase in direct proportion to spending per pupil increases. If any town spends 10 percent more per pupil, its tax rates are 10 percent higher. That proportional relationship between spending per pupil and tax rates

would be eliminated with the new plan. In fact, tax rates increasing disproportionately faster than per-pupil spending would become a permanent feature of the new system.

A fair school funding system doesn't need to be more complex than the current system. The Legislature could make the funding system much simpler for voters by doing away completely with school property taxes on a primary residence and

up to two acres of land. All we need to do is extend the current income-based homestead tax to all residents, regardless of income. It would be easy for everyone to understand, and all Vermonters would be contributing to the support of our schools based on their ability to pay.

What could be simpler or fairer?

Written by Jack Hoffman of Public Assets Institute on March 2, 2018.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank all voters who came out to express their confidence in my abilities as a select board member. I look forward to serving with the other board members. It is important that we all work together to improve the quality of life in the area. We are facing some tough decisions in the coming year.

I would also like to thank the resi-

dents who allowed us, myself, Doreen Aldrich, and Gaetano Putignano to put up our election signs on their properties. They were removed promptly the next day after elections.

Sincerely,
Peter Golec, Select Board
Rockingham, Vt.

Dear Editor,

In January, the Springfield Energy Committee launched a Weatherization Campaign in collaboration with Vital Communities, a non-profit group devoted to promoting sustainability in communities.

This campaign is soon coming to a close with a March 31 deadline for participants to register. It is a program designed to encourage Vermonters to seal and insulate their homes. This makes your house warmer, saves money on your heating bill, and reduces your energy use.

Participating contractors will give a free energy walk through and estimate. You can then decide if you want

to make improvements and which ones to make, if not all of them. Once the work is completed, participants qualify for rebates, and if they sign a contract by May 31 are entered in a raffle to win a \$500 rebate.

Go to www.VitalCommunities.org/Weatherize to register online or contact Char Osterlund charmf@vermontel.net. Remember, Saturday, March 31 is the deadline to take register and take advantage of these perks.

Thank you,
Char Osterlund
Co-coordinator, Springfield Energy Committee

Dear Editor,

There are, in fact, a lot of misconceptions about the Chamber. For example, there are those who believe the Chamber gathers statistics, prints nice brochures, visits new businesses, answers inquiries, and advertises what a great place the area is to work, live, and play.

They are right, up to a point. We do all those things, and proudly so. All of those jobs are important. But they aren't why the Chamber is here. They're fringe benefits of the Chamber, the things we do as a matter of routine because they need doing and we are good at them.

The primary functions of the Chamber go far deeper than that. The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of

Commerce is a catalyst - a common vehicle through which businesses and professional people work together for the common good of the community. A better community means better business conditions, and we work for a better community for everyone. That's why we do what we do.

This brings us back to the original question: what do we do? There is, in the final analysis, one reason for the Chamber to exist: to do whatever is necessary to keep the area's economic condition at a level where business will risk their resources here in hope of making a profit. Everything else is just frosting on the cake or a means to the end.

In any community, it is from the

profitable operations of business that all other benefits are derived. Only by succeeding in this fundamental goal can we provide the jobs and produce the wealth to finance the civic, educational, cultural, and charitable needs that our community is faced with every day.

This means we must do the job needed.

That leaves one final question. Who is the “we” that does all this? We are you. The Chamber member and all of your business and professional friends who are also Chamber members.

You are the Chamber of Commerce. You provide the ideas, the drive, the goals, the funds, and the voluntary

services to keep the Chamber doing what it does. You are the Chamber. Just who would do all those things if the Chamber didn't?

We need the confidence that it can be done in our community, state and nation. We need to be available to do it, and if we can, and if we do, we will be accountable to the coming generations who will be the true judges of what we do today.

Thank you for allowing us to bring business and community together for our common good.

Sincerely,
Marji Graf, CEO
Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

Dear Editor,

Some weeks ago, it felt like spring. The flowerbeds in front of the State House were exposed and the snow that covers the tunnel crossing the front lawn had melted. We all knew it was too early, and we have been rightly straightened out by all the snow that has fallen this week. Yesterday evening, all the little jitney plow tractors were zooming around the walkways, passageways, and small parking lots around the large Montpelier buildings, including the State House and around the many houses that also house state offices. You could see their flashing lights all the way from the State House to the river. They do a great job as many people abandon their cars in these lots, and they have to work around them.

There are other hazards as well. One year while plowing near the State House steps, a fellow caught a guywire to the State House Christmas tree, which pulled it over and right down the steps. He was horrified, and then tried to reinstall it, which was impossible. No such incidents this year.

There are many bills arriving in the

Senate from the House and vice versa due to “crossover” having occurred. This is the date that tries to ensure that all bills that the committees want to pass have moved out of the committees of origin and are in the process of moving toward a vote by the full body. Should they pass they will go to the other body for consideration. There are exceptions such as the money bills, which are worked on simultaneously and a few others.

Some that came to the Senate Economic Development Committee are: H-96, an Act Relating to Paid Family Leave; H-294, an Act Relating to Inquiries about an Applicant's Salary History; and H-593, an Act Relating to Miscellaneous Consumer Protection Provisions. All of the other committees are receiving bills as well.

Some bills that passed the Senate this week were: S-222, related to technical amendments to civil and criminal procedures statutes; S-272, related to changes in laws concerning motor vehicles and motorboats; S-206, related to point of sale equipment leases (credit and debit machines that businesses use); S-229,

related to the State Board of Education and approval of Independent Schools; S-180, related to the VT Fair Repair Act (a task force to make recommendations concerning the right to repair consumer or business electronic products) and others.

A bill of interest to voluntary emergency responders, S-168 also passed and concerns these persons leaving their places of employment to provide their voluntary services to the communities. It speaks to protections against retaliation and discrimination as well as responsibilities. Work

continues on bills addressing water quality, health care, gun safety, education, taxes, the budget, and much more.

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Sincerely,
Senator Alice Nitka

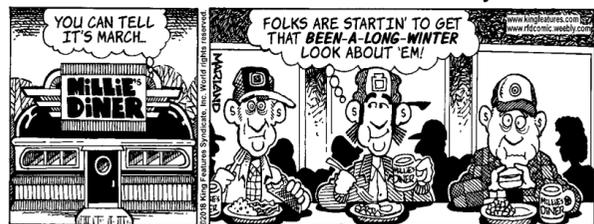
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CHURCH SERVICES

obituaries

ALSTEAD, N.H.

Third Congregational Church UCC, River Street

Palm Sunday service is on March 25 at 10 a.m. Maundy Thursday service is Thursday, March 29 at 6 p.m. with soup and service. Good Friday is March 30. The Sanctuary will be open from noon to 3 p.m. for those who wish to drop by for quiet meditation. Service is at 6 p.m. Easter Sunday sunrise service is April 1 at 6:30 a.m. on Millot Green followed by an Easter breakfast at the church. Easter Sunday service is at 10:30 a.m. with communion. No coffee hour. All are welcome.



Easter Cross outside the Second Congregational Church in Londonderry.

PHOTO BY MAYELLA WHEELER

Sunday, April 1 at 6:30 a.m. an Easter Sunrise service will be held outdoors at the Green Mountain Union High School, followed by breakfast at the church at 7:30 a.m. Morning worship, celebrating the risen Christ, will be at 10:30 a.m. Parking is on the street or in the lot at the rear of the building. Wheelchair accessible. Call 802-875-2638. www.cheserbaptist.org.

LONDONDERRY, VT.

Second Congregational Church, 2051 N. Main Street, Route

Everyone is invited to Holy Week and Easter services. On Maundy Thursday, March 29, there will be a service at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church at 62 Crescent Street in South Londonderry. On Good Friday, March 30, there will be a service at 7 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church. On Easter Sunday, April 1, our Sunrise service will be at 6:30 a.m. at 1005 Landgrove Road. Easter worship is at the church at 9:30 a.m. followed by the annual Easter egg hunt in the Sanctuary! On Easter Sunday, everyone is invited to decorate the cross on the lawn of the church with a flower as a sign and celebration of the Resurrection! For more information, please call the church office, 802-824-6453.

LUDLOW, VT.

The United Church of Ludlow (UCC and Methodist), 48 Pleasant St.

Palm Sunday, March 25 service at 10:15 a.m. Maundy Thursday "Lord's Supper and Service of Tenebrae" is March 29 at 7 p.m. Easter Sunday "Celebration of the Resurrection" is April 1 at 10:15 a.m. Sundays starting at 10:15 a.m. followed by a time of fellowship and coffee hour. Call 802-228-4211 or email unitedchurch@tds.net. Visit us online at www.unitedchurch.us

Ludlow Baptist Church, on the Green, 99 Main St.

Friday, March 30 Good Friday service at 7 p.m. at the church. On Easter Sunday, April 1, there will be a sunrise service at the gazebo on the green at 6:30 a.m. followed by a breakfast at the church at 7:30 a.m. Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and regular morning worship at 10:45 a.m. There will be no evening service on Easter. More information can be found at www.ludlowbaptist.org or by Pastor Jerry Scheumann calling 802-228-7600.

Tyson Congregational Church, Corner of Rt. 100 and Dublin Rd.

Please join us for Maundy Thursday service, March 29, at 6 p.m. There will be a light potluck supper at 5 p.m. before service. Everyone is welcome to both the supper and service. Easter Sunday service is Sunday, April 1 at 10:30 a.m.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.

"Trans People" with Grace Alden will be the Sunday service topic on March 25 at 10 a.m. Grace Alden is a writer, public speaker, licensed

massage therapist, college tutor, mother, wife, and feminist. She is also transgender. She retired in 2016 from a 21-year career in law enforcement. To the best of her knowledge, she was the first trans woman in police work to serve as a tactical operator both before and after transition, and the first officer in New Hampshire to transition and continue to serve. She will speak on the implications of some of the Seven Principles, with regard to trans people and other minorities, drawing on her own life experience. She will lead a discussion group after the service. All are welcome. www.uspringfieldvt.org or call 802-885-3327.

WESTMINSTER, VT.

The First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Route 5

Palm Sunday worship is March 25 at 10 a.m. Maundy Thursday, March 29, we will have soup and break bread at 5:30 p.m. Worship service will follow at 6 p.m. Good Friday service is March 30 at 6 p.m. Easter Sunday sunrise service is April 1 at 6:33 a.m. at Kurn Hattin, followed by breakfast at the church. Easter morning worship is at 10 a.m. All are welcome! The church has a ramp and lift for wheelchair access and a handicapped bathroom. For more information, call 802-772-4148.

All services listed online at www.VermontJournal.com. Click "News" in the green menu bar, and then click "Obituaries & Services."

William G. Basso, Sr. 1925-2018

CHESTER, Vt. - William G. "Bill" Basso, Sr., 92, of Chester, Vt. passed away at the Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington, Vt. on March 10, 2018. He was born in Springfield, Vt. to Arthur and Marcella Basso of Baltimore, Vt. on July 10, 1925.

Graduating from Springfield High School in 1943, he enlisted in the United States Army Airforce. Honorably discharged in 1945, he returned to Springfield J & L, completing his 5th year co-op machinist course. Bill married Eveleth M. Call in 1946 and had 72 years together.

Bill also worked for E. R. Wiggins for several years and began professional truck driving until retiring early to travel and camp the U.S. and parts of Canada until 2008. Bill was an avid hunter, camper, and loved to drive.

Bill belonged to the American Legion, Teamster Retirement Club, Fraternal Order of Masons, Holiday Ramblers, and Good Sam clubs.

He is survived by wife Eveleth (Call) Basso and children William and wife Margo of Mt. Tabor, Vt.; Robert of Port Orange, Fla.; Cynthia and husband Richard Farnsworth Chester, Vt.; Anita and husband Peter Dregallo of Andover, Vt.; James of Clayton, Del.; a brother Edmund Basso of Springfield, Vt.; six grandchildren; and twelve great grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents and sister Margurite Bryant Davis.

Contributions can be made to Vermont Veterans Home, 325 North St., Bennington, VT, 05201.

Graveside services to be held at later date.

Marlene L. McLeod, 1937-2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Marlene L. (Cochran) McLeod, 81, passed away on Sunday morning March 18, 2018 at the Springfield Health & Rehabilitation Center in Springfield, Vt. She was born Jan. 22, 1937 in Morrisville, Vt., the daughter of Clyde and Ruth (Churchill) Cochran. She attended schools in Morrisville, graduating from Peoples Academy.

On Feb. 10, 1955, she married Lyle M. McLeod in Burlington, Vt. He predeceased her on June 27, 2015.

She worked in food service at the Fellows Gear Shaper in Springfield for many years, and later worked at the Dunkin Donuts in Springfield. She was a mother and homemaker and enjoyed knitting and crocheting.

She is survived by two sons Emery McLeod and Steven McLeod; three daughters Penny Hawkins, Shirley Manning, and Janet Kennett; two sisters Adlee Cochran Greenough and Carolyn Cochran Sanders; and also by numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins.



Marlene L. McLeod, 1937-2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

She was predeceased by one brother Calvin, and by two sisters, Regina and Modena.

A graveside service will be held at the Vermont Veterans Cemetery in Randolph, Vt. at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Immanuel Retreat Center, Currier Hall, 12 Church St.

Celtic worship service at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.

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

CAVENDISH-PROCTORSVILLE, VT.

Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main St.

Sundays at 10 a.m. More at www.CavendishBaptist.com or call 802-226-7131

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church, Main St.

Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m. Call 802-228-3451

CHESTER, VT.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 313 Main Street.

Join us for our journey through Holy Week and Easter services. Palm Sunday, March 25 starting at 8 a.m. with Rite I. Rite II at 10 a.m. On Monday, March 26 and Tuesday, March 27 is evening prayer at 6:30 p.m. in the side chapel. Seder Meal is Wednesday, March 28 at 6 p.m. in Willard Hall. Thursday, March 29, the Triduum of Easter begins at 6:30 p.m. with Maundy Thursday, the Holy Eucharist with foot washing is at 7:30 p.m. with Night Watch until midnight. On Friday, March 30 is Stations of the Cross at noon and Good Friday service with reserved Sacraments at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31 is Holy Saturday with the Great Vigil of Easter at 7 p.m., Holy Eucharist, and Rite II. Easter Sunday, April 1, the Sunday of Resurrection is at 8 a.m. with Festival Holy Eucharist and Rite I. The Festival of the Eucharist and Rite II will start at 10 a.m. and a reception will follow. For more details, go to www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org.

Chester Baptist Church, 162 Main St.

The community is invited to attend Holy Week services at Chester Baptist Church. Thursday, March 29 at 7 p.m. will be a Maundy Thursday communion service. Friday, March 30 at 7 p.m. will be a Good Friday Service, observing the passion of Christ through the Stations of the Cross.

Willis A. Spaulding, 1924 - 2018

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - Willis Albert Spaulding passed away March 9, 2019 at his home in Essex Junction. He was born June 8, 1924 in Proctorsville, Vt. to Flora Williams and James Spaulding. He graduated from Springfield High School, class of 1942. Following graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served aboard a submarine, the U.S.S. Spikefish in the Pacific theatre in World War II. He married the former Shirley Anne Gray in the Proctorsville St. James Methodist Church on Sept. 26, 1946. He was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Burlington.

Willis graduated from the University of Vermont with the class of 1950 and went on to receive his master's degree in education in 1963. Willis retired from Burlington High School in 1984, after teaching for 34 years in the areas of vocational and industrial arts and drivers' education. For over 30 years, he and his wife operated the Burlington Auto School, giving private driving lessons in the Burlington area. Willis was also a member of the U.S. Army Reserve, retiring in 1980 after 37 years of service, at the rank of Colonel.

He maintained memberships in various associations, including Ethan Allen Lodge #72, Valley of Burlington Scottish Rite, Mt. Sinai #3 Shrine, American Legion Post #1, Sub Vets of World War II, Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts (past president), Antique Auto Club of America, Reserve Officers Association, Retired Officers, VT Beneficiaries Association (member of Board of Directors), AARP, VFW Post #6689, and the National Council of Senior

Citizens. He was very interested in antique cars and their club activities and was a founding member of the Antique Studebakers Club. In addition to his numerous club associations, he particularly enjoyed traveling, fishing, and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife Shirley of 71 years and three daughters. He was especially proud of his children and grandchildren, and leaves the following survivors: Ruth and husband William Rivers of Little River, S.C.; Suzanne and her husband Charles Schuffert of Scotia, N.Y.; and Eileen Spaulding and her husband Ron Whitten of Essex Junction. His family also includes Curt Randall and his wife Maura of Milton. He leaves his grandchildren: Julie Barrer and Stacey Lantas, Christopher Schuffert, Evan and Nicholas Lacasse, and Jennifer Ready and Matthew Spaulding. He leaves great grandchildren Will and Max Barrer and Eleanor Ready. He was predeceased by his daughter Margaret Lacasse and her husband Ricky, his parents, and several cousins.

Willis will be remembered and sorely missed by his family and friends for his generosity of spirit and his dry Vermont sense of humor. Donations may be made in his memory, in lieu of flowers, to the Essex Rescue or Shrine Hospitals.

Calling hours will be Saturday, March 24 at 10 a.m. at Corbin and Palmer in Essex Junction. A memorial service will be held following calling hours at 11 a.m. at the same location. Burial will follow at a later date at the Twenty Mile Stream Cemetery in Proctorsville, Vt.

Juanita B. Kimball, 1923 - 2018

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Juanita B. Kimball of Bentley Commons died Friday, March 16, 2018. She was born Aug. 7, 1923 in Nashua, N.H., the daughter of Albert and Sibyl (Day) Hinds. Nita was a 1941 graduate of Bellows Falls High School. She continued her studies and graduated from the Heaton Hospital School of Nursing in Montpelier, Vt. in 1945 as a registered nurse. She worked many years for the Rockingham Memorial Hospital, retiring in 1982.

On Oct. 5, 1946, she married Frank Kimball who died Feb. 29, 2012. Nita is survived by her daughter Diane Ackley, her son-in-law Dick Healy, three grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and four sisters Au-

drey Gochey of Bellows Falls, Patricia Maynard of Tunbridge, Vt., Sandra Fitzpatrick of Enfield, N.H. and Sherry Morrison of Bridgeton, Maine. She is predeceased by her parents, her husband, her daughter Barbara Healy, and her brother Albert Hinds.

There will be calling hours Friday, March 23 at the Fenton and Hennessey funeral home in Bellows Falls, Vt. from 5-7 p.m. A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 24 at 11 a.m. at the United Church on School Street in Bellows Falls Vt. A burial will follow in the Oak Hill Cemetery.

Donations in Nita's memory may be made to the United Church or the American Legion Scholarship fund.

Daryl R. T. Wisch, 1935-2018

CHESTER, Vt. - Daryl Riemer Tolstoi Wisch, 82, passed away comfortably in her home on Tuesday morning March 13, 2018. She was born Dec. 3, 1935 in Jersey City, N.J., the daughter of Leon and Rosalind Riemer.

She leaves behind her beloved husband of 37 years, Herbert Wisch, her daughter Hilarie Tolstoi of Chester, Vt., her son Mark Tolstoi of West Orange, N.J., and five grandchildren Sam, Alex, J.D., Casey and Wesley.

Daryl was an avid reader, enjoyed playing bridge and Scrabble. She loved her dogs - Kumi, Chester, Tandia, but Beau was her favorite.

Daryl had a passion for architecture. She designed her log cabin home with a pencil on one sheet of 8.5 x 11 paper and proceeded to guide the building process. She loved living in her creation.

As the proud owner of Chapter XIV (now known as the Next Chap-

ter), Daryl wore and sold unique and fashionable clothing. Her customers would comment how they couldn't find clothing like this on Fifth Avenue! She and Herb traveled the world, exploring, befriending and purchasing ethnic artifacts for the store. She made it to every continent save Australia. The trip to Antarctica was her favorite - save the seasickness - because it was a totally different world.

Her dream was to build a real estate empire. Together with her dear husband Herb and daughter Hilarie, she succeeded. A landlord like no other, Daryl gave her heart to everyone, be it professional or personal in nature.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, March 18 at the Fullerton Inn in the Chester. Memory donations can be made to the humane society of your choice. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting with arrangements.

ANSWERS TO TAKE A BREAK!

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

It sure feels good to look up and out the window and to not see snow falling. It has been a while since I have written this section without the white stuff falling outside. Thinking of warmer climates, I give a shout out to Ludlow's Brad Pearson who gets to work outside each day in Florida in his role as head trainer for the Red Sox. This former Ludlow President is a big part of any Boston success every season.

Spring sports' team practices were able to get a one-day jump on spring on the calendar. Spring officially began Tuesday, March 20, but the practices in both Vermont and New Hampshire were allowed to start on Monday, March 19. It was the first time in a long time I remember the two states starting any season on the same day.

A couple of weeks ago, I passed along word that Springfield foot-

ball and baseball coach Rich Saypack was facing a battle with cancer. The coming of spring was also significant on his schedule since he had major surgery on that same March 20 date. All our prayers and wishes are with him.

One fellow Cosmo faced a battle with a different kind of cancer during the 2016-17 school year. Alex Naccarato missed much of his senior basketball season, but in the end he was successful in his battle with the disease. I have had the pleasure this winter of speaking to Alex a number of times at University of Vermont basketball games where he is a second semester freshman in the honors college.

Naccarato told me recently, "I have been in remission for almost a year. I don't have any symptoms. I feel good. I have a lot of energy every day. Most importantly, I don't feel tired."

Tired is one of the calling cards with Hodgkins Disease. Naccarato and I have shared stories, as we both were lucky enough to survive Hodgkins. I knew where he was coming from when he told me it didn't matter how many naps he took or how much sleep he had during his battle, "because you never felt refreshed." Naccarato also sends out a message to Saypack, wishing him the best.

It wasn't easy for Saypack to give up baseball, but especially in this case timing was everything. A former Otter Valley baseball player, Jim Winslow, who now teaches in Springfield will be at the helm of the Cosmos this spring.

Bellows Falls also has a new varsity coach this spring campaign. Pete Fry stepped down from the softball position he held for more than a decade. Kim Wells, a teacher at the school will be faced with the challenge of making the program competitive. The biggest obstacle in recent years for the Terrier softballers has been numbers. Bellows Falls students have

so many choices in the spring - especially with a very successful track program - softball has lost a number of quality performers.

In case you were watching the Nevada-Texas game in the NCAA basketball tournament late last Friday afternoon and wondered whom the familiar people spotted in the stands were, you could very well know them. Former Springfield football and basketball coach Mike Hatt and his wife Sherry were picked up on camera in a break from the action. They were at the Nashville first round games cheering for the Longhorns. Their son Cody is part of the Texas coaching staff. Young Hatt is in his third season on the Texas staff.

Many area fans will remember Hatt as a 1,000-point scorer at Springfield. He has had loads of success in the sports' world since leaving the Cosmos. He played basketball at Norwich University where he graduated with honors academically and was the Male Scholar Athlete of the Year. He drew raves when he spent time working at ESPN where he was even part of putting together SportsCenter. Eventually though, his deep love of basketball brought him back closer to the game where he became a major contributor to the New England Recruiting Report.

He coached a couple of years at Vermont Academy. Contacts there brought him close to Shaka Smart who made a name for himself by bringing his Virginia Commonwealth team in 2011 from the inaugural First Four to the Final Four in that year's NCAA Tournament.

Smart was so impressed with Hatt's basketball knowledge and expertise that he brought him to VCU and kept him as an important contributor when he took over the Texas program.

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



Madison Wilson and Maya Lewis of Green Mountain Chiefs. PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



McGregor Vancour of Bellows Falls Terriers. PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Zoey Luopa of Fall Mountain Wildcats. PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Zach Paul of Black River Presidents. PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Julianna Albero-Levings of Springfield Cosmos. PHOTO BY DENISE HUNTER



Damian Warner of Springfield Cosmos. PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Taylor Goodell of Bellows Falls Terriers. PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

Dari Joy baseball contest

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

REGION - Fans have until April 6 to make and send in their choices for the 2018 Dari Joy Baseball Contest. Six participants will be recognized in the winners' bracket and win prizes to honor their prediction success.

This is the eighth year the Dari Joy and the Vermont Journal & Shopper have teamed up to offer readers and baseball fans a chance to compete against readers throughout the region.

The prizes are \$50, \$25, and \$15 gift certificates given out by the Dari Joy and three Red Sox autographed baseballs. These gifts are awarded by means of the highest points scorer in the contest having first choice and so on down through sixth place. The winner from 2017, Ian Clark, had first choice and chose a Xander Bogaerts autographed baseball as the top selection.

If any of the contestants gather more points than both Dari Joy owner Rich Demuzio and sports writer, Bill Murphy, the Dari Joy cash prizes will double. You may enter the competi-

tion by either emailing your choices to bmurphy@vermontjournal.com or mailing them to The Shopper, P.O. Box 308, Bellows Falls, Vt. 05101, Attn: Baseball Contest. All predictions must be sent or postmarked by April 6 to be eligible.

In making your selections you should:

1. List the order of finish (top to bottom) in each of baseball's six divisions,
 2. Note two wild card teams in each league,
 3. Pick the American and National League Champion,
 4. Pick the World Series champion.
- HOW POINTS ARE AWARDED**
- 7 points for choosing the World Series champion (you receive 2 points if your champion selection is in the World Series and loses)
 - 4 points for choosing the World Series loser (you will receive 2 points if your selection is in the World Series and wins)
 - 3 points are awarded for each division winner selected (you will get 1 point if a division winner choice makes the post season as a wild card).
 - 1 point goes your way for wild card

choices who are in the play-offs, either as a wild card or as a division winner.

TIEBREAKERS

Ties will be broken from last place on up. This means every one of your choices is very important. If you tie for one of the winner spots, the tie will be broken by how many last place teams each tied participant chose correctly. If a tie still exists after last place consideration, then we will move up the standings ladder to next to last place and keep going on up as many spots as needed until the tie is broken. **Just about every season, a tie is broken by the tiebreaker system.**

ONLY ONE ENTRY IS ALLOWED PER PERSON

Please include contact information with your selections. A mailing address or an email address plus a phone number would be helpful. So if you have not already, now is the time to sit down, make and then enter your picks by April 6 for a chance to win.

GOOD LUCK!

Vermont Basketball All-Stars in Windsor

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

WINDSOR, Vt. - For a small fee, adults, students, and senior citizens can purchase a ticket for a full day of basketball action in Windsor on Saturday, March 24. Vermont's best high school hoop seniors will be competing in the four annual North-South games at one of the state's most treasured basketball gymnasiums. All the action commences at 11 a.m. when the Girls Division III/IV game is played and there will be three more tap-offs: Boys Division III/IV at 1 p.m., Girls Division I/II at 3 p.m., Boys Division I/II at 5 p.m. and loads of action before the day is complete before 7 p.m.

This traditional day is where awards galore are presented to the Green Mountain state's top performers from the previous winter. The event is run by the Vermont Basketball Coaches Association. Executive Director Dave Fredrickson will be present to emcee what

always proves to be a great event.

The day will see a Vermont male and female Player of the Year

presented as well. Coaches and officials will also receive recognition as the association awards two top officials of the year and Coach of the Year for each of the four divisions. Other special awards will be announced, including the always popular Dream Dozen team. Come to see who the state coaches believe are the best 12 underclass players for both boys and girls. These individuals will likely be followed by fans that are looking forward to more excitement for the remainder of their high school basketball careers.

For the first time in a long time, no area players will be participating in the games, but one was named. Black River's Drew Schoenberger was named for the Boys Division III/IV South squad. However, his injury late in the season, which forced him to miss his

team's play-off game, will stop him from playing in this contest as well.



Drew Schoenberger of Black River Presidents. PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

arts & entertainment

Brownsville Easter egg hunt and Good Friday concerts

BROWNSVILLE, Vt. - On Easter Sunday, the Brownsville Community Church team is organizing an Easter egg hunt open to all children in the community. There will be surprises for all children who join the fun!

On Thursday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a Maundy Thursday Service preceded by a potluck soup and bread supper at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

On Friday, March 30, Brownsville Community Church will sponsor the first of a series of free concerts open to the public in 2018. The first concert will be a Good Friday Concert, which starts at 1:30 p.m. and will be followed by a brief service at 2:30 p.m.

The March 30 concert will include

a program of contemplative music as we consider the meaning of Good Friday. A variety of local musicians will be offering their gifts to lead us in a concert expressed through piano, organ, brass, and vocal. They will come together for your enjoyment representing artists of all ages featuring the treasured works of Faure, Bach, and Brahms just to name a few.

Easter Sunday celebrations on April 1 will start with an outdoor sunrise service at 7:30 a.m. on the hill above Albert Bridge School, followed by a community breakfast at 8 a.m. and an Easter Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. at the church. After the service, children are invited to participate in a very special community Easter egg hunt

outside in Tribute Park adjacent to the church at 11 a.m.

These free-to-the-public concerts are organized by the Brownsville Community Church Pastor and Music & Choir Director, Reverend Christian Huebner. The Brownsville Community Church is located on the Brownsville-Hartland Road, between Albert Bridge School and the Brownsville Town Hall. For more information, you can call the church at 802-484-5944, email bcchurchvt@gmail.com, or visit www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org. A free-will offering will be received at the concert to support all of our local outreach programs. Please come and enjoy this free concert and Easter celebrations. Bring your friends, neighbors, and family!



Surprises await for all children who participate.

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Chester Baptist Church Easter egg hunt



CHESTER, Vt. - Chester Baptist Church will be hosting an Easter egg hunt and activities on Saturday, March 31 at the church from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Kids pre-school age through grade 5 are invited to bring an Easter basket and join the hunt. Then they will hear the Easter story and participate in crafts. Please RSVP by March 28 by calling the church office at 802-875-2638. Leave your name, phone number, and the ages and number of children attending.

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Saxtons River Art Guild exhibit

REGION - Janet Moore of West Chesterfield, N.H. will have an exhibit of her watercolor and oil paintings at the People's United Bank in Chester, Vt. The exhibit is free of charge and may be seen during regular business hours until the beginning of June.

Vermont artist, Carolyn Albee,

will have an exhibit of her paintings at the River Valley Credit Union in Townsend, Vt. Her show, which is free of charge, may be seen through the end of May.

Members of the Saxtons River Art Guild will be changing their ongoing group exhibits at the Rockingham Medical Group in Bellows Falls, Vt.,

and Ramuntos in Brattleboro, Vt., both to welcome the coming of spring! The new exhibits may be viewed free of charge until June.

The Saxtons River Art Guild is a non-profit organization devoted to the advancement and encouragement of the fine arts. The group includes members throughout the Connecticut River Valley.

"The Creative Spirit" film showing

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Celebrate the artistic endeavors of seven women in Windham County through a film screening of "The Creative Spirit" followed by a discussion with four of the artists on Thursday, March 29 at 6 p.m. at the Rockingham Library. The film, created by Kim Grall, showcases the artists in their studios as they share an intimate perspective on

why and how they do what they do.

Featured artists, all members of the Putney Craft Tour, are: Jeanne Bennett of Westminster West, silver jewelry; Nancy Calicchio of Westminster West, landscape painting; Kim Grall of Westminster Station, gourds; Colleen Grout of Westminster, encaustics; Dena Gartenstein Moses of Putney, weaving; Fiona Morehouse of Putney, pottery; and Rachael Shaw

of Westminster West, fiber arts.

Shaw, Moses, Grout, and Grall will be on hand to show and discuss their work.

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

"Jesus Christ Superstar" opening March 29

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - What's the buzz? Ask Jesus' apostles as they wake from sleep in the Garden of Gethsemane to find him being hauled off by Roman soldiers.

Theatergoers are asking the same question as excitement revs up before the curtain rises on the Main Street Arts production of the rock musical "Jesus Christ Superstar" at the Bellows Falls Opera House Thursday, March 29 for the beginning of a two-weekend run.

With music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice, the production is a modern telling of the passion of Christ as seen through the

eyes of his betrayer, Judas Iscariot. The production features a cast of 50 who work against a dramatic but pared down backdrop that suggests the power of the authorities, the rugged terrain, and the horror of the coming crucifixion. Sean Roberts and William Sawyer alternately place Jesus with Louis Vitale and Andrew Flaherty sharing the role of Judas. Gavy Kessler plays a larger-than-life Pontius Pilate as he struts around on dry waller's stilts in his black and silver outfit. Herod is brought to life in all his malev-



Jesus Christ Superstar Is Set to Open in Bellows Falls March 29.

PHOTO BY MALCOLM BLUE

olence by Henry O'Connell dressed in a dandy's feather-decorated outfit, while Mary Magdalene is played dually by Allie McGahie and Hannah Hoffman.

The MSA production is directed by David Stern, with Ken Olsson as musical director and Annesa Hartman as choreographer. Sandy Klein and her assistant Veda Crewe have created costumes that are both fanciful and evocative. Stage design is by Stern, with a crew that includes Edward Dinnany and John "Chip" O'Brien. Stage manager is Barbie

Kurkul, assisted by Ronnie Friedman.

In addition to Thursday's opening, show times are Friday and Saturday, March 30 and 31 and April 6 and 7, all at 7:30 p.m., with matinees both Saturdays at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available with reserved seating for a range of prices depending on the performance and whether student or adult. There is a discount for group ticket purchases. Reservations can be made and seating selected at www.mainstreetarts.org or by calling 802-869-2960.

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Healing power of Irish music

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Shrewd Berries are performing at the Springfield Town Library on Saturday, March 24 at 7 p.m. Back at the library for their second year, the Shrewd Berries are Claudine Langille and Silas Hamilton. The Berries play music from the British Isles and North America in the emerging "Vermonticana" style emigrating from here in right central Vermont. Claudine Langille writes songs and tunes; sings and plays mandolin, tenor banjo, and guitar; teaches all of the above; and plays solo and in groups - Gypsy Reel, Fiddletree, and Celtic.

This program is presented as part of Springfield Wellness Week and is sponsored by the Friends of the Springfield Town Library. The evening is free and open to the public. Families and dancing are encouraged!



The Shrewd Berries.

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Stage 33 Live: local nonprofit to launch TV & radio program

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - It's been described as the love child of "The Little Rascals," TED Talks, and NPR's "Tiny Desk Concerts." One part songs, one part stories, one part science, one part humanities. Words and music. Arts and smarts.

It's Stage 33 Live, a homegrown radio and television variety program showcasing performers and presenters from the region that's being brought to life by group of volunteers in Bellows Falls, Vt. The program will be recorded during public listening events at 33 Bridge Street in Bellows Falls, the former factory building that is also home to community radio station WOOL-FM, Sherwin Art Glass, Charlie Hunter Fine Art, and other artist studios.

"We've got tons of talented and studied people around here," states

Mark Piepkorn, one of Stage 33's founders. "By shining a light on them, we can encourage more local participation in spoken word arts, humanities, sciences, and music. And by opening the program for syndication to public and commercial radio and television, and making it available on the internet, we can show the world that it's worth a trip to the area to catch a show, take in an event, grab a meal, stay a night or two, and check things out."

Local people have helped cultivate the performance space, donated key components, volunteered time and expertise, and provided other assistance. The Stage 33 Live team brings experience in audio recording, video production, event promotion, media experience, artist relations, and other talents to the table.

"We're close to a proper launch,"

Piepkorn says. "We're doing a test run on Sundays in April with three open stage nights for original, family-friendly spoken word and music; a concert with River HALO and the Break Maids; and the premier of the newest episode of "The Secret Life of Death."

The listening events are free to attend; donations are welcome. Audience seating capacity is limited to 50, plus standing room. For more information on the series and the project, see www.stage33live.com. Stage time and slots are limited; first come, first served; participant reservations are highly recommended. Contact stage33@stage33live.com, call or text 802-289-0148.

Stage 33 Live is a volunteer-run, independent 501(c)3 nonprofit initiative.



"The Road Home."

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Weston Film Club presents "The Road Home"

WESTON, Vt. - Back by popular demand, we will be showing "The Road Home" as our final selection on Friday, March 23 at the Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm at 7 p.m. From the award-winning director of such acclaimed films as "Raise the Red Lantern" and "Ju Dou" comes

a romantic drama whose story is as beautiful as the cinematography. "The Road Home" will take you on an unforgettable journey filled with romance, culture, and tradition. The film will be followed by a discussion. There is a suggested donation. RSVP to westonvtfilm@gmail.com.

Jellybeans and art shows at the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - It may be March outside, but it is spring in all its splendor at Gallery at the VAULT with "Butterflies and Buds," a show of stunning silk scarves by guest artist Teresa Hillary from March 15 through May 16.

The flow and depth of color of the flowers and butterflies must be seen in person to fully appreciate. These unique hand painted pure silk accessories will surely brighten your wardrobe and add a smile to your face. They also make great gifts.

"Opposites Attract"

is a show of new work by husband and wife painters, Mareva Millarc and Peter Huntoon, from March 28 through May 31. You are invited to the opening reception on Thursday, March 29 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Enjoy some refreshments while meeting Huntoon and Millarc and see how two very different artists create and thrive individually, together.

Mareva Millarc has been a professional artist since 2007. Painting with oil, acrylic, ink, and mixed media, her abstract/non-objective works take the imagination on a compelling voyage through each piece. Highlighted by bold line work, organic and geometric shapes and a blend of paint layers, her work offers a versatile approach to the creative potential of each individual painting.

Peter Huntoon has been celebrating the beauty of Vermont in his award winning paintings for over 20 years. A life long passion for art and his native state are evident in his work. His distinctive paintings in oil and watermedia feature strong composition, innovative color, and enthusiastic brushwork. You may have seen Huntoon's work in Vermont



Peter Huntoon, "Morning-Moon-Farm."

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Magazine, watched him painting on Vermont PBS, or on WXAC's Made in Vermont series. Visit www.marevamillarc.com and

www.peterhuntoon.com. While you're here, guess how many jellybeans are in the jar at the VAULT. The closest guess to the actual count wins a gift certificate for merchandise or toward the registration fee of a workshop. The winner will be announced on April 4. For more information, please call or come into Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street, Springfield. We are open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 802-885-7111, email gallerylvault@vermontel.net or visit www.galleryvault.org.

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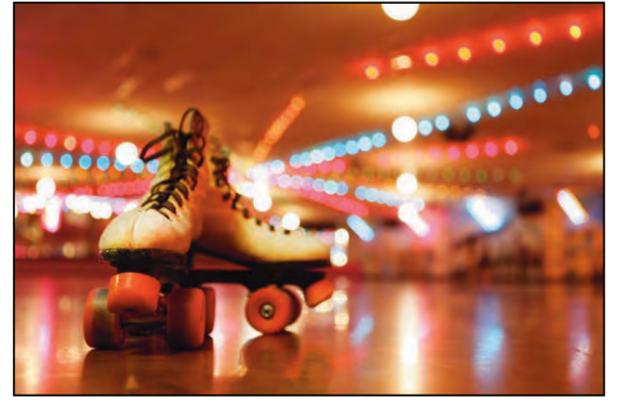
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RVTC and DECA skating party

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - River Valley Technical Center and Distributive Educational Clubs of America (DECA) is hosting a skate party on March 24 at the Springfield Community Center, 139 Main Street, Springfield from 6 - 9 p.m. The skate party is open to 3rd - 8th graders. There's a small fee join in the fun and a discount if you bring a canned good to be donated to the Springfield Family Center. There will be a DJ and face painting. Pizza, drinks, and baked goods will be available for purchase. Bring your own skates. Skates are available from the Parks and Recreation. Students from RVTC and DECA have qualified to compete at the International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, Ga. next month. All

proceeds will be used for students' travel costs.



Bring your skates and helmet and join the fun!

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Laurel writes and so can you

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - On Saturday, March 31, from 1 to 3 p.m., there will be a writers' workshop at the Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls. This workshop will bring the participants into the process of the concept, the editing, and the finished writings of Laurel A. Smith. Smith is a local author from New Hampshire. There will be a time for questions and discussions throughout the presentation. Ten percent of the workshop fees and book sales will be donated to Our Place in Bellows Falls. If you love to write, come and have fun! Call 802-463-

9404 for reservations.

Laurel A. Smith has written the children's books "The Quest for Quinnie," "Pinboy," "Hip Hopper the Hip Hop Grasshopper," and "Miss Olivia goes to Bolivia." She has recently published her wit and humor memoir, "My Parents Told me to NEVER put anything into writing, Oops!" She has been published for humorous columns in the Keene Sentinel and the Our Town, located in Charlestown, N.H. You may have read her article, "Believe," in "Chicken Soup for the Soul: A Book of Miracles."

Presently, she is collaborating with her sons writing a Revolutionary War historical novel, "New Hampshire Warrior." "New Hampshire Warrior" is based on her great, great, great, grandfather's war history during that developing time of our country. The last, but not final, is an adventure with her younger granddaughter, Isabella Mae, what should we make today? She has visited schools in New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, and Massachusetts, also various libraries, winter carnivals, nursing homes, rotaries, cable television, and bookstores.

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1 EASTER ACTIVITIES
 Start your Easter day with a sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. with Pastor Abe. Then search for Easter eggs to win prizes starting at 8 a.m. The junior egg hunt will begin at 10 a.m. in the Jackson Gore Courtyard for kids 6 years old and under.

7 SLUSH CUP & SPLASH FOR CASH
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outdoor news

Take a closer look workshop with the CCCD

WALPOLE, N.H. - The Cheshire County Conservation District's new ecological and natural history workshop series encourages a closer look at the natural world and our connections to it. Join the CCCD throughout the year as they take a closer look at topics such as trees and shrubs, vernal pools, birds, backyard planting, pollinators, beneficial insects and more!

The CCCD's Closer Look workshop series kicks off on Sunday, March 25 at Distant Hill Gardens in Walpole with a closer look at winter trees and shrubs! Join us from 1-4 p.m. for winter tree and shrub identification facilitated by forester Steve Roberge of UNH Cooperative Extension and Michael Nerrie of Distant Hill Gardens.



Winterberry shrub.

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le, N.H. You will learn how to identify numerous species of shrubs and trees using visual clues other than green leaves - clues such as shape, branching patterns, buds, bark, smell, taste, habitat, persistent leaves, cones, and fruits. You'll also witness first-hand how winter plant identification is being used as a management tool to enhance the plant biodiversity of a pollinator meadow at Distant Hill Nature Trail. Registration is required. Please register online at <https://tinyurl.com/y8u8v4kz>.

This workshop will take place in the fields, woodlands, and wetlands of Distant Hill Gardens in Walpo-

Look Series visit www.cheshire-conservation.org/a-closer-look-series or contact Lola Bobrowski at the Cheshire County Conservation District by email at lola@cheshireconservation.org or call 603-756-2988 x115

The Cheshire County Conservation District promotes the conservation and responsible use of our natural and agricultural resources for the people of Cheshire County by providing technical, financial, and educational assistance. Our goal is to encourage the stewardship of healthy soils, productive ecologically sound farms, diverse wildlife, productive sustainable forests, healthy watersheds, and clean water to ensure those resources are available for future generations. Established in 1945, the Conservation District operates out of Walpole, N.H. where we work alongside the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and other conservation partners.

Observing the night sky

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Founded in 1923 and situated high on a hilltop in Springfield, facing north toward Mt. Ascutney is an astronomical observatory, which serves as the home of Stellafane - the oldest group of amateur telescope makers in the United States. On Tuesday, March 27, at 5:30 p.m., Stellafane's Rick Hunter will be at the Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections to give a brief history of this storied group, discuss the mapping of the March sky with sky maps, and conclude with recommendations on observational equipment.

This presentation is offered at no charge but please call 802-824-4343 to register. The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections is located in Londonderry's Mountain Marketplace next to the post office.

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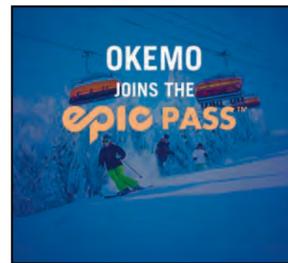
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Okemo Mountain joins the Epic Pass

LUDLOW, Vt. - Vail Resorts, Inc. announced that Okemo Mountain Resort in Vermont, Mount Sunapee Resort in New Hampshire, and Crested Butte Mountain Resort in Colorado have joined the industry-leading Epic Pass in a long-term alliance beginning with the 2018-2019 winter season, bringing the total number of Epic Pass mountain resorts for skiers and snowboarders to 64 in eight countries. Pass holders who purchase Epic, Epic Local, and Epic Australia will receive seven days of skiing and snowboarding with no blackout dates at each of the three resorts. Epic 7-Day pass holders can use any, or all seven, of their total days, and Epic 4-Day pass holders can use any, or all four, of their total days of skiing and snowboarding with no blackout dates at the three resorts.

"Okemo is known as a great family-friendly resort, and together with neighboring Mount Sunapee and Stowe Mountain Resort, provides three great options for skiers and snowboarders in the Northeast," said Kirsten Lynch, chief marketing officer of Vail Resorts.

"We are proud to join the Epic Pass in a long-term season pass



Okemo joins the Epic Pass. PHOTO PROVIDED BY OKEMO.COM

four hours from New York City, Okemo Mountain Resort is a four-season playground that developed a reputation for quality and superior guest service as a winter retreat for skiers and snowboarders. Originally a small, community-run ski hill, Okemo underwent a significant transformation in 1982 when Tim and Diane Mueller purchased the ski area. Okemo consistently receives accolades and wins awards for snow quality, grooming, terrain parks, family programs, slopeside lodging, resort dining, and its friendly employees.

Mount Sunapee is a four-season ski area located in southern New Hampshire. A 90-minute drive from Boston, the resort offers skiing and snowboarding in the winter and ziplines, mountain biking, aerial challenge courses, and more in the summer. Crested Butte is located in southwest Colorado, within the Gunnison National Forest and the Elk Mountain Range and is known for its great skiing and snowboarding and historic mountain town. The resort's 1,547 acres of skiable terrain offers something for every skiing ability.

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alliance with Okemo, Mount Sunapee and Crested Butte. Our focus on guest service, reinvestment in our resorts and outstanding ski experiences both in New England and the Rocky Mountains aligns well with the Epic Pass and Vail's remarkable lineup of resorts. We expect this partnership will be a significant benefit to our guests and skiers and riders around the world for years to come," said Tim Mueller, president of Triple Peaks, LLC, owner of Crested Butte, Okemo and Mount Sunapee mountain resorts.

Rising above the village of Ludlow, in south-central Vermont approximately three hours from Boston and

Winter recreation safety

REGION - Recent snowstorms have been a welcome sight for outdoor enthusiasts, but they have also created hazards for those who venture into the backcountry. Deep snow accumulations on top of an earlier freeze and thaw cycle snow layer has created extremely unstable conditions in steep terrain. The recently reported avalanches in Smuggler's Notch highlight those dangers.

Any travel in steep terrain

without heavy tree cover is strongly discouraged at this time until conditions stabilize. This would apply to backcountry skiers and ice climbers in Smuggler's Notch and other terrain that may have similar conditions.

In the past week, Vermont State Police, multiple volunteer search and rescue groups, and resort ski patrols have received dozens of calls for assistance. Incidents at Bolton Valley and Killington over the last week

alone have resulted in over 30 skiers and snowboarders requiring rescue.

Many of these issues can be avoided by following some basic safety rules.

Do not leave the ski area boundary. Many problems are caused by people skiing or riding past signs and under barriers into remote and unpatrolled terrain and then being unable to get back to the resort. Just because there are ski tracks heading into the woods doesn't mean it's okay to follow them.

Be prepared if you are venturing into the backcountry - off trail backcountry skiing is not the same as lift served in bounds resort skiing. Bring a pack with extra clothes, food, and water. Don't go into unfamiliar areas unless you have a map, compass, and have a plan for your route.

Tell somebody where you are going and when you plan on returning. Go early in the day while there is plenty of daylight. The last run of the day is not the time to head into the woods.

Cell coverage can be spotty or non-existent in backcountry areas so don't plan on that as your safety net. If you do bring a phone keep it on airplane mode and store it in a pocket close to your body to keep it warm so it's ready to go with plenty of battery life in case of an emergency.

Be aware of the weather and snow conditions. Plan your trips around adverse weather.

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The Up Attic Thrift Store has been in operation out of the church for 30 years, and it's run mostly by volunteers. Volunteers put in approximately 2,500 hours a year at the store, accepting and sorting donations, stocking the items on the racks and shelves, and operating the store during business hours. "Most of the volunteers are retired. In their past lives they were teachers, nurses, office professionals, and more. Now they serve the community in another way," wrote Rev. Susan Grant Rosen.

The proceeds from Up Attic support the church and "its Discretionary Fund, which aids area residents with basic needs. Thus, when you bought that blouse at the Up Attic, you helped a neighbor."

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

CHESTER, Vt. – Meditation

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

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

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

LUDLOW, Vt. – Okemo Valley TV offers "Train the Trainers" workshops on fourth Thursdays

at no cost, 6-7 p.m. at the Okemo Valley TV studio, 37C Main St. in Ludlow. Everyone who wants to learn the "ticks and tricks" of TV-video production is welcome. Reserve a space at pcody@pctv.org or call 802-228-8808. TFN

FRIDAYS –
CHESTER, Vt. – Liza Eaton, founder of Buddhaful Yoga, offering a Strength Building Vinyasa Yoga Class using optional weights on Fridays from 9:30 – 11 a.m. Build bone density, upper body strength as well as overall strength, endurance, resilience, flexibility & reduce stress. No experience necessary. At Buddhaful Yoga, Fullerton Inn, 40 The Common, Chester, VT For more information go to www.buddhafulyoga.com, email eaton.liza@gmail.com or call/text 518-763-1490. TFN

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

WEEKLY –

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

CLUBS

MONDAYS –

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

TUESDAYS –

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

THURSDAYS –

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

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

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMUNITY MEALS

SATURDAY, MARCH 24 –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield UU is having an Italian Dinner on Saturday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the church at 21 Fairground Rd. in Springfield. The menu includes a selection of lasagnas: meat, vegetarian, gluten-free; also salad, garlic bread, risotto, homemade biscotti and beverages. Please email Deb at uspringfieldvt@gmail.com or call the church at 802-885-3327 to reserve a spot. There is a cost. All proceeds go to our Youth Opportunity Fund.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27 –

PUTNEY, Vt. – The next Putney Cares Community Luncheon will happen at the Putney Cares Activity Barn on Tuesday, March 27 from 12-1 p.m. at 54 Kimball Hill in Putney. The menu will include Irish Stew, Irish Brown Bread, green salad, blueberry cobbler, coffee/tea. There is a suggested donation. Reservations are required. Please contact Putney Cares at 802-387-5593 or email putneycares@svcable.net to reserve your seat. Reservations accepted until Monday March 26 at 2 p.m. Volunteers are also needed to help with driving those unable to drive themselves and with the cleaning up after the meal. This event is co-sponsored with Senior Solutions.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28 –

CHESTER, Vt. – St. Luke's Church in Chester will celebrate a traditional Seder Meal on Wednesday, March 28 at 6 p.m. in Willard Hall. The text for the evening, the "Haggadah," includes songs, readings, and responses, along with explanations of the various symbolic foods that

will be used to tell the Exodus story. Following will be the symbolic meal of roast lamb and goat, chicken, roasted potatoes, vegetables, tossed salad and macaroons and meringue cookies. Please come and experience this ancient tradition with families and children. Reservations may be made through the Watters at 802-875-2114. A freewill offering will support Kids4Peace. Read more on the church website www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org.

EVENTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 22 –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Please join us for a community movie showing the film "Resilience" on Thursday, March 22 from 4 – 5:30 p.m. at the Springfield Community Center. A panel/community discussion will follow hosted by ACEs in Action for the Precision Valley group based out of Springfield. The event is part of Springfield Wellness Week. For more information visit www.facebook.com/acesactionpv/ or email courtney.hillhouse@mahc.org.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23 –

PUTNEY, Vt. – The Slambonian Circus of Dreams, a "rootsy psychedelica" rock group, will be playing at Next Stage in Putney on Friday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. The Slambonian's live show is more experience than concert which has earned them a cult following. Tickets available in advance and at the door. For more information contact 802-387-0102 or visit their website at www.nextstagearts.org.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MARCH 23 & 24

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Union High School Drama Club presents the musical "Willy Wonka" with performances on Friday, March 23 at 7 p.m. and Saturday March 24 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Bellows Falls Union High School. Tickets are available at Village Square Bookseller and at the door.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24 –

RANDOLPH, Vt. – Although mud season seems impossible to contemplate with our deep freeze and snow-buried hillsides, Chandler's popular Mini Mud Variety Show is coming right up. This is Mini Mud's 11th annual season and will take to the stage on Saturday, March 24 at 7 p.m. at the Chandler Music Hall located at 73 Main Street, Randolph, VT. Call 802-728-6464 or visit www.chandlerarts.org for more information.

CHESTER, Vt. – Rotary Club of Chester announces the annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, March 24 at 9 a.m. at Chester-Andover Elementary School. This event is open to all Chester and Andover children from preschool to sixth grade. Parents are advised to arrive with their children by 8:45 a.m., so the children will not miss the opportunity for participation. For further information, please contact Bill Dakin at 802-875-3456.

RUTLAND, Vt. – Join local high school students who will be gathering in a "March for Our Lives" rally to support common sense gun regulation to protect our schools and communities, on Saturday, March 24 at Main Street Park, in Rutland from noon to 1:30 p.m. We will be rallying in conjunction with the national march on Washington, D.C. and featuring student and representative speakers. All are welcome.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Join us for our River Valley Animal Protection League Annual Potluck Dinner on Saturday, March 24 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the VFV

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TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town & Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on April 9, 2018, at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, to consider an amendment to a Planned Residential Development Permit located in the Mountain Recreational District.

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REASON FOR HEARING: Application to consider an amendment to a Planned Residential Development Permit to turn attic space into a bonus room. The project is located in the Mountain Recreational District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 081-94-PRD;
Amendment No. 10

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

Rosemary Goings
Board Clerk

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EOE

Bellows Falls Village Annual Meeting Petitions are now available

Monday, May 14, 2018
Annual Bellows Falls Village Corp Business Meeting Bellows Falls Opera House at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15, 2018
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Polls open 9:00 am and close at 7:00 pm

Offices to be filled include: Moderator (1); President (1); Trustee (2); Treasurer (1); Clerk (1); Auditor (3). All positions, except Trustees, are for one (1) year terms; the trustee positions are two (2) years.

Nomination petitions are ready for those who wish to run for a Bellows Falls Village office. The petitions may be picked up at the Town Clerk/Village Clerk's office any weekday between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. They must be returned to the Clerk's office by April 9, 2018 no later than 4:30 pm (six Mondays before the election) and contain a minimum of thirty (30) valid signatures.

March 30, 2018 (at least forty-five days before the meeting) is the last day to file article petitions signed by at least five percent (5%) of registered Village voters with the Village Clerk in order to be placed on the Annual Meeting Warning. Please call the Clerk's Office – 463-4336 – to request the number of signatures needed.

Please note: Your name must appear on the Bellows Falls Village checklist in order to vote at Village Meeting on May 14 & 15, 2018 or to sign any petition. You may come to the clerk's office to register to vote Monday thru Friday from 8:30 am – 4:30 p.m. You may also register to vote at the Village Meeting on Monday, May 14 and May 15, 2018. For more information, call the clerk's office at 463-4336.

EOE

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EVENTS CONT.

SAT., MARCH 24 CONT. - in Charlestown. Please bring a dish to share. The event also includes raffles, door prizes, game and our popular cake auction. Support the shelter!

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The DECA Business Program through the River Valley Tech Center in Springfield is sponsoring a Skate Party on Saturday, March 24 from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Springfield Parks and Rec Center, for kids from grades 2 through 6. Bring your roller skates and helmet. Event includes a live DJ and face painting, with pizza and drinks for sale. All proceeds will benefit the girls in the DECA Business Program competition at the Nationals in Atlanta.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25 - CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Lifestyle Matters of Charlestown, N.H. will sponsor a free lecture on living healthy with Lyme disease on Sunday, March 25 at 5 p.m. at St Luke's Fellowship Hall, 188 Main St, Charlestown, NH. Seth and Cherie Harris, owners of Foxchair Mountain CSA in Springfield Vt. will share their personal journey of dealing with the disease, treatment options, lifestyle changes that help your body to heal and prevention strategies. Free, with healthy refreshments.

WALLINGFORD, Vt. - The Thrive Center of the Green Mountains is sponsoring "A Trifecta Twist Winter/Spring Sampler: Classes & Workshops" featuring three different yoga classes with three different instructors on consecutive Sundays. The third class in the series is on

March 25 at 2:30 p.m. entitled "Yoga" with Darci Whitehorne of Therapydia, at the Wallingford Elementary School Gymnasium. For more details and to register contact Lisa Donohue at 802-446-2499 or email uthrive@vermontel.net.

MONDAY, MARCH 26 - LUDLOW, Vt. - Please give blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Ludlow Community Center on Monday, March 26, from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment and for details on using RapidPass to streamline your donation.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Animal Hospital is sponsoring a Rabies Vaccination Clinic for cats, dogs and ferrets on Wednesday, March 28 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at Springfield Animal Hospital. Bring proof of prior vaccination for a 3-year certificate; otherwise a 1-year certificate will be issued.

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 - 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

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.

LIBRARIES

SATURDAY, MARCH 24 - CAVENDISH, Vt. - Fletcher Community Library in Cavendish is hosting a Paint & Munch Party Fundraiser on Saturday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m. to raise funds for an event marquis sign for the library. The menu will include hearty appetizers and desserts. Donation requested per person. Included are painting supplies, a guided painting lesson, food and non-alcoholic

drinks. Tickets go on sale on March 1. For more information call 802-226-7503.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27 - LUDLOW, Vt. - The Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow will be showing the movie "A Man Called Ove" on Tuesday, March 27 at noon. This is a follow up to a book discussion held earlier this month. Meet Ove. He's a grumpy old man, the kind who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. He is known locally as the bitter neighbor from hell. Is there really a different person underneath all the anger? Copies of "A Man Called Ove" are available at the library. The program is free and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact 802-228-8921.

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

4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org or go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

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.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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- Keep tabs on
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- Diamond-back, e.g.
- Present
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- Praise in verse
- False teeth
- Unaccompanied
- Make one's way
- "Annie Hall" director
- Yuletide rendition
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DOWN

- Illustrations
- Story of a life-time?
- Lose warmth
- Old hat
- Job safety org.
- Yon maiden
- A Kennedy brother
- Mistakes in print
- Galosh
- United nations
- Eve's third son
- Bouncy melody
- Hospital section
- Come to earth
- Lotion additive
- Celebrated with a bash
- Eye part
- Gull's cousin
- Cabana's location
- Not working
- Noble gas
- Coal or gas
- Doubly thick
- Cabbage salad
- Wasn't well
- Eatery
- Teeny bit
- Wander
- Be overly fond of
- Enthusiast
- Individual
- "— the season ..."
- With it, once

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Salome's Stars

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect more information to come out about that possible career shift. Meanwhile, your loving concern helps someone close to you get through a worrisome period.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Despite an occasional setback, workplace pressures should continue to ease through most of the week. This would be a good time to plan that long-delayed trip.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The sage Sagittarian quickly recognizes an opportunity when she or he sees it, especially if it's one you've been planning for. Take aim and go for it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The Sea Goat's unique insight guides you as you check out a questionable situation. Your efforts should prove rewarding for you and your many supporters.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might want to pace yourself a bit more. Rushing could lead to serious slip-ups. Take more time to check out details you might otherwise overlook.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The best way to resolve those remaining problems is to ask others for help. They'll be happy to do so, especially when you agree to share the credit for a job well done.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your natural gift for honest leadership earns you the respect and admiration of others.

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calendar

AUTOMOTIVE

MEETINGS

MONDAYS – ANDOVER, Vt. – Select Board meetings are every second and fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office. For information, call 802-875-2765.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Select Board meetings are on the

second and fourth Monday of the month starting at 7 p.m. in the Selectman's Hall on 96 Main Street. For more information, go to www.springfieldvt.govoffice2.com.

TUESDAYS – WESTON, Vt. – Select Board meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town

Office. Call 802-824-6988 or go to www.westonvt.org for more information. Recordings can be found at www.gnat-tv.org.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – NAMI

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

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

TUESDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Breast Feeding Support Group second and fourth Tuesdays at the Springfield Hospital Library Level D. Noon-2 p.m. It is free

and no registration is required. For more information call Erin at 802-885-7511. TFN

LUDLOW, Vt. – Co-Dependents Anonymous meets on Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the basement of the Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main St. in Ludlow. Find out more about CoDA at coda.org. For more information regarding

this meeting, contact Sarah E. at sarahcoda2016@gmail.com. TFN

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

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

LUDLOW, Vt. – Eating behavior support group meets Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Women's Center for Binge and Emotional Eating on 70 Main St. This free group is intended to help you understand your eating and/or weight-related struggles. The group is led by trained therapists who specialize in eating behavior. To join call 802-975-0435 or email shiri@fitwoman.com.

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

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

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

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – Twin State Depression Support Group Board of Directors will now meet every other month in 2018 on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at 2520 Route 106 in Perkinville. 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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2016 CHRYSLER 200 LIMITED
STK.#SAP3882 - 4 CYL., AUTO, GREAT MPG'S! FULL POWER EQUIPMENT, LOADED, 43,091 MILES

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STK.#SAP3928 - 4 CYL., AUTO, NAVIGATION, SPORT MODE, BACKUP CAMERA, LOADED, 52,126 MILES

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STK.#ST17100A - 4 CYL., AUTOMATIC, LOW MILES, 2016 IIHS TOP SAFETY PICK, ONLY 10,724 MILES!

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2011 KIA OPTIMA SX TURBO
STK.#ST17795B - 4 CYL., AUTOMATIC, LOADED, SPORTY, CLEAN! 109,923 MILES

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2017 CHEVROLET CRUZELT
STK.#SAP3941 - 4 CYL., AUTOMATIC, 18,448 MILES 2 AVAILABLE TO CHOOSE FROM!

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2015 CHEVROLET CAMARO
STK.#SB17121A - V6, AUTO, ONE OWNER, READY FOR SPRING! 33,657 MILES

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2016 HYUNDAI VELOSTER
STK.#SAP3913 - 4 CYL., AUTO, 17" ALLOYS, LOADED, FULL POWER, SPORTY! 38,988 MILES

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SALE PRICE: **\$15,000**

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2014 BUICK LACROSSE
STK.#SB18017A - 4 CYL., AUTO, ONSTAR, LOADED, FULL POWER, 24,165 MILES

\$194 /MO
SALE PRICE: **\$15,000**

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2017 CHEVROLET CRUZE 1LT
STK.#SAP3937 - 4 CYL., AUTO, ONSTAR, XM RADIO, BLUETOOTH, LOADED, 19,316 MILES

\$206 /MO
SALE PRICE: **\$15,777**

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2016 FORD FUSION SE AWD
STK.#ST171233A - 4 CYL., AUTO, ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, LEATHER, LOADED, WOW! 46,103 MILES

\$209 /MO
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2015 JEEP RENEGADE SPORT 4X4
STK.#ST18341A - 4 CYL., AUTO, 4WD, XM RADIO, FULL POWER, CLEAN! CLEAN! ONLY 16,524 MILES

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2016 HONDA ACCORD LX
STK.#ST18326A - 4 CYL., AUTO, CAR & DRIVER "10 BEST CARS", IIHS TOP SAFETY PICK, 11,186 MILES

\$224 /MO
SALE PRICE: **\$17,000**

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2013 CADILLAC ATS 2.0L TURBO
STK.#ST171339B - AUTOMATIC, ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, HEATED LEATHER, ONSTAR, LOADED, 28,026 MILES

\$239 /MO
SALE PRICE: **\$18,000**

Payment reflects \$2,000 cash or trade equity down at 3.69% APR for 75 months.

2017 FORD ESCAPE SE 4WD
STK.#SB17089B - 4 CYL., AUTO, 4 WHEEL DRIVE, ALLOYS, FULLY LOADED, WOW! ONLY 10,443 MILES

\$249 /MO
SALE PRICE: **\$20,000**

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2014 CHEVY TRAVERSE 2LT AWD
STK.#ST18077A - V6, AUTO, ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, SUNROOF, HEATED LEATHER, 52,003 MILES

\$284 /MO
SALE PRICE: **\$21,000**

Payment reflects \$2,000 cash or trade equity down at 3.69% APR for 75 months.

2012 AUDI TT PREMIUM PLUS AWD
STK.#ST18116A - ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, LEATHER, NAVIGATION, CONVERTIBLE, 81,367 MILES

\$299 /MO
SALE PRICE: **\$22,000**

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2016 MAZDA CX-5 GRAND TOURING
STK.#ST17925A - AUTO, ALL-WHEEL DRIVE, LEATHER, HEATED SEATS, SUNROOF, LOADED, 40,498 MILES

\$299 /MO
SALE PRICE: **\$22,000**

Payment reflects \$2,000 cash or trade equity down at 3.69% APR for 75 months.

2014 GMC SAVANA CUTAWAY
STK.#ST171046A - V6, AUTO, READY TO WORK! ONE OWNER, 67,256 MILES

\$299 /MO
SALE PRICE: **\$22,000**

Payment reflects \$2,000 cash or trade equity down at 3.69% APR for 75 months.

2015 JEEP WRANGLER WILLY'S
STK.#SAT1003 - 6 CYL., AUTO, WILLY'S PACKAGE, FULL POWER, RARE! ONLY 17,146 MILES

\$332 /MO
SALE PRICE: **\$26,000**

Payment reflects \$2,000 cash or trade equity down at 4.34% APR for 84 months.

2016 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 4X4
STK.#SAP3931A - 4WD, LEATHER, LOADED, FULL POWER, 61,830 MILES

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SALE PRICE: **\$25,000**

Payment reflects \$2,000 cash or trade equity down at 3.69% APR for 75 months.

2015 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4WD
STK.#ST18095A - V6, AUTO, 4 WHEEL DRIVE, FULL POWER, HEATED LEATHER, 27,289 MILES

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