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Maple Open House weekend

BY RON PATCH

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. - Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25 was Vermont Maple Open House Weekend. Around the state of Vermont, sugarhouses were open to the public. Maple producers were very friendly and happy to explain their processes with the public.

This reporter, with Danny Clemens, travelled around Vermont this past weekend. On the Bowen Hill Road, just out of Weathersfield, we found the Dana Brothers sugaring operation. Alden Dana was there to greet visitors. Dana's evaporator is a wood-fired arch. Dana doesn't use reverse osmosis. While they do use plastic lines instead of the old fashion buckets, pumps are not used. All of the sap is gravity fed to holding tanks located around the area.

At least once a day when the sap is running well, the Danas' drive their truck to the holding tanks and transfer the sap to a tank on the truck. The truck then delivers the sap to the sugarhouse.

Approaching Danas' sugarhouse, the first thing you noticed was the billowing steam exiting the top of the sugarhouse through a stainless steel stack. Upon entering the sugarhouse was the delightful aroma of the sap evaporating. I was there for quite



Alden Dana standing in front of his wood-fired arch. PHOTO BY RON PATCH

some time and wearing a woolen jacket. Much later that evening the aroma of the steam was still present on my jacket.

Normally, February is not a great month for producing maple syrup. March is traditionally a much better month. Dana said he normally produces about a hundred gallons of syrup in February. This February, he produced 300 gallons. You will remember the warm February we had. Cold nights and warm, sunny days are needed for the sap to run well and such was February.

As of March 24, Dana had produced a total of 500 gallons. That number

is sure to increase with the warm weather predicted for this week.

The next stop was Willis Wood's on the Weathersfield Center Road. Wood's operation was an interesting mix of old and new technologies. Willis uses reverse osmosis, a process where water molecules are extracted, creating a more sugary concentrated sap. Sap directly from the tree has a sugar content of about 2 percent. With Willis's reverse osmosis, he has a sugar content anywhere from 6 to as much as 8 percent.

What this increased sugar concentrate accomplishes is amazing. The concentrate will boil down to maple syrup a lot sooner than straight 2 percent sap. This way much less fuel is used and the boiling time dramatically shortened. Willis also has a wood-fired arch but uses much less firewood than Dana because of his reverse osmosis.

When Willis's syrup is almost ready, it is sent to a smaller evaporator that is fired by propane. Here the syrup is finished and then filtered. Filtering was a process I

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GMUSD vision committee looks back to Act 46 promises —

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

CAVENDISH, Vt. - The Green Mountain Unified School District vision committee met for the first time on Monday, March 26 to begin the process of revising the GMUSD school budget that was rejected by voters earlier this month. The vision committee is comprised of five GMUSD board members; the principals from Chester Andover Elementary School, Cavendish Town Elementary School, and Green Mountain Union High School; TRSU Superintendent Meg Powden; and TRSU Curriculum Director Michael Epposito. It was formed specifically to address one of the key criticisms by community members that the budget did not reflect the promises made by the Act 46 study committee back when merging of the TRSU was first considered.

The vision committee's task is to revisit those earlier goals and make sure they are reflected in the retool of the budget that is put before the community for a revote.

Newly elected board chair Marilyn Mahusky began leading the group through some of the key

bullet points in the Act 46 study committee report that was completed in March of 2017. In reviewing the goals outlined for the TRSU in the document, CTES Principal George Thomson began to outline some efficiencies that had been achieved including a common master contract, group purchasing efficiencies, after school programs for all schools, collaboration for professional development, teacher mentoring, and a shared data management system.

As the board began to hone in on the specifics of what had been outlined in the document and specifically turned their attention to the final list, which outlined what the educational improvements would result in the merger, Cavendish board member Doug McBride summed it up, "We have a real problem where there seems to have been lots of promises made, but not much has been achieved."

Attention turned specifically to one item mentioned for the elementary schools, which read, "Assure foreign languages in all elementary schools." The lack of a foreign language teacher had been a criticism heard at many of the budget meetings leading up to the vote.

Thomson responded that he had heard from CTES teachers who voiced

their concern, "If we add foreign language, what is being taken away?" A discussion ensued that suggested other options might be implemented such as a longer school day, teachers staggering their schedule, and eliminating homework as a result. McBride praised Mahusky for leading the discussion by looking at "outside of the box thinking."

The board discussed other ideas for improving educational opportunities for students including language immersion program, more online classes, more AP class offerings, more music and drama offerings, as well as a new concept called a J-Term, a 2-4 week span during which students immerse themselves in a hands-on, non-traditional single subject. Requiring volunteer hours as a graduation requirement was also discussed as long as there was "a learning aspect to their service."

Board member Kate Lamphere kept returning to the need to prioritizing goals. She requested that they look at the data that they already have and "see a presentation rooted in research to help guide us" to develop which programs to pursue.

Discussion turned to determining

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March for our Lives

LUDLOW, Vt. - Black River students would like to thank everyone who supported their trip to Washington, D.C. for the March for Our Lives protest this weekend. The students organized and implemented a whirlwind trip down to the nation's capital to join a million others who marched to bring awareness to gun violence in our schools and in our communities, and to demand change from our legislators. The students were also welcomed to the city by Senator Leahy, who hosted a reception for Vermonters who made the trip. This was an incredible experience that was only able to happen because of the generosity and support of our community. PHOTO PROVIDED

Chester reviews EMS and garage infrastructure

BY LYZA DANGER GARDNER

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. - The Chester Select Board meeting on the evening of March 21 included discussions and decisions about the future of the town's EMS and town garage infrastructure, its tree canopy management program, a proposed solar farm, and its newspaper of record. The Board also appointed members to the Planning Commission and Development Review Boards.

The EMS feasibility study, which analyzes several candidate properties for EMS infrastructure improvement, has been completed. Claudio Veliz and Robert Bucham were present to take questions from the board and town residents.

Much of the discussion centered on the logistics as the project moves from

the feasibility-study phase toward a design phase. Veliz explained that the "primary function [of the study] was demonstrating that there is ample space" on the property that emerged as the most promising - the site of the current town garage. "The actual configuration is going to be whatever the design team and the town decide on."

The board formed an EMS Building Committee to tackle questions and challenges with the process such as can upright supports from the town's current garage be retained as part of future structures, and how can construction proceed without disrupting vital public-safety operations? The committee is composed of the town's three department heads, Town Manager David Pisha, and Select Board member Dan Whalen.

The EMS Building Committee will be a public body - meetings must be

warned, minutes kept, and the public is welcome. This will help with transparency, to "keep it all out there," as Board Chair Arne Jonynas described it. The goal of the committee is to successfully move the project toward the design phase.

Two area publications, the Vermont Journal and The Message for the Week, each submitted bids to be considered for the town's official paper of record. Donna Allen from The Message emphasized that she felt the paper had done a good job over the past year as the current paper of record, while Robert Miller of the Vermont Journal cited a significantly redesigned website, free web placement of legal notices, and a late deadline as reasons to switch away from The Message. The board approved a motion to designate The Vermont Journal as the paper of record.

The board expressed approval for the proposed siting for a new solar farm on Eddy Road after several board members were able to tour the area. "Being there myself, I thought it was a great site for it," said Jonynas, explaining that the site is located in "an old gravel pit that's not doing much of anything else right now." The board passed a motion to draft and sign a letter requesting preferred-site status for the project.

Also during the meeting, Scott Wunderle gave a presentation on the town's Canopy Management Plan, with maps and visualizations of a more tree-filled future for the community. Naomi Johnson was appointed to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term; Carla Westine and Gary Coger were each appointed to 3-year terms on the Development Review Board.

Residents discuss the future of Ludlow

BY THOMAS FOSTER IV

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Ludlow Planning Commission held a meeting at the town office on March 20, 2018 to begin discussion on potential changes to the town plan. The conference room was soon teeming with residents who were eager to participate in the public deliberation. Jason Rasmussen, director of the Southern Region Planning Commission, was tasked to help the town to make the revisions and was there to guide the discussion.

Alan Couch, planning commissioner, stated that the revision would last for the next eight years. "Its goal is to set clear goals for the future," he explained. Jason Rasmussen continued by saying that "the current town plan

isn't a page-turner, and we want to put it in layperson terms." The current document for Ludlow is 130 pages long, and the Planning Commission had received complaints about its complexity.

As the debate continued, residents voiced their concerns and suggestions for the new plan. Many spoke of their support for the promoting of new businesses in the area. Another topic that found its way into the conversation was the cost of living in Ludlow. Jamie Wilson, Ludlow resident, said, "I can't imagine both working and living here. The jobs don't pay well."

Justin Hydeck, owner of Main and Mountain and Homestyle Hostel, believes that improvements to the town could bring in younger families. "We should try making it a place people want to live. Like, adding bike paths

or dog parks," he said.

Ken Tedford suggested that removing telephone poles could help beautify the town. "It's clustered with telephone wires and poles," he pointed out. Other suggestions included the promotion of community events such as the annual Penny Sale or hosting national events.

However, the most prevalent topic

discussed was the sustainability of Ludlow. Richard Dunsieith brought up the likelihood of the proposed changes. "I feel like we are playing the Sim's City game. Without an increased tax base, we won't be able to afford bike paths." He added, "Without the mountain, this town is not

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CORRECTION

In the "Mt. Ludlow Helicopter Landing Zone failed emergency use" story in the March 21, 2018 edition of the Vermont Journal, the article and photo provided to us presented a misrepresentation of what occurred on March 12, 2018.

Ludlow Ambulance Service had activated a request for the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center helicopter (DART) to evacuate a patient from the Jackson Gore Landing Zone at Okemo Mountain Resort to the Trauma Center at DHMC. The Ludlow Volunteer Fire Department secured the landing zone and was in direct radio contact with the incoming helicopter. The pilot on approach was concerned about the stability of the landing zone and requested that the Ludlow Fire Department move the secured landing zone to an adjacent empty parking lot. This was accomplished expeditiously and the patient was transported to DHMC.

At no point was there an operational failure at Mt. Ludlow, simply, a matter of accommodating the request of the pilot in charge for an alternate landing zone at Okemo Mountain.

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GMUHS teams compete in Junior Iron Chef competition

CHESTER, Vt. - St. Patrick's Day proved to be a lucky day for two of the three Junior Iron Chef teams Green Mountain Union High School sent to the event in Essex, Vt. to compete in the 11th annual Junior Iron Chef competition. The two high school teams won awards. We have competed for six years; and four of the six, we have been winners.

Junior Iron Chef Vermont is a state-wide culinary competition organized by VT-Feed. It challenges teams of middle and high school students to create healthy, local dishes that inspire school meal programs, so students understand how they can effect change in the food system. We were competing in the afternoon portion of the competition with 35 other schools.

Our high school team, Green Mt. Cheftains, took home the Mise en Place award. This award goes to the team that best shows teamwork, organization, skill, and neatness. This team has won this same award in the past. Team members were Caitlin McCoy, Chelsea Rose, Simone Martarano, and Alexandra Pippin with coaches Carol Neff and Christine Anderson. The



Turnip the Beat first timers. PHOTO PROVIDED

team prepared a very nice Buddha Bowl.

The other high school team, the Skillet Takes, came home with the Local Lively award. This award is presented to the team that best utilizes local ingredients in their recipe. Their recipe was BBQ pulled veggies atop a cornbread waffle, topped with Rainbow Citrus Coleslaw. It was a very impressive recipe that took a great deal of work and was delicious by the way.

Team members included Laurel King, Ange Wunderle, and Kameron Cummings, coached by Carrie King and Jana Bryan.

Our third team was our middle school team "Turnip The Beet." The young team coached by Michelle Farrar did a great job. They prepared a great Caribbean Taco with Cilantro Rice, Guacamole, avocado over roasted tortilla strips. Team members are Aiden Farrar, Maya Farrar, Berkley Hutchins, Marlayna King, and Isaiah Rivet. These kids all worked very hard and did a great job. Three of the team members are first timers. Competing in this event for the first time is overwhelming.

Our three teams did an incredible job representing our school. We are all very proud of them. To come home winners for the fourth time is wild. Thank you to all of you for what you accomplished in this program. We are already looking at next year.

Article written by Jack Carroll, Junior Iron Chef Coordinator at GMUHS.

Vermont Adaptive speaks to Ludlow Rotary Club

LUDLOW, Vt. - Misha Pemble-Belkin of Vermont Adaptive Ski & Sports recently spoke to the Ludlow Rotary Club at its weekly luncheon meeting at DJ's Restaurant. Vermont Adaptive is an organization that provides a number of skiing and athletic events for people with disabilities. Many of the participants are veterans.

The program features such activities as skiing and snowboarding, rock climbing, bicycle riding, and hiking as well as special retreats. In discussing his role in the program, Pemble-Belkin noted that following his second deployment in Afghanistan - where he suffered cervical spine and trau-



From left to right, Glenn Heitsmith, Rotarian; Misha Pemble-Belkin; and Suzanne Garvey, club president. PHOTO PROVIDED

matic brain injuries as the result of a blast that forced him to be medically retired from the service - he was "in a state of struggle trying to find my new path and purpose in life."

He was introduced to the veterans' program of Vermont Adaptive and learned how it gave him a sense of purpose, ultimately becoming an intern for Vermont Adaptive. The program covers veterans and others from all over the northeast who journey to Vermont to participate in the various program activities.

The Ludlow Rotary Club meets for lunch on most Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. at DJ's Restaurant. The LRC is small club and is always looking to welcome new members. If you would like to attend a meeting and learn how you may serve humanity while enjoying the fellowship of others, please contact any Rotarian or drop a note to Ludlow Rotary, P.O. Box 216, Ludlow, Vt.

OVRCC April 2018 Chamber Corner

LUDLOW, Vt. - We had our Business Speed Dating event at Four Seasons Sotheby's on Wednesday, March 14, and I want to thank the brave souls for coming out in the snowstorm: Christie and Gene from Seventh Heaven Salon, Andrea from ServPro, Matt and Janie from Sydscompufix and Little Cricket Photography; Duane of HB Energy, and Brent from ClearLake Furniture! And we would like to thank Four Seasons Sotheby's team for hosting and providing great appetizers, beer, and wine!

We had to postpone Kim Dixon's class, Growing your Business Using Google, due to the weather. The make up date is Thursday, March 29 at 11 a.m. at Newsbank Conference Center. Our next class on May 15 from 11 a.m. to noon will be Finding Your Niche on Social Media.

Our March Member of the Month is Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow, Vt. We hold our monthly board meetings there, and they are very supportive of the chamber and utilize our calendar for all their events.

Come to our next Lunch & Learn on April 26 at noon at Mr. Darcy's Bar & Grill in Ludlow for an informative session on energy savings. How does saving money on your utility bills sound? Come learn about ways that you can not only save money by reducing energy consumption, but how you might even qualify to have your

energy reduction projects funded partially by Efficiency Vermont!

Back by popular demand, Bob Murphy from Efficiency Vermont will help the OVRCC member businesses learn about how Efficiency Vermont can help them keep their hard earned money this coming year! Brent Coleman from Coleman Plumbing and Heating will also speak about heat pumps.

Our Okemo Valley TV show this month went on location to Homestyle Hostel to interview Justin and Eliza and watch Justin getting ready to teach a bartending class. We also popped in on Big Eyes Bakery on

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Register for the 6th West River Trail Run

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Help us celebrate National Trails Day on June 2, 2018 by participating in the West River Trail Run. This run follows a breathtaking 11-mile course beginning in South Londonderry, continuing along the West River and finishing in Jamaica State Park. Runners have the option of completing

the 11-mile course as an individual runner or as part of a three-leg relay. The race will begin at 9 a.m. at the South Londonderry Depot. In addition to the 11-mile race, there is also a family friendly 5k run/walk beginning and ending in Jamaica State Park, which will begin at 10 a.m. This race supports the Collabora-

tive, a local non-profit committed to creating a culture of substance free youth. All proceeds from this race go towards supporting educational programming for area youth. These programs include but are not limited to Refuse to Use, after school child care, youth mentoring, and weekend events for teens.

Early registration for the event is ending on March 31, 2018 so register while prices remain reduced! Participants will receive a goodie bag filled with local products and free entrance in Jamaica State Park for the day with music and food to celebrate.

For more information, to register, or if you are interested in sponsoring please visit www.the-collaborative.us/westrivertrail-run.

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found quite interesting. I had never heard of impurities in syrup, especially sugar sand.

In the filtering system is a cloth filter that captures any impurities. The main impurity is sugar sand. Willis showed me a bucket where he had discarded the sugar sand. It's a moist, heavy, lime type mixture resembling clay that is mainly calcium. It occurs naturally in the sap.

Dana Brothers had about 3,000 taps. Willis Wood had about 4,500 taps. Willis also hangs a few hundred metal buckets in honor of the old days.

Sugaring is a lot of work, highly dependent on the weather and with

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and gathering the data that was available including TRSU teacher input, community input, education quality standard information, educational best practices and, of particular interest to the board, TRSU student input that had been gathered at the end of 2016.

Mahusky also focused on the comments made by the board that suggested the need to define outcomes: "What do we want our students to be able to accomplish when they graduate?" The board listed some of those goals such as being a collaborative team player, being responsible for what they say or do, understanding democracy, understanding the importance of educating oneself, and engagement in the community. Mahusky also welcomed more input from the administration. "I think it makes sense to get some direction from our educational experts."

Lamphere asked TRSU Curriculum Director Michael Eppolito to put together a presentation to walk them through the process for reviewing the data, and helping to identify themes, also to outline a process for how they will operate as a group. She suggested the focus for the second meeting be "a genuine look at all the information without making a recommendation right away."

Superintendent Meg Powden agreed to put off connecting the budget with the vision until the third meeting but her concern was clear, "I'm worried about budget." The finance committee will also be asked to participate in the third meeting.

Next meeting of the vision committee will be Monday, April 2 at Chester Andover Elementary School from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

FUTURE

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sustainable. We need one to three larger businesses."

The meeting continued to be a very publicly involved one. Many suggestions were made, and Jason Rasmussen said the Planning Commission would list and prioritize the key points. "It's really nice to have a crowd here," Logan Nicoll expressed.

The Town Plan is scheduled to be revised by May 2019. More information can be found at www.ludlow.vt.us as well as the minutes of the meeting.

Big Eyes Bakery competing to become the Sweetest Bakery in America

LUDLOW, Vt. - Big Eyes Bakery is proud to share that it is competing to be named the Sweetest Bakery in America. From March 1 through July 31, the Dawn Foods contest invites communities across the country to cast their vote and help their favorite bakery win the title of Sweetest Bakery in America.

"As we enter our fourth year in business here in Ludlow we are asking all our friends, customers, and visitors to please cast a vote for Big Eyes Bakery in the Sweetest Bakery in America contest. We appreciate your patronage and look forward to serving you in the future, said owners Brigid and Paul Faenza."

In September, Dawn Foods will name one national, grand prize winner, second and third-place national winners, and winners in each state, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico. The national winner will receive publicity support for their bakery, a celebration party, and an innovation session to create even more delicious treats for their community. State winners will also receive support from Dawn Foods to help promote their bakeries in their communities.

"We are excited for bakeries to get involved in Dawn Foods' second

annual Sweetest Bakery in America competition and celebrate voters' favorite bakeries across the country," said Becky Loveland, vice president of Marketing and R&D, North America for Dawn Foods. "As part of our longstanding commitment to helping our customers grow their business, we hope this friendly nationwide competition helps boost sales, drive traffic in store, and makes our customer's bakeries top of mind for their local communities. Whether you head to your local bakery for your everyday treat or for special occasions, any day is a great day to visit your bakery and vote."

Drawing nearly 600,000 votes, more than 1,400 bakeries across the United States and Puerto Rico participated in 2017. Voting officially kicked off March 1, 2018 and is open until July 31, 2018. Voters can submit one entry per day in-store and online at www.sweetestbakery-inamerica.com.

Big Eyes Bakery is a full service bakery located on Main Street in downtown Ludlow. Known for their handcrafted butter crust pies and quiche, Irish Soda Bread, ethnic breads, and desserts. The bakery is open six days a week and is closed on Mondays.



BRMHS Spring Concert

LUDLOW, Vt. - On Thursday, March 15, the Black River Middle High School had their annual Spring Concert, and it was a beautiful event! If you missed the concert, you can watch it on Okemo Valley TV.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Cook speaks at Okemo Valley Women's Club

LUDLOW, Vt. - The March meeting of the GFWC Okemo Valley Women's Club was held Monday, March 12, 2018 in Ludlow. Despite the lingering winter weather, the meeting was well attended.

Our March speaker was Ulla Cook, Ludlow town clerk and treasurer. Cook, a long time Ludlow resident who emigrated with her family from Finland at the age of 6, is now a mother of two and grandmother of five with strong local ties to our community. Cook worked at Okemo Mountain Resort under Dave Rock from 1970 to 1982 before working in Rutland as a bookkeeper in the field of advertising and marketing. In August of 1996, Cook was elected as Ludlow town treasurer and in 2001 was elected town clerk. She has held both positions since.

She gave an enlightening discussion of her role in these town positions that she has held for years, dealing with land records and property deeds, which the town has recorded as far back as the 1700s. As town clerk, she also deals with birth, death, and marriage certificates and tax collection. She noted that as of July 1, 2018 in the state of Vermont copies of birth certificates will be available to immediate family only and will be available online. One

will no longer need to physically go to the town of birth to acquire a copy of a birth certificate. In her role as town clerk, Cook also works with voter registration and is the presiding officer at public elections in Ludlow.

Following Cook's presentation, there was a break for conversation and St. Patrick's Day themed refreshments provided by Michele Twombly, Fran Derlinga, Lorraine Hughes, and Eileen Dunseith. There followed a business meeting with President Darlene Remy presiding. The Secretary's report was given by Viola Wynne and the Treasurer's report given by Michele Twombly. Old and new business was discussed including the 2018 Barbara Jean Barker Scholarship and the ongoing Garden Project adopted by the club

in 2017. This year the club plans to include 20 Mile Stream House in the garden project as well as Mountain-side House in Ludlow. The committee will meet in April to make plans for this year's project. An initiative was adopted to investigate other local beautification projects, which will see further discussion at the April club meeting. There was also discussion of inventive ways to track members' volunteer hours over the 2018 year.

The next meeting of the Okemo Valley Women's Club will be on Monday, April 9, 2018. For an exciting change, the meeting will be held at the new Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm in Weston where members will be treated to a tour of the new facility. There will also be a business meeting so it is certain to

be an unusual and dramatic meeting at this venue. Members will meet at 6 p.m. at the Black River Valley Senior Center parking lot to car pool to the 6:30 p.m. meeting at the new playhouse in Weston. All members are encouraged to attend and to bring guests, as this will be a unique experience. Anyone wishing to attend should contact President Darlene Remy 802-228-4907, Membership Chairwoman Roxie Davis 802-226-7417 or any member.

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St. Patrick's Day to pick up Irish Soda Bread.

Save the date. Our annual meeting and "Taste of Okemo Valley" is on May 10 from 5-8 p.m. at the Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm.

We welcome the following new members: Alternative Energy Education Associates, Sydscompufix and Little Cricket Photography, Senior Solutions, and Village Baptist Church.

We encourage everyone to join us at the Vermont Tourism Summit on April 11 and 12 at the Equinox. Visit www.vttourismsummit.org for more information.

Remember, March 30 is the last day to save for our Chamber trip to Iceland on Oct. 7-13, 2018!

Article written by Marji Graf, CEO, Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce.

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Easter egg hunts

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 prizes for all the children who join the fun. The egg hunt will take place at 11 a.m. in the Tribute Park adjacent to the Brownsville Community Church on Brownsville-Hartland Rd. For more information, call 802-484-5944 or email bcchurchvt@gmail.com.



Find and collect Easter eggs.

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CAVENDISH, Vt. - On Saturday, March 31, Cavendish Recreation is sponsoring their second Easter Egg Hunt, starting at noon. This event will be held at the Cavendish Town Elementary School and is open to children 12 and younger. It will begin with a staggered start so the little ones can get their share, and more difficult hidden eggs will be available for the older kids. There will be plenty of candy and prize-filled eggs. This event is free. Please arrive 15 minutes prior for check in. For more information, contact Terry O'Brien at 802-738-3215 or dthuskies@hotmail.com.

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.

LUDLOW, Vt. - The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 31 at 10 a.m. at the Ludlow Community Center for children 12 and younger. Parental sign in will start at 9:45 a.m. Children 5 years and younger will have a head start to obtain those eggs which will be easier for them to find. This event is free to the public, and we hope that every child will come out to enjoy this community event. The Ludlow Community Center is located at 37 Main Street in Ludlow.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Association of Springfield Area Churches is sponsoring a free Easter festival in the Riverside Middle School on March 31 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine! There will be free food, games for children, prizes, and Easter egg hunts for people of all ages. There will be six different Easter egg hunts so people of similar age and ability can compete together. If the weather is rainy or the field is muddy, we will be warm and



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dry inside the gym. Sponsoring churches include: Calvary Baptist Church, the Church of Christ, the First Congregational Church UCC, North Springfield Baptist Church, Precision Valley Baptist Church, St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and the United Methodist Church. Over 6,000 plastic eggs have been supplied by the churches. Donations have been made by area businesses including: Final Electric, Springfield GMC, Spurr's Repair Service, Willow Farm, Lawrence and Wheeler Insurance, Kelley's Auto Sales and Service, Springfield Cinema Center, Hannaford, Shaw's, HB Energy, Cota and Cota, Orient Restaurant, and the Springfield Co-op.

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - The Westminster Institute will host an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 31 from 10 to 11 a.m.





LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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

Sugaring, mud season, and parsnips

Below is a continuation of Philip Tiemann's manuscript about sugaring including his trials and tribulations as a new Vermonter. This would have occurred in spring of 1934.

"The season had now arrived when all good farmers work from 'kin see to can't see.' It was light enough now in the morning so I was getting up at 5:30, altho the habit was hard to resume. As the snow melted fast in the sun it started the spring clamor of the brooks and this was a grand sound albeit somewhat awe-inspiring, especially on one of the frequent rainy days. Then the rush of water was accompanied by the grinding of big stones as the current moved them inexorably down-stream. But the finest to hear was the bird-song, which early risers can appreciate best: already there were robins, always such cheery fellows, and song sparrows and even blue-birds.

"For a few days more sugaring was in full blast. The term is used loosely to apply to the whole process from tapping the trees (always hard ("rock") maples) thru boiling down to canning syrup and finishing some off as sugar. Hereabouts considerable "soft" sugar was put up in large pails from which it could be spooned to use as a spread or re-melted for syrup...

"We also had the pleasure of our first "sugar on snow," a delicacy which is fast disappearing. Done in the old-fashioned way, one of the neighbor women would ask in a few friends and seat them around a table with milk-pans of firm-packed snow in front of each. The syrup, probably made from "soft sugar," would be heating on the stove, and at just the proper consistency it was brought to the table in a pitcher and poured in curlicues over the snow, hardening to the point where it could be



Philip and Isabel Tiemann at Windy Hill farm in Cavendish. PHOTO COURTESY PETER FARRAR

sliced and fried, the family voted that they should be left - period. This was unfortunate, as they were supposed to eke out our failing larder. But there are some things, which it seems one must grow up with to appreciate. We came to this conclusion about dandelion greens and milk weed tips, - both considered delicacies hereabout.

"Signs of spring at last were multiplying. Between heavy rains came days of lovely warm sun. The seed-flats in the south window were filled with rows of green sprouts. A few hens had already gotten over their broodiness and were beginning to lay again, - altho with eggs bringing only 16 cents a dozen this did not help much toward the increasing price of feed. But then the

"peepers" in the back brook began to sing and we never had heard anything like their shrill, steady symphony, - which would die to silence in an instant if they were disturbed. These tiny frogs, coming out from their mud beds, seem to know without fail when spring is here.

"I have mentioned mud season, which that year lasted a month but we thought it would never end. Getting places was more difficult and uncertain than even mid-winter. To use runners was impossible and wheels not much better, when in some spots a vehicle might 'sink to the X's'. With a horse one could generally keep going, albeit at a snail's pace, but a car would stop right there and often only a team could get it out. So travel was negligible, and limited to necessity as when I had to go to the village to pick up grain, using the lumber wagon of course."

This week's old saying: "Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until they speak."

picked up with a fork. Ummm! With it were doughnuts and, if correct, sour pickles. - One party like this would do me for a long time, but the kids never got tired of them. Now-days they are popular for church socials.

"I was fortunate to get the roofing paper - a good grade - on the new chicken-house between showers, of which we had more than a sufficiency. This at least protected the structure, but much remained to be done. It seemed more important to me to finish with the house roof...

"...It was a satisfaction to have the house in good order (at least, in comparison to the way it had been.) The attic gave us a superlative storage space - until it became so cluttered it had to be cleared again, which seems the habit with attics. I've always wondered how a family can get along without one...

"...Before the snow had quite disappeared from the garden, I started digging parsnips, - a root crop which is best left in the ground during the winter as freezing is supposed to improve the quality. After trying them,

Vermont Humanities Council presents "Rick Winston: The Hollywood Blacklist"

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - On Sunday, April 8, the Mount Holly Town Library will host the Vermont Humanities Council "Rick Winston: the Hollywood Blacklist" at 3 p.m.

In the late 1940s through the early 1960s, many screenwriters, directors, and actors were victims of the Red Scare. They were rendered unemployable due to their refusal to testify before Congressional committees or refusal to inform on others. Film expert Rick Winston will explore the origins of the blacklist in Hollywood's labor unrest and what led to its ultimate end, showing clips from films that were affected by the fear that consumed Hollywood, including "High Noon," "On the Waterfront," and "Salt of the Earth."

This event is free, open to the public, and accessible to those with disabilities. Mount Holly Town Library is located at 26

Maple Hill Rd. in Belmont. For more information, contact Joan McCallum at mthollylibrary@gmail.com or 802-259-3707.



Vermont Humanities Council will present "The Hollywood Blacklist" about the Red Scare's affects on the film industry.

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OLLI Mozart program rescheduled for April 3

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The OLLI Mozart program that was cancelled on March 13 due to a storm has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 3 at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Catholic Church on Pleasant St. in Springfield, Vt.

Erik Nielsen, a professional composer, will relate the story of the young Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, who astonished the crowned heads of Europe as a child prodigy. Many samples of Mozart's work will be played and the audience will experience how remarkable and wonderful his music is.

OLLI, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, is a membership program

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

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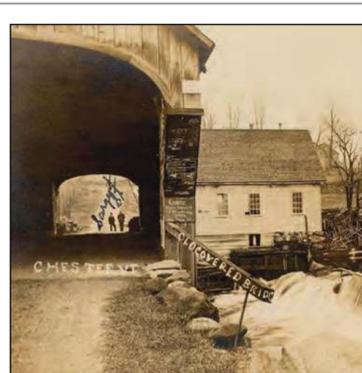
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opinion

Op-Ed: Legislators should stand with voters

There have been some very good ideas, and some very bad ideas, over the years about changing the state's education funding system.

One of the best ideas came more than a hundred years ago, when Gov. William Dillingham proposed a statewide education tax to equalize school resources across the state. Some school districts had tax rates eight times higher than others. In 1890, the legislature approved a 5-percent surcharge on local property tax bills, with the funds redistributed to towns in need. This statewide property tax remained in place until 1931. Repeal was based partly on what legislators came to see as the bad idea behind the tax – its reliance on taxing property rather than income or other assets.

In 1947, Gov. Ernest Gibson, Sr. told the legislature the greatest problem facing the state's education system was "equalizing educational opportunity and distributing the costs as equally as possible among the towns and school districts of the State."

For the next 50 years, Vermont struggled with the problem that Gibson identified, and with addressing the problem faced by the hardest-hit taxpayers, the income-poor – people deemed "property rich" because they owned a farm or woodlands but earned little income.

The result was a succession of different funding systems and one of the Legislature's best ideas: the state's property tax rebate program, which limits low-income Vermonters' property tax

bills to no more than 5 percent of their incomes, enacted in the 1970s. Twenty-five years later this program was integrated into the funding system with "income sensitivity." Two-thirds of Vermont homeowners now pay their school taxes based on their income.

One of the worst ideas discussed this legislative session has been elimination of income sensitivity. Despite the rhetoric that legislators were trying to shift more of school costs to the income tax, the long-term impact of eliminating income-sensitivity would have ultimately put us right back where we learned from experience we shouldn't go – greater reliance on the property tax.

The final tax reform proposal to come before the House, H. 911, avoids

the worst changes considered by the House Ways and Means Committee. But the bill as written still has some very bad ideas that are a step backward, not forward, in school funding reform.

The very worst idea of all in H. 911 is eliminating the current direct relation between spending per pupil and a town's tax rate. Now, if spending per pupil increases by 5 percent, then the town's school tax rate goes up 5 percent. The bill tosses that out. For some towns, tax rates could go up twice as fast as spending per pupil; for others, three times. This type of change does not support local school districts. It causes confusion and frustration.

Town meeting voters got it right this year, and the legislature and governor

should listen. School boards did what the governor asked them to do, and then some. Nearly all school budgets passed.

The real "problem" with the current school funding formula is that it has worked better and lasted longer than any other formula. You know that's the case when opponents trot out the trope that it's time to review the formula not because a fundamental flaw has been identified but because an arbitrary number of years have passed – and therefore it must be time to open the hood and start tinkering.

We should all be wary of ideas justified by the mantra, "It's time for a change." If real reasons for change are identified, real solutions can be discussed and hammered out. That's

when change is justified. But that's not happening.

The shove from the Vermont Supreme Court in its 1997 Brigham decision moved Vermont a huge distance towards achieving Gov. Gibson's goal of creating an equitable system for funding schools. Although not perfect, Vermont's current formula is considered the country's fairest. Now is not the time for a retreat. H. 911 would be a step back from the achievements past governors and legislatures only dreamed of.

Written by Allen Gilbert of Worcester, who was chair of his town's school board when it joined the ACLU's Brigham lawsuit in 1995. He has remained active in education issues.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Industrial wind turbines and solar panels are generating electricity in Vermont. Wind and sunlight are renewable energy. But they don't count toward Vermont's goal of 90 percent renewable energy by 2050.

Industrial wind-and solar-power developers here receive renewable energy credits that they sell in southern New England to fulfill those states' "renewable-energy" goals.

Developers build industrial wind turbines and solar panels on Vermont ridgelines, hillsides, and fields so that Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island can tint themselves "green" while avoiding environmental impacts on their landscapes and neighborhoods.

Developers also will build even more industrial wind turbines and solar panels on even more Vermont

ridgelines, hillsides, and fields so that Vermonters can fulfill our own renewable-energy goals while accepting even more environmental impacts on our landscapes and neighborhoods.

How is this renewable-energy sham fair to Vermonters?

Sincerely,
Howard Fairman
Putney, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Like most people, I have many traits that make up my identity: I am a father, a husband, and a worker. Like many Vermonters, I can also add "hunter" to that list. Hunting has been a formative part of my life; it taught me the valuable lessons of hard work, persistence, resilience, and gratitude. More concretely, it has provided sustenance for my family. Guns are a crucial tool to hunting, and they will always be a significant part of my life.

Like many responsible gun owners and hunters, I am an avid supporter of the Second Amendment.

And, like many responsible gun owners and hunters, I am also a staunch supporter of universal background checks.

Background checks will not prevent all mass shootings, homicides, or crimes with guns, but this is not an

excuse to sit back and do nothing. It is not a panacea that will abolish all gun crimes in the future. There is no one single answer. Background checks are but a key piece – along with other measures such as extreme risk protection orders and removing guns from domestic violence situations – that will help keep guns away from people who should not have them.

It is our responsibility to do whatever we can to reduce violence, reduce life lost, protect children, and improve public safety. Background checks enjoy broad support in Vermont and they work. A 2016 Castleton poll showed that 84 percent of respondents support universal background checks in Vermont. Studies have shown that in states that require background checks for all handgun sales, 47 percent fewer women are

shot to death by their intimate partners, 53 percent fewer law enforcement officers are shot to death with handguns, and there are 53 percent fewer suicides by gun.

How easy does it really need to be to buy a gun? I am unmoved by some gun owners' arguments that it will add cost or inconvenience to their purchase. I am personally willing to wait just a little longer or pay a relatively small fee to increase the odds that someone who shouldn't be buying a gun might be turned away, or, better yet, won't even try to buy one.

Sincerely,
Daniel Mulligan
Richmond, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Like many of my fellow veterans, I once enjoyed having a bunch of tax-free deployment money sitting in my bank account. I went out and bought a fancy military style rifle. I went all out too, 7.62 Millimeter, semi-automatic, all the attachments, 20-round capacity magazines. Truth be told, that rifle is head and shoulders better than the rifle I carried in Iraq.

The other foolish thing that I did with my money was to buy a motorcycle. Now this may seem off topic, but please bear with me. If you know anything about returning combat veterans, you'll understand that the two do seem to go hand in hand. In any case, I couldn't just buy it and ride it off. First, I entered my driver's license information, and I took the four-hour Vermont Motorcycle Awareness Program training course. Once that was done, I could practice,

Dear Editor,

As your state representative, I'm glad to have had the opportunity to speak with you at your town meetings about the issues facing the legislature and to hear your concerns. Your feedback is important to me.

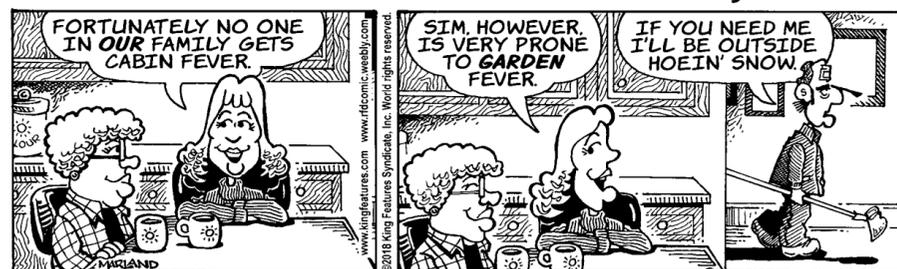
In this message, I will focus on the two prevailing issues – gun violence and education finance reform – facing us upon our return to the State House.

The school shooting in Florida plus the incident at Fair Haven High School has brought the need for immediate attention to be paid to gun violence. The governor had already outlined an action plan to improve school safety and reduce gun violence.

The gun violence prevention legislation in progress includes three critical bills. H.675 would allow a judge to require weapons be turned over as a condition of an individual's pre-trial release. S.221 would allow police to seek a court order from a

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



Dear Editor,

Kids are smarter today than when I went to high school. Back then, there was a cold war going on, and we had to be prepared for a nuclear strike. What was our defense? Hiding under our desks. I can't remember being emotionally scarred by our experience; indeed most of us who remember those days laugh about the stupidity of those futile exercises.

Flash forward. Welcome to the 21st century. Kids are hiding under desks again, behind doors and filing cabinets. They are huddling in closets. And they are being terrorized and killed. It is becoming a way too familiar scene across the nation. This generation of school kids goes to school wondering if

their school might be next. If they might die. Shame on us adults for ever having allowed this culture of violence, for allowing the NRA so much control.

The kids get it. They know we are up against a culture of not just violence but of political paralysis, indifference, and selling out to the NRA. They know the NRA has become one big propaganda machine for gun manufacturers, and the stalwart promoter of extreme candidates to challenge those who dare toe the line. The students know what violence is. They know assault weapons are just that, assault weapons made to kill on a massive scale. They are not "personal protection firearms" as I have seen these killing machines renamed by

some.

Thank you, students, for the "March For Our Lives," and for giving the rest of us a voice again. You are so brave, so articulate, and so passionate. May we adults learn from you and fine tune our BS detectors. Perhaps like you, we can say, "We won't fall for it. It is a gun issue." Our best lesson is to remember one young girl's wise words, "They work for us." Indeed they do.

Vermonters, get on your phone and call your legislators. Get on your computer and email your legislators. Tell them to support S.55, S.221, and H.422.

Sincerely,
Char Osterlund
Springfield, Vt.

only in state, only during daylight hours and with no passengers. After a couple of months, I took a written exam, answered a minimum 20 out of 25 multiple choice questions correctly, and was eligible to take a skills test. I was then evaluated for competency on four skill maneuvers, graded by a DMV examiner. After an anxiety filled hour or so, I completed the tasks successfully and proudly went on to claim the letter M on my license that showed proof that in the eyes of the state, I could be trusted to safely operate that motorcycle until proven otherwise.

And to me, that seemed reasonable. Tedious yes, irritating, and time consuming, absolutely. But, implicit in each step was the understanding of what that step represented. It represented the attempt to prevent riders who were a danger to themselves or to

others from operating a machine that had the potential to cause great harm.

Now if you ever saw me riding it, you would perhaps be forgiven for thinking that this machine may have fallen into the wrong hands. I certainly see unsafe and illegal acts by bikers on the highway often enough.

The screens and filters in place for public safety are not perfect, but it would be foolish to think that we would be better off without them. The only people who I can see benefiting from their removal would be those who would not pass through the filter.

Now I'd like to circle back to the matter of that rifle. I could easily have passed the same level of scrutiny required to purchase such a weapon. I had a secret security clearance, I have thorough firearms training, I have a safe with a combination lock, I have no violent criminal history, and I can

demonstrate that I am psychologically stable. By any metric that I can think of, I would be considered worthy of the state's trust to own this weapon.

But no one asked me any of that. No one checked to make sure. I had but one test to pass, and that was sufficient funds in my checking account. That does not strike me as a reasonable filter to drive a motorcycle, and it doesn't even come close when you apply it to the sale of firearms.

A universal background check doesn't prevent me from owning firearms. A background check may have made buying that rifle a more cumbersome process, but that is a reasonable thing to ask in trade for a safer Vermont.

Sincerely,
Luke McCulloch
Bellows Falls, Vt.

versely impacted by the change in Federal Tax Law.

- Lowering all personal income tax rates by 0.2 percent, while collapsing the top two income tax brackets, and adjusting standard deductions and personal exemptions.
- Providing tax relief to Vermonters receiving Social Security benefits.

If you are interested in more detail on H.911, please feel free to email me and I will forward you an informative summary packet.

As always, I welcome any questions, opinions, thoughts, and concerns you may have on any legislative issue. You can contact me at tbock@leg.state.vt.us or tmboc@vermontel.net. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Representative Tom Bock
Andover, Baltimore, Chester, and North Springfield

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CHURCH SERVICES

obituaries

ALSTEAD, N.H.

Third Congregational Church UCC, River Street

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 a free Easter breakfast at the church. Easter Sunday service is 10:30 a.m. with communion. No coffee hour. All are welcome.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Christ's Church, 24 Main Street, Saxtons River

Easter Sunday sunrise service will take place at the home of Roberta and Franklin Geist at the end of Hitchcock Rd. Rev. Janice Chitek and the Rhythmic Choir will lead the service. Rev. Chitek will share a meditation. In anticipation of the sunrise, people may arrive after 6 a.m. for the sunrise at 6:32 a.m. for the meditation. The service will take place at 7 a.m. and all are invited to stay for breakfast. There will be a sign at the church announcing the service with directions to the Geist home or any changes in location. For more information, call 802-376-6178. All welcome.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

Charlestown Congregational Church, 71 Main Street

The church sanctuary will be open March 30 for Good Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 5 to 6 p.m. for silent personal prayer and/or meditation. Please stay for as short or as long a time as you care to enjoy the silence on this Holy Day. The Easter Sunday service on April 1 starts at 10 a.m. with our Flowering Cross. All are welcome. For more information, call 603-826-3335.

CHESTER, VT.

Chester Congregational Church, 469 Main Street, Route 11 West

Easter Sunday service starts with a coffee hour at 9 a.m., followed by the Easter Worship Service at 10 a.m. All are welcome. For more information, call 802-875-3382 or go to www.chestercongregational.org.

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

Join us for our journey through Holy Week and Easter services. Maundy Thursday, March 29, Holy Eucharist with foot washing and stripping of the altar at 6:30 p.m. Night Watch until midnight starts at 7:30 p.m. On Friday, March 30, Stations of the Cross is at noon and Liturgy of Good Friday 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, Festival of Holy Eucharist, Rite I is at 8 a.m. Choir rehearsal is at 9:15 a.m. The Festival of the Eucharist and Rite II with music will start at 10 a.m. and a reception will follow in Willard Hall. For more details, go to www.stlukeseiscopalvt.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. 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

Janice L. Martin, 1922 - 2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Janice Louise Martin, 95, passed away peacefully on the first day of spring, Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at the Springfield Health and Rehabilitation Center in Springfield, Vt.

Janice was born on Aug. 31, 1922 to Edward and Mamie Held in Milwaukee. She joined a brother Donald, four years her senior. She attended schools in Menomonee Falls, Wis., graduating high school in 1940. Janice attended Whitewater State Teachers College and Prospect Hall Business College and graduated with honors in 1941.

Janice worked at A.O. Smith in Milwaukee as a secretary from 1942-1943. Between 1949 and 1955 she worked as a secretary and bookkeeper, making her home in Minnesota, California, and Illinois where she met her husband Roy Ertler. They were married in 1955.

In 1968, the Ertler family moved to Hollywood, Fla. Janice was a homemaker, a mother to two daughters, and the bookkeeper for her husband's business, Miami Typesetting Company. After Roy's passing in 1976, Janice and family moved to Fort Lauderdale where she found employment as a secretary and bookkeeper for a mirror and glass company.

In 1978 through a mutual friend, Janice met Donald Martin from Springfield, Vt. and in 1979 they were married. They made their home in Charlestown, N.H. and Springfield, Vt. until 1984 when Don retired from Jones and Lamson. In retirement, they traveled extensively throughout the United States, then came back to Springfield. Don passed away in 1992.

Janice enjoyed helping others through volunteer work with RSVP



Janice L. Martin, 1922 - 2018.

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and Community Care Network. She loved life. Her warmth, smile, and sense of humor will always be remembered.

In addition to her husbands, Janice was predeceased by her parents, brother, a daughter, a stepson, and a niece. Survivors include her daughter Lori Lull and husband Robin of Weathersfield, Vt., step-son Chris Ertler and wife Peggy of Wheat Ridge, Colo., nephew Robert Mels and wife Marianne of Bartlett, Ill., and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

The family would like to thank the staff at Springfield Health and Rehabilitation for their compassion and care of Janice. Donations in her memory may be made to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaog Trail, Springfield, VT, 05156.

There will be no calling hours. A graveside memorial service will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Davis Memorial Chapel, Springfield, Vt.

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 with the First Baptist Church at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church at 62 Crescent Street in South Londonderry. On Good Friday, March 30, there will 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.

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

William R. Guy, 1939-2018

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - William R. Guy of North Springfield, Vt. died March 23, 2018 peacefully at his home after a courageous battle with cancer. Bill was born Nov. 26, 1939 in Lebanon, Maine to Eugene N. and Zelma (Nichols) Guy.

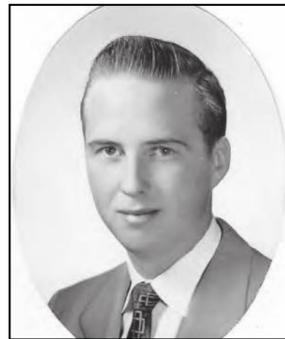
Following the death of his father in 1945 he, along with his mother and brother, moved to Alton, N.H. In 1955, they moved to Chester, Vt. where Bill graduated from Chester High School in 1958. After graduation, he joined the Army Reserves in Chester. In 1962, Bill married Evelyn Crossman at the First Baptist Church in Chester, Vt.

Bill became a skilled machinist, and over the course of the next five years he was employed at Pratt and Whitney, Cone Automatic, and Bryant Grinder.

In 1967, Bill became co-owner of Idlenot Family Restaurants with his brother Eugene. Then over the course of the next 20 years, they built up a chain of 12 restaurants in Vermont, New Hampshire, and New York, later selling to the Friendly's Corporation in 1986.

He was a member of the Springfield Elks Club and bowled in leagues for more than 30 years at the Plaza Bowl in Springfield. Bill's favorite hobby was restoring and driving his classic cars.

Survivors include his wife Evelyn of



William R. Guy, 1939-2018.

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North Springfield, his son Douglas, granddaughters Gillian and Grace Guy and their mother Georgeann Guy, and brother Eugene and wife Carol Guy, all of Springfield. He is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Saturday, March 31, 2018 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Main Street, Chester, Vt.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaog Trail, Springfield, VT, 05156.

A private burial will be held at the Simonsville Cemetery in Andover, Vt. in the spring. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting with arrangements.

David J. Harty, 1988 - 2018

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - David J. Harty, 29, of Westminster Terrace passed away unexpectedly Monday, March 19, 2018. David was born on March 20, 1988 in Santa Cruz, Calif., the son of Randy and Veronica (Grubenberg) Harty. He was a 2006 graduate of Leland & Gray High School. Officer Harty joined the Department of Corrections on March 10, 2014 as a correctional officer, graduating with the 126th class of the Vermont Correctional Academy. He became a member of the local emergency response team Oct. 3, 2014 and was part of the alert team.

He was a member of Flex Fitness where he worked out every day and participated regularly in spin classes and kickboxing. He was also a member of Team AMA, having earned a blue belt in Jiu Jitsu. David was an amazing uncle, spending time with his nieces and nephew and taking them to sporting events.

Officer Harty was a hardworking team player affectionately call "Lurch" because of his size. He was a gentle giant who would give you the shirt off his back.

David is survived by his mother Veronica of Bellows Falls; his foster mother Pauline Casanova of New-



David J. Harty, 1988 - 2018.

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fane, Vt.; his newborn daughter Adeline Harty; his sisters Elisabeth Harty of Nashua, N.H. and Christa Harty of Bellows Falls; his grandmother Joan Harty of Barre, Mass.; his aunts and uncles Susan & Michael Larose and Christopher Harty of Barre, Mass; four nieces, one nephew, and several cousins. He is predeceased by his father.

There was a service Wednesday, March 28 at the United Church in Bellows Falls, with burial in the Oak Hill Cemetery.

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.

WESTMINSTER, VT.

The First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Route 5

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. Regular Sunday 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.

Francis X. Coyne, 1943 - 2018

CHESTER, Vt. - Francis X. Coyne, 75, of Lower Bartonville Road passed away Tuesday, March 20, 2018. Fran was born in Norwood, Mass. on March 3, 1943, the son of Anthony Bernard Coyne and Elizabeth Ursala Goodwin. He attended St. Charles School, was a 1960 graduate of Bellows Falls High School, a 1964 graduate of St. Francis College, did his graduate studies at St. Michaels College, Castleton State College, Keene State College, and University of Vermont. He was a teacher, coach, assistant principal, and principal at Immaculate Heart Central High School in Watertown, N.Y.; was a student teacher supervisor at Keene State College; was a teacher and coach at Bellows Falls Middle School; and was a teacher, coach, student council advisor, and teacher association activist at the Bellows Falls Union High School where he was employed 1972 - 1996. Fran was a member of the National Education Association, the Vermont Education Association, New York Catholic High School Athletic Association, New York Coaches Association, Vermont Coaches Association, Windham Northeast Education Association, National Council of the Social Studies, Vermont Council of the Social Studies, the Windham County Retired Educational Personnel Association, and the Civil War Trust.

Fran was an active member of the community, taking part in many organizations and activities: Bellows Falls High School Alumni Association, Bellows Falls Historical Society, Knights of Columbus Council #753, American Legion Post #37 (social member), BPO Elks #1619, Falls Area Lions Club (Charter and life member), Rockingham Recreation Board, Past President of Bellows Falls Alumni Association, Charles E. Russell Scholarship Fund Selection Committee, Parks Place Board of Directors, FACT Channel 8 Board of Directors, Reparative Justice Board BF Panel, Commissioner of the Connecticut Valley PeeWee Football League, Justice of the Peace/Board of Civil Authority, Out Town Committee, VT Council

of Rural Development Teen Issues Committee, Volunteer at Great Falls Chamber of Commerce, Alternative Education Program Advisory Committee, Member of the Community Alliance, and Member of Parks Place Patch Team; and he also coached K of C baseball. He was also a communicant of St. Charles Church in Bellows Falls.

Throughout his years of service he received many honors and rewards: The 1970 Immaculate Heart Central Yearbook Dedication, the 1970 Immaculate Heart of Mary National Honor Society, 1977 and 1984 BFUHS Sampler Yearbook dedication, 1984 BF Alumni Parade Grand Marshal, 1989 Jessie A. Judd Chapter National Honor Society, 1982 BFUHS DECA Teacher of the Year, 1990 UVM Outstanding Teacher, 1991 American Legion Auxiliary VT Educator of the Year, 1994 BFUHS Terriers Hall of Fame, and the 1998 Great Falls Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

Fran enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and attending community activities. He also enjoyed reading, sports, movies; Irish and American history, literature, politics, and music; American Civil War history; Battle of Gettysburg; BFHS and SFC Class reunions and summer gatherings at Bryan's; the rocky coast of Maine; Greatness Gatherings; and visits to PKs.

Fran is survived by his daughter Jennifer Kurkul and husband Jeff; his grandchildren Hannah, Jillian, and Jaxon; his siblings Betsy Bashaw and husband Charlie; and Tony Coyne and wife Pat; many nieces and nephews; and his God children Michael, Allison, and Rebecca; his caregivers who became family, Elizabeth, Rusty, Monica, and sweet Bella. He is predeceased by his parents and his siblings, Coley Coyne and Cathi Parker.

There will be calling hours 5-8 p.m. Friday, April 6 at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt. A funeral mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Saturday, April 7 at St. Charles Church in Bellows Falls, with burial to follow in the St. Charles Cemetery. A reception and celebration of his life will follow.

From the family of Dorothy M. Spafford

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, calls, and kept us in your prayers for our loss.

A special thank you to Springfield Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Sincerely,
The family of Dorothy M. Spafford

Special thanks from the Mellow family

Perhaps you sent a lovely card
Or sat quietly in a chair -
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If so, we saw it there.

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In memory of Bellows Falls sports' heroes

space he lived most of the final years of his life was an old armory where he coached CYO basketball. Was that his way of going back to the fond memory of his earlier years?

He was in the group that originally began Junior (Little) League Baseball in Bellows Falls, then moved on to found a Babe Ruth League and coach in it. When he thought he found someone to pass his Bellows Falls Jets team to - Russ Pickering - he came back and coached in the Junior League again.

"I didn't know he had coached in the league before. I thought it was his first year when he drafted me as 9-nine year-old. He was my coach for all four years," Kevin Vancor said. Vancor presently is following in Joy's footsteps serving as the general manager of Bellows Falls' American Legion Post 37 team. Joy once coached that team too.

Bob Joy coached me also. Vancor described how he viewed Joy as a coach. Our experiences were years apart, but the man was the same. Vancor remembers, "He was pretty direct. He was always about the rules. He used to carry the rulebook with him. We didn't win much, but he was really patient. He loved the game of baseball. He had a tough exterior, but he was also compassionate. Even if he really got on you, he made sure he talked to you and make you feel better before you left the park."

The one thing I remember most about Joy was not just his love of baseball, but how much Bellows Falls' little league field meant to him. Many people saw how much he cared about the facility, which was officially tagged "Bob Joy Field" a number of years ago.

I mentioned Russ Pickering. He played for Joy with the Bellows Falls Legion way back before the Little League field existed. The Little League Field wasn't even in anyone's dream back then. The eventual Little League home plate was a patch of grass in Joy's left center field back when he was coaching the Legion team with that big field's home plate near today's Recreation Center.

"Bob really helped me in developing my theories about baseball," said Pickering, who played Legion for Joy and became his successor as the Babe Ruth coach. Pickering was also Legion head coach at one time. "Bob was inspirational in giving me confidence in being a baseball coach."

Fran Coyne was 75 when he left us last week. He shared many community contributions with Joy. However, as much as there were similarities,

there were also differences. Joy served his school years as a board member; Coyne spent a like number of years as a teacher. Where Coyne also coached, he also jumped in line for any useful committee he could contribute to. Such list was long.

Pickering worked with Coyne closely. "He was at the top of the list of assistant coaches I ever had. He related to kids at such a high level. He would get the most out of them. He was an inspiration to all," Pickering noted.

Bis Bisbee inherited Coyne and Hugh Perkins as football assistants when he became head coach of the Terriers. He reflects, "I really don't know where to begin. He was one of a kind. Three words come to mind when I think of Fran: courage, inspiration, and dedication."

"The courage is for what he showed when he had to battle throughout the years," Bisbee explained alluding to Coyne's muscular dystrophy for more than 30 years, "especially when it became much more difficult."

"Second was inspiration. We are all lucky and became better people just to have come in contact with him. The third word was dedication. He was dedicated to so many people in so many ways. He was dedicated professionally to his students and his athletes. We have lost a great one, but heaven has gained one."

Bisbee remembers vividly the day Coyne stood up for him publicly as a professional and a friend. Those who know the story of Bisbee's football success and his legacy of titles may not know there were some darker days in his early years. They once lost 26 games in a row, and the school board had a public hearing with his job on the line.

There were pros and cons presented, but Coyne's words probably gave Bisbee the chance to prove himself. Bisbee remembers Coyne standing up and saying, "Give this young fellow a chance. The kids believe in him. They play hard for him and his athletes' parents have told you they believe in him. Give this young fellow a chance."

I spoke to Coyne's brother-in-law Charlie Bashaw and asked what stood out to him about Fran and he said, "He was so polite it was overwhelming. He had a gift for words."

People in Bellows Falls have no shortage of words to glorify what these two men did for their community. They are certainly missed.

Area players do appear in North-South basketball game



Bellows Falls Terriers' Shane Clark (12).

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Green Mountain Chieftain, Ryan McSally (1).

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Keagan Dunbar.

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BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

REGION - The Vermont Basketball Coaches Association had their North-South All-Star Games on Saturday, March 24 in Windsor. Despite the fact the powers that be told me one week ago today that our area schools would have no representation, the good news is in the end both a Bellows Falls and Green Mountain boy player received the honor of participating in the event, and they both played well.

Bellows Falls' Shane Clark hit both a three and a layup off an offensive rebound in the first half when the action was tight before the North Division I/II squad flexed their muscle and ran away with a 96-74 win.

Green Mountain's Ryan McSally was a part of the only South team that was able to find the winner's column. The Division III/IV boys brought home a 94-80 triumph in a contest that saw McSally score 6 points and lead his coach Brian Rapanotti to comment, "He did pretty well; he fit in and made some nice plays."

There was a third player who played on Saturday with area ties. Both her parents grew up in Bellows Falls, but she played her basketball for Middlebury. She was a member of the girls' Northern Division I/II team, which defeated their southern counterparts 97-57.

Keagan Dunbar, who will advance to the next level and play at Colby College in Maine, led all scorers in the northern victory by tallying 9 points. She actually spent much of the day on the court. Besides the game action, she also captured the

division's three-point shooting contest, received a Vermont Basketball Coaches Association scholarship, and was recognized for the lofty 1,625 points she scored in her career.

Jen Heath, who was Dunbar's coach throughout her career at Middlebury says about her guard, "She is driven by her superb work ethic. She always wants to improve and get better. She is very skilled as a high school basketball player. When it comes to work, she just doesn't stop. Not only is she a great shooter; but at 5 feet 4 inches, she is a great re-

bouncer. She averages 8 and a half rebounds a game."

Dunbar's mother, Julie Davis, played her basketball career as a Bellows Falls Terrier while her father attended Vermont Academy and

played there. Both parents were very strong athletes in their own regard. The other game played on the day saw the Northern Division III/IV girls defeat the Southern girls team 62-49.

Submit your Dari Joy Baseball picks

REGION - Don't forget to send in your picks for the 2018 Dari Joy Baseball contest by the April 6, 2018 deadline. You can email your picks to bmurphy@vermontjournal.com. For more information and the rules, go to www.vermontjournal.com/sports/2018-dari-joy-baseball-contest-begins.



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Tickets on sale for 2018 Vermont Sports Hall of Fame induction

S. BURLINGTON, Vt. - Tickets are now on sale for the 2018 Vermont Sports Hall of Fame Induction Dinner and Celebration presented by Casella Waste Systems. The sixth event will be held Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Trader Duke's Hotel, 1117 Williston Road, South Burlington.

The event starts with a reception at 5:30 p.m. with the induction ceremony following dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tables for 10 are available. To arrange for tickets, please log on to the hall's official website at www.vermontsportshall.com or email the VSHOF at vermontsportshall@gmail.com.

The sixth class of inductees include: four-time Olympic cross country skier Tim Caldwell; stock car driver Robbie Crouch; World Cup mogul ski champion Hilary English Klein; legendary St. Johnsbury Academy track & field coach Ray Frey; collegiate and high school basketball standouts Matt Johnson, Larry Killick, and Jen Niebling; longtime Essex

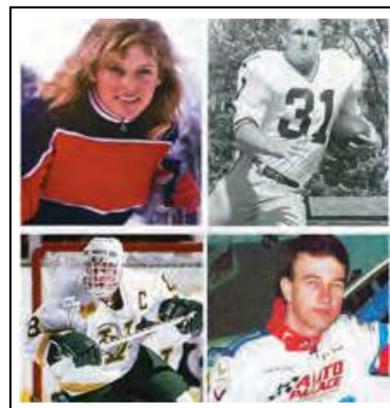
High coach/athletic director Melba Masse, a pioneer of girls sports in the state; University of Vermont football great Bobby Mitchell; award-winning sportswriter David Morse; and UVM/NHL hockey star Martin St. Louis.

A portion of the proceeds raised by the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame will benefit its designated charity, Prevent Child Abuse Vermont. The event has raised close to \$15,000 for PCAV since the hall's inception in 2012.

The 2018 class members will receive from Gov. Phil Scott their Vermont Sports Hall of Fame granite plaques courtesy of John Pelkey of Memorial Sandblast and Granite Industries of Vermont. WCAX

sports director Mike McCune will be the master of ceremonies.

For more information, log on to www.vermontsportshall.com/dinner-info.html.



Vt. Sports Hall of Fame inductees from the past. PHOTO PROVIDED BY WWW.VERMONTSPORTSHALL.COM

arts & entertainment

Nexus of Art and Economy; challenges to opportunities

PUTNEY, Vt. - On Monday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to noon, the Rockingham Arts and Museum Project (RAMP) and Vermont Performance Lab (VPL) are convening innovators and leaders who will share ideas illustrating how the arts significantly contribute to the health, economy, and vibrancy of Bennington and Windham County communities.

RAMP and VPL are hosting the event in partnership with Next Stage Arts, the Vermont Creative Network, the Vermont Arts Council, New England Foundation for the Arts, and the Southern Vermont Economy Project.

"This convening offers an opportunity for community leaders, town managers, planners, creatives, legislators, as well as economic development and arts organizations, to reflect on the cultural and economic significance of the creative economy," says Robert McBride, founding

director of RAMP.

"We are excited about this chance to share our stories, our resources in our community, successes and failures, new ideas, and network with each other," says Sara Coffey, founder and director of VPL. "The event will also give town leaders a chance to interact with regional organizations that have capacity and resources to share."

The meeting will highlight Think Vermont, an initiative of the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development as well as representatives from the Vermont Creative Network, New England Foundation for the Arts, Local 64, Next Stage Arts, Windham Regional Commission, the Putnam Block Redevelopment, the Vermont Arts Council, and the Center for Rural Innovation.

Featured topics include creative economy data from Vermont and

the New England region, and a panel discussion illustrating how creative projects from around the state are addressing housing, accessibility, civic engagement, education and attracting young professionals and families to the state. A facilitated conversation will center on the question of job creation and the local economy and how can we work together to leverage and promote the creative economy in our Vermont communities and foster more cross-sector collaboration.

This event will take place on April 9 at Next Stage Arts, 15 Kimball Hill Road in Putney. Coffee and refreshments will be served starting at 9:30 a.m. with events starting at 10 a.m. Register online at www.vermontperformancelab.org/events. This event is free and wheelchair accessible. Call 802-463-3252 with questions.

Make flowers out of wool felt at the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Sue Carey, needle felting teacher extraordinaire, is offering a flower making workshop at Gallery at the VAULT on Saturday, April 14 from 1 to 4 p.m. Grow out of the winter doldrums by making bright, showy flowers from wool felt. You will use a variety of techniques to cut, shape, and join pre-felted pieces of wool to make imaginative and delightful flowers. Sue's classes are a fun way to bring some whimsy and joy to an April day.

Suitable for beginning and intermediate students. Bring sharp scissors and a vase. There is a cost and materials fee. All levels are welcome.

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,



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Greater Killington Women's Club hosts wine dinner fundraiser

KILLINGTON, Vt. - The Greater Killington Women's Club (formerly known as the Sherburne Women's Club) is hosting a Springtime in Paris Wine Dinner fundraiser on Thursday, April 5, 2018 beginning with a welcome reception at 6:30 p.m. followed by the dinner at 7 p.m. at the Highline Lodge, 96 West Park Road, in Killington, Vt. Go to www.HighlineLodge.com for more information on the location. Cost includes six light courses plus fabulous French wines!

Proceeds from this special fundraising event will support the GK-

WC's Scholarship and Awards Program benefiting local students. The club sponsors two annual \$1,000 awards, which are given to graduating high school seniors from the towns of Killington or Pittsfield: the Pat Zack Community Service Award and the Sherburne Academic Scholarship.

Space is limited to the first 40 tickets sold on a first come, first serve basis. Tickets are on sale now. All tickets must be prepaid and can be purchased either directly at the Highline Lodge or at Curtis Insurance Agency, 335 Killington Road.

Spouses, partners, guests, and the public are welcome to attend.

The deadline to RSVP is Friday, March 30 on the club's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/events/170824503707075/ or via Evite: <http://evite.me/BPKu-wkyAsm>.

Each ticket sold has a chance to win some fabulous raffle prizes!

The tentative menu is as follows:

- Welcome reception - Mingle with fellow diners as you sip sparkling rosé and nibble house made pates and salmon mousse
- First course - Lemon risotto with



Join the Springtime in Paris Wine Dinner fundraiser.

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roasted fiddlehead ferns and prawns paired with Chateau Lamothe, Bordeaux Blanc (2015)

- Second course - Warm Leek, mushroom and Gruyere Croquettes served with mixed green salad paired with Maison Albert Bichot, Pouilly-Fuisse (2015)
- Third course - Grilled Salmon with Ramps and Tender Asparagus paired with Maison Albert Bichot, Mercurey (2014)
- Fourth course - Veal Medallions with Morell Mushroom Sauce, Gra-

tin Dauphinoise and roasted artichokes paired with Ermitage du Pic Saint Loup, Pic Saint-Loup Tour de Pierres (2014)

- Dessert - strawberry crepes paired Domaine Gerard Metz, Gewürztraminer Cuvée Megane

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“A Hard Day’s Night” kicks off Classics of 1960s festival –

LUDLOW, Vt. – FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) will present the award-winning movie, “A Hard Day’s Night” on Saturday, April 7 at 7 p.m. at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium.

This film starts a movie series exploring the depth and variety of cinematic landscape of the 1960s. FOLA is happy to once again host well-known Vermont film historian Rick Winston for the opening night of the film series. Winston will briefly discuss the three featured films in the context of the exciting trends of filmmaking in the 1960s: the influence of the French New Wave on “A Hard Day’s Night,” the influence of Italian films on “A Fistful of Dollars” – and the related Japanese film “Yojimbo” that will screened with it as a double feature – and the influence of the European art film on “The Graduate.”

“A Hard Day’s Night” is a 1964 mu-



“A Hard Day’s Night” kicks off the 1960s film series with this picture starring the Beatles.

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sical comedy starring the Beatles in their first full-length movie. Directed Richard Lester and written by Alun Owen, this self-proclaimed “greatest rock & roll comedy adventure” capitalized on the fame and notoriety of the Beatles. It takes the tried and true formula of the Hollywood rock & roll musical, typified by the Elvis Presley movies, in a new direction as influenced by the French New Wave.

The film stars George Harrison, John Lennon, Paul McCartney, and Ringo Starr as themselves and as the Beatles as they work their way through a “typical day” of famous rock & rollers making their way from Liverpool to London for a television broadcast.

“A Hard Day’s Night” was nominated for two Academy awards, one British Film Academy award, and one Grammy award. Box Office Magazine recognized it as the “Best Picture of the Month for the Whole Family,” as it is rated G.

As with all FOLA movies, the film is open to everyone and is free; donations are appreciated. Popcorn will be provided by Berkshire Bank with water offered by FOLA. For more information, call 802-228-7239 or visit the FOLA website at www.fola.us.

The big top comes to Weston —

WESTON, Vt. – Troy Wunderle and Big Top Adventures bring world-class circus programming to Weston’s Walker Farm on Saturday, April 14. Area primary and secondary students are invited to develop their circus skills at Wunderle’s morning workshop and take the stage at Big Top’s afternoon show!

The hands-on workshop for ages six and up begins at 9 a.m. and runs until noon. With expert guidance, participants will experiment with juggling balls, spinning plates, unicycling, and magic tricks. Plus, official circus gear like feathers, scarves, balls, and rings will be available for purchase so that students can continue to practice at home.

On Saturday afternoon from 4 until 5 p.m., Wunderle will entertain family, friends, and the general public with wacky globe walking, astounding ladder balancing, teetering bola bolas, mesmerizing bubble routines, mischievous magic, and comic buffoonery. Workshop students may participate if they choose. General admission tickets are on sale now.



Join Troy Wunderle’s circus performance at Walker Farm. PHOTO PROVIDED BY TROY WUNDERLE & BIG TOP ADVENTURES

Teaching artist Troy Wunderle is a graduate of the Maryland Institute College of Art and the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Clown College. He is a former international performer with the

Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus, artistic director of Circus Smirkus, and a Vermont Arts Council juried artist. His antics have been featured on the Disney channel, the Today Show, Martha Stewart, Chronicle, Fetch, Fox and Friends, and Americas Funniest Home Videos.

Weston Playhouse Theatre Company is committed to enriching the community with education and outreach programs for students of all ages. Wunderle’s Big Top Adventures Workshop and Show are presented with support from Clark-Mortenson

Insurance and Wilder Memorial Library. For questions about registration, email ematthees@westonplayhouse.org or call 802-824-8167 x 113. Tickets are available at www.westonplayhouse.org.

Theater in the Woods Vt. presents “Our Town” —

CASTLETON, Vt. – Theater in the Woods Vermont Co. kicks off its third season of activity with a workshop presentation of Thornton Wilder’s masterpiece of small town life, “Our Town,” on Sunday, April 15 at 3 p.m. at the Old Tinmouth Firehouse, and Saturday, April 21 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 22 at 3 p.m. at the Federated Church of Castleton.

The beloved Wilder play first premiered 80 years ago in Princeton, N.J., and then enjoyed a long Broad-

way run. “Our Town” has endured as a staple of theater companies large and small throughout the nation ever since, for a good reason: its clear-eyed look at the themes of the stability of traditions and family, the steadfastness of the natural environment, and the transience of human life is just as illuminating today as in 1938.

Theater in the Woods staff member Megan Bouchard who is directing the workshop commented, “We are approaching ‘Our Town’ with a mod-

ern specificity that emphasizes its timelessness. In this workshop we’re stepping outside of some of the play’s traditions, which allows us all to make deeper connections to the universality of this masterpiece. It has been an honor to explore this play with these brave, talented actors.”

The cast is composed entirely of Rutland county Vermonters, including Bruce and Kate Bouchard, Melissa and Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, Benjamin Green, Rainbow Squier,

Wheaton Squier, Marshall Squire, Glenn Tarbell, and Emma Luikart. The two distinctly different performance venues are the Old Tinmouth Firehouse and the Federated Church of Castleton.

Theater in the Woods Vermont runs two sessions of summer day camps in July for children ages 7 through 16 in Middletown Springs. Proceeds from ticket sales support the Theater in the Woods Camp Scholarship Fund.

Kashmir, nation’s number one Led Zeppelin tribute show

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Kashmir, the nation’s number one Led Zeppelin tribute show, is the most authentic representation of Led Zeppelin on the modern national touring scene. Each of the four band members assumes their individual role with pinpoint accuracy. Kashmir possesses the live stage show, sound, and likeness to bring audiences and fans back to the days when the mighty Led Zeppelin ruled the musical landscape.

With the playlist of every classic rock station and the most identifiable voice in rock history, Kashmir’s show features Page’s iconic double-neck guitar, Bonham’s drum solo, the stage show of the era, and most importantly, the greatest hits that make up the soundtrack to peoples’ lives.

For those who dream and wish to experience a live Led Zeppelin show, dream no more – Kashmir will fit the bill, hitting every stop along the way, leaving you thirsty for more. Kashmir consists of Jean Violet (Robert Plant) on vocals and harp, Andy Urban (Jimmy Page) on guitar and Theremin, Paul Cooper (John Bonham) on drums, and Felix Hanemann (John Paul Jones) on



Kashmir, the nation’s number one Led Zeppelin tribute. PHOTO PROVIDED

bass and keyboard.

Kashmir covers all the hits including “Black Dog,” “Heartbreaker,” “Stairway to Heaven,” “Kashmir,” and just about anything else Led Zeppelin recorded during their incredible but sadly short-lived career. Until Robert Plant decides to reunite with Jimmy Page and John Paul Jones, Kashmir is about as close as any fan is going to get to the real

thing.

Kashmir will be at the Claremont Opera House on April 21, starting at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at www.claremontoperahouse.org, by phone at 603-542-4433, or in person at Claremont Opera House Box office at the city hall complex at 58 Opera House Square. Cash bar available from Sweetfire BBQ before the show and at intermission.

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Hammond Cove Shooting Range opening April 1

HARTLAND, Vt. – The Hammond Cove Shooting Range in Hartland, Vt. will be re-opening for the season on Sunday, April 1, 2018 at 10 a.m. The range operates under rules set forth by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. Range users will sign in with an onsite range officer and have a valid Vermont hunting or fishing license or be the guest of someone who does. The hours of operation and range rules are listed below.

Range rules include:

- A Vermont hunting or fishing license is required for users 15 years

and older.

- License holders can bring one guest, but after three visits that guest must purchase a license.
- Shooting more than one round per second is prohibited.
- Shooting long rifles or shotguns from the pistol bench is prohibited, as is shooting pistols from the rifle benches.
- Unless otherwise posted, the range will be open April 1 to Dec. 14, Thursday through Monday.
- On Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, the range hours will

be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- On Sundays, the range will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- The range will be closed from Dec. 15 through March 31 and on all Vermont State and Federal Holidays, except for special events approved by the Commissioner.

To ensure these rules are followed, a range officer will be present when the range is open. Before using the range, shooters are urged to review the range rules on Vermont Fish & Wildlife's website, www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

Vermont 2017 deer season report available

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department says its final report on the 2017 deer hunting seasons is now available on their website, www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

The report shows that hunters took a total of 15,984 deer during Vermont's archery, youth, November rifle, and December muzzleloader deer seasons. This was 13 percent higher than the previous 3-year average - 14,186.

Hunters took 3,578 deer in archery season, 1,462 in youth season, 7,272 in rifle season, and 3,672 in muzzleloader season. The 15,984 deer brought home by hunters yielded more than 3 million meals of local nutritious venison.

"The legal buck harvest of 9,477 was 8 percent more than the previous three-year average of 8,760, and the third highest buck harvest since

2002," said deer project leader Nick Fortin. "Harvest numbers increased during the archery, youth and muzzleloader seasons, and the total harvest of 15,984 is also the third highest since 2002."

"The relatively high harvest was primarily due to the mild winters of 2016 and 2017 which allowed more deer to survive. Additionally, the department issued more muzzleloader antlerless deer permits this year to provide more harvest opportunity and to limit population growth in some parts of the state."

The primary goal of Vermont's deer management strategy is to keep the deer herd stable, healthy, and in balance with available habitat. "Maintaining an appropriate number of deer on the landscape ensures deer and the habitats that support them remain in good condition and produc-

ive," said Fortin.

Each year the department operates biological check stations during deer hunting seasons to gather information on the age, sex, field dressed weight, antler characteristics, and overall health of Vermont's deer herd. In 2017, biological data were collected from more than 1,200 deer examined during the two-day youth season and November rifle season.

To provide additional data, hunters submitted more than 2,800 teeth from bucks harvested during the rifle season. Fortin adds, "The effort made by hunters and many of our big game reporting stations to collect teeth during rifle season will greatly improve our understanding of Vermont's buck population. The ages of those bucks will be posted on our website in late April."

Vt. Fish & Wildlife hosts turkey hunting seminar

GUILFORD, Vt. – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is holding a free turkey hunting seminar in Guilford, Vt. on April 15, 2018. This seminar is in addition to the two turkey hunting seminars being held on April 7 at Barre Fish and Game Club and April 8 at the Hartland Fire Department.

The seminar will be held at Sportsman's Inc. Fish and Game Club, 2081 Creamery Road in Guilford from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"Both experienced and first-time turkey hunters stand to benefit from these seminars," said Hunter Education Training Coordinator John Pellegri. "We will provide information

on all aspects of turkey hunting, including safe hunting practices, specialized equipment, calls, site setup, and other strategies for harvesting turkeys."

The morning portion of the seminar will be classroom time, with the afternoon session focusing on how to pattern a shotgun for turkeys. Participants can bring their own firearms and ammunition, or they will be provided to those who do not have them.

Certified Hunter Education Instructor Robert Eitzweiler will be the instructor for this event, with members of Sportsman's Inc. assisting. Participants can sign up at www.vtfishandwildlife.com. Participants are also welcome to attend just the shooting portion of the seminar without registering. For questions, contact John Pellegri at 802-793-1894.

Fall Mountain Special Olympics in Winter Games



One of our youngest, Caitlyn Masure. PHOTO PROVIDED



Carroll Tenney in his gold medal run. PHOTO PROVIDED



Kyle Simpson left, James Morse right. PHOTO PROVIDED

KILLINGTON, Vt. – The Fall Mountain Special Olympics team participated in the Vermont State Winter Olympic Games March 18-20. The team had 14 athletes who participated.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Special Olympics, and the first year for Pico Mountain to host the Vermont State Games. The events started with the opening ceremonies and parade of athletes. Sue Minter, the new president and CEO of Vermont Special Olympics, gave a welcoming speech to rally the teams. The Olympic torch was presented at the top of the mountain and skied down to light the cauldron. The Vermont State Police joined the ceremonies with an honor guard and singing of the National Anthem.

Monday was a beautiful sunny day for competition, however the fickle Vermont weather proved a challenge with temperatures only in the low 20s. The teams mustered through time trials for all events to

set the divisions for the races to begin in the afternoon and Tuesday.

Special Olympics provides competition based on all abilities; with this format all athletes have a chance to shine in their respective divisions. It is not unusual to have a range of ages in the divisions.

FMSO had five snowshoers. Debra Hall and Olivia Rounds raced the 25, 50, and 100 meters. Debra won silver in the first two races and then took home a fourth place in the 100. Olivia won bronze in the 25 meter, sixth in the 50 meter, and fifth in the 100 meter.

Sean Anderson, Jacob Barboza, and Dalton Hutchinson raced the 50, 100, and 200 meters. Sean came home with a bronze and two silvers. Jacob, in his first year snowshoeing for the team, brought home the bronze in the 50 and 200, and he won the gold in the 100. Dalton won silver in the 50, bronze in the 100, and fourth in the 200 events.

Alpine skiers had two fabulous days on the mountain racing in the slalom, giant slalom, and super G. Patrick

Cannon took home fourth, bronze, and fifth. Rachel Maxim scored the silver, bronze, and bronze. Caitlin Masure took home fifth place in all three events. Mariah Pratt took the silver, bronze, and bronze. Carroll Tenney won bronze, gold, and bronze.

The snowboard team also raced the slalom, giant slalom, and super G. Athlete James Morse took fourth, silver, and silver. Kyle Simpson scored bronze, bronze, and silver.

Bonnie Kyle raced the slalom and took home bronze, but unfortunately was sidelined the rest of the weekend due to injury. Russell Putnam scored fourth place on his only event, the slalom.

The FMSO team now moves on to its spring schedule. They offer swimming, track and field, and bocce. The next competition will be the Upper Valley Regional Games in Lebanon, N.H. on May 5.

If you are interested in joining the FMSO team as an athlete or volunteer, please contact Scott and Maggie Kyle at 603-445-2323.

Tater Hill Golf Club welcomes new head professional

REGION – Okemo Mountain Resort's Golf Division welcomes PGA Professional Jim Gunnare as head professional at Tater Hill Golf Club in Windham, Vt.

A long-time Vermont PGA member, Gunnare served as the head professional at the Woodstock Country Club from 1985 to 2016. He brings years of experience in Vermont Golf to Tater Hill, and Gunnare has won multiple merchandising awards, as well as the Vermont Chapter Professional of the Year Award in 1999.

While at Woodstock Country Club, Gunnare served in the New England Section of the PGA, and as vice president from 1997

to 1999. He also held the position of head golf coach for Woodstock Union High School from 1998 to 2016.

"We are extremely excited to have Jim join our golf team as he brings with him years of experience in both semi-private and public golf," said Okemo Vice President of Golf Operations, Jim Remy. "He understands the Vermont golf landscape and is outstanding in providing member and customer service."

Gunnare is scheduled to begin his duties at Tater Hill Golf Club on April 23. Tater Hill is expected to open for the season in early May.

Tater Hill is an 18-hole championship course. Formerly the Windham

Hill Golf Club, the facility was purchased by Tim and Diane Mueller in April 2004 and expanded from its original nine holes of play.

Although it offers plenty of challenge for low handicaps, golfers of all ability levels can enjoy the layout that features undulating fairways, spectacular views, cottage-style flower gardens, and the casual ambience of an old Vermont hill farm. Tater Hill is located on Popple Dungeon Road off Route 11, 22 miles southwest of Ludlow.

For tee times, call 802-875-2517. More information about golf at Okemo Mountain Resort and Tater Hill may be obtained by calling 802-228-1600 or by visiting www.okemo.com.

Okemo season pass early-bird sale

LUDLOW, Vt. – Okemo Mountain Resort season passes for the 2018-19 winter season are now on sale at early-bird rates. Skiers and snowboarders who purchase a season pass for next winter can get the best value by purchasing before April 30.

Last winter, Okemo revised its season pass offerings and introduced an all-new, bigger, better, and bolder line up of season passes. The same line up - Ultimate, Classic, and Midweek - returns for the 2018-19 season with additional benefits, including 50 percent off lift access at Vail Re-

sorts-owned mountain resorts. This new benefit, the result of Okemo's new affiliation with Vail Resorts' Epic Pass, applies only to Okemo's Ultimate and Classic Passes. Also new for 2018-19, Okemo Ultimate Season Pass holders get unlimited lift access at Okemo's sister resort, Crested Butte Mountain Resort, in Colorado. Other new benefits include savings on dining, discounts on summer activities and events, and more.

"We are having a great winter with plenty of snow and wonderful conditions," said Okemo Vice President of Marketing, Dave Kulis, "and while memories of the season are still fresh and top-of-mind, we want to invite skiers and riders to consider a season pass for next year by offering a creative selection of passes with great value."

Okemo's Adult Ultimate Season Pass includes unrestricted skiing and riding with no blackout dates at Okemo and sister resorts, Mount Sunapee and Crested Butte. Okemo offers price breaks on lift access for juniors, 7 to 12; young adults, 13 to 18; seniors, 65 to 69; and super seniors, 70-plus.

Okemo's Classic Pass includes

unrestricted skiing and riding, with no blackout dates, at Okemo and Mount Sunapee. In addition to Okemo's standard age-category pricing structure, this is the only pass with an additional category of 80-plus for a discounted rate.

Okemo's Midweek Season Pass includes skiing and riding Monday through Friday, non-holiday days at Okemo and Mount Sunapee.

Children 6 and younger ski for free every day at Okemo. They must have an Okemo Real.Easy RFID card to access lifts, and must be present at the ticket window prior to skiing or riding. Okemo's Classic Pass is available to children 6 and younger for a fee, allowing families to bypass the ticket window each time they visit and providing them with the convenience of going direct-to-lift all season long.

Anyone with a registered Okemo Real.Easy Card can purchase a season pass online at www.okemo.com and load their season pass onto their RFID-enabled card. Made of durable plastic, cards can last for years and Okemo's Real.Easy Cards offer direct-to-lift convenience.

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Chaos Casbah
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Owner Barbara Ruiss brings a fun, bubbly, and artistic atmosphere to Ludlow with her store Chaos Casbah, "a boutique that carries special gifts for unique people." The store reflects her years of dedicated service to her customers, and her tastes in life.

Ruiss started out with a similar store called Casbah, located in Long Island. "Casbah means flea market," Ruiss explained, where you can find a little bit of everything. After moving to Vermont, Ruiss found the opportunity to get back into her art projects and vintage collections. She opened Chaos Casbah in June of 2012. Everything is reasonably priced, and the items in the store are always changing with new seasons and shipments. When asked how she came up with the name, she giggled, "It's chaos." There's something different and unique around every corner. Ruiss' cat's name is also Chaos, and he is painted on the store's sign.

The store is a collection of vintage items and memorabilia, including books, t-shirts, jewelry, pins, and more. She is into the spirituality aspect of things, such as the zodiac signs, tarot card reading, and face painting. Ruiss is also really interested in the old time rock and roll memorabilia.



The store is also Ruiss' studio, where she air-brushes designs onto t-shirts, paints enamel designs onto helmets, and she even painted the sign to the store. Ruiss does take personal requests if someone wants something particular painted on a given item. "And this summer I'm taking a welding class," she said with a big smile.

"Swing by and rock the free world." Chaos Casbah is open Thursday - Sunday with flexible hours. It's closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. "Just look for the open flag!"



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

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

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - 9:30-11 a.m. Play Group at Saxtons River Elementary School. Come on over for crafts, activities and to play! Call Molly 802-376-6204. TFN

CHESTER, Vt. - Kundalini 8-week Yoga Series entitled "Awakening to your 10 Bodies" at Buddhaful Yoga, Fullerton Inn, 40 Common in Chester from 6 - 7:15 p.m. Liza Eaton, Certified KRI Kundalini Yoga Teacher

awakens and aligns our "10 bodies" consisting of the Soul Body, 3 mental bodies and 6 energetic bodies. Reduce stress, heal, awaken, strengthen, purify and spread mindfulness throughout your life as we practice ancient yoga. Pre-registration was required, classes began Tuesday, Feb. 20. Series ends on April 10.

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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

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COMMUNITY MEALS

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SATURDAY, APRIL 7 - CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - The Charlestown Senior Center at 223 Old Springfield Road in Charlestown is hosting a complete turkey supper on Saturday, April 7 at 5 p.m. Menu includes turkey, potatoes, carrots, stuffing, green beans, gravy, cranberry sauce, rolls and butter, and homemade pies for dessert. Tickets go on sale at 4 p.m. until sold out. Serving starts at 5 p.m. For take outs please call 603-826-5987 between noon and 3 p.m. the day of the supper, to be picked up between 4 - 4:30 p.m. Enjoy food and company.

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INVITATION TO BID MT HOLLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Mt Holly Elementary School is seeking lawn mowing bids for the upcoming mowing season.

Please contact the Principal of the Mt Holly School District, Craig Hutt Vater, 802 259-2392, should you have questions regarding mowing requirements.

All bids should be in a sealed envelope marked "Mowing Bid" and can either be mailed to the address below or left at the Mt Holly Elementary School no later than 3 pm on April 3rd, 2018.

All bids will be opened at Mt Holly's next regular school board meeting which will be held April 4th, 2018 at 6:00 pm at Black River Union Middle & High School in Ludlow VT. Mt Holly's School Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids which may be submitted.

Bid Address: Mt Holly Elementary School, PO Box 45, Mt Holly VT, 05758

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
Australian Balloting
Masonic Temple, 61 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls
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.

LEGAL NOTICES

Cavendish Town Elementary School KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Cavendish Town Elementary School is registering incoming students for the 2018-2019 school year. **Children who will be five by August 31, 2018 are eligible.**

If your child was born between September 1, 2012 and August 31, 2013, please call the school at 875-7758 to register them for school.

TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The proposed project involves the demolition of the Robertson Papermill located at 21 Island Street. A zoning permit is required. The Rockingham Development Review Board will hold a site visit at 5:30pm and a public hearing at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. The site visit is at location and is a hard hat zone. The public hearing will be held at the Town offices, 3rd floor conference room. If there are questions or comments, please contact Charles Wise at 463.1229.

BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION PUBLIC NOTICE WATER MAIN FLUSHING

THE BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION WATER SYSTEM WILL BE FLUSHED WEEKDAYS FROM 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. BEGINNING MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018 AND CONTINUING THROUGH FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018.

SOME AREAS MAY EXPERIENCE ROILY WATER BUT THIS CONDITION SHOULD CORRECT ITSELF IN A SHORT TIME.

IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS, PLEASE CALL THE BELLOWS FALLS WATER DEPT.
AT 802-463-1232. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Brian Joslyn
Chief Operator
Bellows Falls Water Dept.

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COMMUNITY MEALS CONT.

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

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

EVENTS

FRIDAY, MARCH 30 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Vermont Adult Learning invites you to the official Ribbon Cutting and Open House on Friday, March 30 from 3 - 7 p.m. in at 100 River Street in Springfield. Enjoy refreshments, music and artwork created and presented by our students. For more information please contact the Office Manager at sbarnett@vtadultlearning.org or by calling 802-546-0879

SATURDAY, MARCH 31 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Association of Springfield Area Churches is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Riverside Park next to Riverside Middle School in Springfield, with the Easter Egg Hunt taking place at Noon. Bring your family and enjoy food, games and Easter festivities. If you would like to volunteer, make a donation or have questions please contact Assistant Pastor Rubin Jennings of North Springfield Baptist Church at 802-886-8107.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6 - MANCHESTER, Vt. – Join author and mountaineer Bob Hauptman for a presentation of his mountaineering adventures on Friday, April 6 at 7 p.m. at the Manchester Community Library. Bob has traveled in

40 countries, and has reached the highest points in 45 states. He will display specialized mountaineering equipment and unique images of mountain terrain. Admission is free, but donations to help build a new observation tower on Bromley Mountain will be welcomed. This event is part of the Green Mountain Club James P Taylor Outdoor Adventure Series.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6 & SATURDAY, APRIL 7 - WALPOLE, N.H. – The First Congregational Church of Walpole, N.H. is holding a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, April 6 from 4 - 6 p.m. and a Rummage & Food Sale on Saturday, April 7 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Find good quality spring and summer used clothing, household, and tag sale items. Food will be available for Saturday hours only. Special bag sale will happen from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, when you can stuff either a large trash bag or a small trash bag for a set fee.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Vermont Adult Learning is hosting a GED orientation on Wednesday, April 11 at Vt. Adult Learning, 100 River St. in Springfield. Are you interested in getting your High School Diploma, GED, or just want to brush up on some skills? Contact sbarnett@vtadultlearning.org to sign up. All our services are free to VT residents ages 16 and up.

BELLOW FALLS, Vt. – Eckankar is hosting a three-part workshop on past lives starting on Wednesday, April 11 at the Rockingham Library from 6 - 7 p.m. All are invited to this free three-part workshop series exploring how past-life influences can manifest in the present. Discover and practice specific techniques in each session for gaining insight into the often-hidden spiritual opportunities of our actions and choices. What gifts do our past lives offer us today? You are welcome to attend one, two or all three sessions on April 11, May 9 & June 13.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17 - GRAFTON, Vt. – The Nature Museum's week long Earth Day celebration features a special program on Raptors on Tuesday, April 17 from 11 a.m. to noon. Raptors rule the sky and are a special group of birds that include eagles, falcons, hawks and owls. Examine feathers, feet, bones and other artifacts. Great hands-on items, bird facts, and crafts. Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission by donation. For more information, visit www.nature-museum.org, or call 802-843-2111.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 - GRAFTON, Vt. – The Nature Museum's week long Earth Day celebration features a special program on "Magnificent Migrations" on Wednesday, April 18 from 11 a.m. to

noon. During this program, learn about migrating Vermont wildlife and their journeys during the year. Fun facts and a cool craft-making activity are included! Museum open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission by donation. For more information, visit www.nature-museum.org, or call 802-843-2111.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19 - GRAFTON, Vt. – The Nature Museum's week long Earth Day celebration features a special program "Amazing Adaptations" on Thursday, April 19 from 11 a.m. to noon. River otters can slide on their bellies, woodpeckers have extra hard beaks for pecking, and white-tailed deer can use their tail to "talk" when there's danger. Adaptations are special body parts, body features, and behaviors that help animals survive where they live. Bring your young naturalist(s) and investigate real animal pelts, skins, and other artifacts. Museum open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission by donation. For more information, visit www.nature-museum.org, or call 802-843-2111.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20 - GRAFTON, Vt. – The Nature Museum's week long Earth Day

celebration features a special program on "Amphibians on the Move" on Friday, April 20 from 11 a.m. to noon. As frogs, toads, and salamanders wake up from their long winter rest, many begin their journeys to special pools in hopes of starting a family. Learn about "big nights," vernal pools, and the awesome amphibians that make a special spring journey. Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission by donation. For more information, visit www.nature-museum.org, or call 802-843-2111.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 - GRAFTON, Vt. – The Nature Museum's week long Earth Day celebration features a special program on "Abenaki & Nature" on Saturday, April 21 from 11 a.m. to noon. Long ago, the Abenaki people relied on nature's many resources to survive. This included making clothing and building shelters from natural materials. Their food came from hunting, gathering, farming, and fishing. Knowing all about the natural world, and being connected to it, was very important. Come experience native artifacts, listen to Native American stories, play traditional games, and make a craft. We'll enjoy

Earth Day Cake in honor of Earth Day! Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission by donation. For more information, visit www.nature-museum.org, or call 802-843-2111.

WINDSOR, Vt. – Come to sing, play, read, or just listen at our Open Mic Coffeehouse at Old South Church in Windsor on Saturday, April 21 at 7 p.m. Donations and offerings of baked goods are gratefully accepted. This is a family-friendly event, and all are welcome! View the event on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/OldSouthChurchWindsor, and let us know if we'll be seeing you! For more information call 802-674-5087.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29 - ASCUTNEY, Vt. – The Weathersfield Historical Society has invited award-winning author and Westminster resident, Jessie Haas, to give a talk about a 1775 incident known as the "Westminster Massacre," that happened in what is now eastern Vermont. The talk will take place on Sunday, April 29, 2018, at 2 p.m. at Martin Memorial Hall, the Town Hall, on Route 5 in Ascutney, Vt. The program is free and open to the public. For more information call 802-885-9517.

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

Kitchen/Dishwasher/Food Prep/Server

Green Mountain at Fox Run is hiring for year-round, PT kitchen help. Duties include dishwashing, bussing, serving, clean-up, and some food prep. Must be responsible, reliable, compassionate, and respectful to GMFR guests. We offer a competitive hrly. rate and a pleasant work environment. Kitchen experience helpful but we will train the right individuals. Shifts available are at night from 4:30-8:30.

Please contact Martin or Laurie in our kitchen at 802-228-8885 to schedule an interview OR drop in at Green Mountain at Fox Run and complete an employment application. We are located at 262 Fox Lane in Ludlow VT.

The Grafton Inn in Grafton, VT is hiring

We're hiring part-time Housekeepers. Experience in hospitality preferred.

Accepting resumes at info@grastoninnvermont.com or stop in to fill out an application 92 Main Street, Grafton, VT

www.grastoninnvermont.com 802.843.2248

NOTICE TOWN OF NORTH WALPOLE

Residents of the North Walpole Village District are hereby notified: Voting on the 2018 Budget & Warrant Articles is scheduled for 7:00 pm Thursday, April 05, 2018 at St. Peter's Church basement on Church Street, North Walpole, NH.

Residents may pick up the Village Report at the following locations in the Village: Village Hall; NW Library; 5 Star Beverage; Food Discount after March 29, 2018.

North Walpole Village Commissioners

Part-Time Truck Driver in WRJ and Springfield

Must be able to work up to 16 hours/wk. driving truck to pick up furniture donations. Applicants must have a valid driver's license, a clean driving record, and a minimum of one year truck driving experience. Applications available at the Good Buy Stores - 676 Hartford Ave, WRJ or 23 Main St., Springfield, or at SEVCA, 91 Buck Dr., Westminster, or on employment page at www.sevca.org. No phone calls please. Apply by April 6, 2018. EOE.

NOTICE OF PROPERTY SALE Town of Rockingham, VT

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Rockingham, Vermont will accept sealed bids on one Town-owned property. The property information and all bidding instructions are specified in a bid solicitation available at the office of the Municipal Manager at Rockingham Town Hall, 7 Square, Bellows Falls, VT, or in the "Public Notices" section of the Town's web site - www.rockbf.org.

The property will be available for inspection at specified times on April 6, 2018, and sealed bids must be received in hand no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 17, 2018. The property will be sold to the highest qualified bidder for that property, subject to 24 V.S.A. 1061(a). The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Shane O'Keefe, Municipal Manager
Town of Rockingham, Vermont

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TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆ Challenging
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King Crossword

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- 9 Wicked
- 12 Persian Gulf nation
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- 7 Tooth decay
- 8 "Guinness Book" suffix
- 9 Forehead
- 10 Emanation
- 11 Profound
- 20 Roosevelt program
- 22 City-related
- 24 Binge
- 25 Health resort
- 26 Hearty brew
- 27 Burger holder
- 28 Shark
- 29 Genetic abbr.
- 30 Red-staters' org.
- 31 Away from WSW
- 35 Forest-related
- 36 Slim and trim
- 39 Most popular, for short
- 40 Pundit's column
- 41 "Beetle Bailey" dog
- 43 Sunrise site
- 45 Wheelbase
- 46 Birth certificate info
- 47 Uncontrolled
- 49 Son-gun link

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Rumors of a change in the workplace could make you a mite uneasy about going ahead with implementing your ideas. Best advice: Ignore the talk and proceed as planned.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Everyone has an opinion on how to handle a recent business suggestion. Thank them for their advice. Then go ahead and follow your own fine instincts.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) While home is your main focus this week, new issues in the workplace need your attention as well. Take things step by step. Pressures ease in time for week-end fun.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be less rigid when handling a relationship problem. You might believe you're in the right, but try to open your mind to the possibilities of facts you're currently not aware of.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Leos and Leonas run at a hectic pace throughout much of the week. But by the weekend, the Lions' Dens become a purrrfect place for you Fine Felines to relax in.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Change is favored early in the week. This should make it easier for you to reassess your plans for handling a troubling professional relationship. Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A suggestion from a colleague could give your professional project that long-needed boost. Meanwhile, someone close to you still needs your emotional support.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Before complying with a colleague's request, check to see that the action benefits all, not just one person's agenda. Continue firming up those travel plans.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your social life is on the upswing, and the only problem is deciding which invitations to accept. Enjoy yourself before settling down for some serious work next week.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With your creative aspects on high, you might want to restart your work on that novel or painting you put aside. Your efforts will bring a surge in your self-esteem.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) While you're generous with others, be sure you're not overlooking your own needs. Take time to assess your situation and make adjustments where necessary.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Being applauded for your achievement is great. But watch out that you don't start acting like a star. It could lose you valuable support with your next project.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your strong belief in justice, along with your leadership qualities, help you protect the rights of others.

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EVENTS CONT.

WEDNESDAYS CONT.

Regular Games at 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAYS -

LUDLOW, Vt. - Gypsy Reel plays regularly at The Killarney, in Ludlow. Music always begins at 6:30 p.m. and continues until 8:30 p.m. or later (depending upon sports schedules). Fine ale, good pub food, and great music in the traditional Irish style. TFN

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

SATURDAYS -

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

LIBRARIES

FRIDAY MARCH 30 & SATURDAY, MARCH 31 -

REGION - The Mount Holly Town Library will be holding its annual Spring Plant Sale on Friday, March 30 and Saturday, March 31. Stop by the library on Friday for our special pre-sale from 2 - 5 p.m. Can't make it on Friday? Come see us Saturday at the Belmont General Store from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. or at Shaw's in Ludlow from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. All proceeds go toward library collections and programming.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3 -

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Rockingham Library is hosting a

Poetry Open Mic on Tuesday, April 3 at 7 p.m. Read original poetry or a favorite poem by another poet. All ages are welcome to participate. Or be a part of the audience to support these brave souls. Readers should come prepared to read up to five poems. To begin, each person will read one poem. Depending on the number of participants, a second, third, fourth, and even fifth round of reading will follow. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org, or call 802-463-4270.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8 -

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - Mount Holly Town Library is hosting a presentation about the Hollywood Blacklist on Sunday, April 8 from 3 - 5 p.m. Film expert Rick Winston will explore the origins of the blacklist in Hollywood's labor unrest and what led to its ultimate end, showing clips from films that were affected by the fear that consumed Hollywood, including "High Noon," "On the Waterfront," and "Salt of the Earth."

MONDAYS -

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

TUESDAYS -

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

and a story time. Free and open to all. TFN

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

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

WEDNESDAYS -

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

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

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

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

THURSDAYS -

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

org or go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org. TFN

CAVENDISH, Vt. - Sit & Knit at Cavendish Fletcher Community Library on Thursday evenings from 5 - 7 p.m. Sit and Knit or Crochet, or do any fiber art of your choice. Light snacks will be provided. There is no charge. TFN

FRIDAYS -

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

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

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

SATURDAYS -

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

MEETINGS

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.

CAVENDISH, Vt. - Select Board meetings are on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office. For more information go to www.cavendishvt.com or call 802-226-7291. Recordings of the meetings can be found at www.okemovalley.tv.

GRAFTON, Vt. - Select Board meetings are the first and third Monday at the Grafton Elementary School or the Town Garage at 6 p.m. For more information, call 802-843-2552 or go to www.graftonvt.org. Recordings are found at www.fact8.com.

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Select Board meetings are the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Town Office. For more information, call 802-824-3356 or go to www.londonderryvt.org. Recordings are found at www.gnat-tv.org.

iv.org.

LUDLOW, Vt. - Select Board meetings are the first Monday of every month at the Town Hall. For more information, call 802-228-2841 or go to www.ludlow.vt.us. Recordings found at www.okemovalley.tv.

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.gov/office2.com.

TUESDAYS -

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Rockingham Select Board meetings are on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Bellows Falls Village Trustee meetings are the second and fourth Tuesday. Both meetings take place in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House. Call 802-463-4336 for more information or go to www.rockbf.org. Recordings can be found at www.fact8.com.

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - Select Board meetings are on the second Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. of each month at the Town Office. For more information, call 802-259-2391.

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.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Woman's Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month, through May, at the United Church. The hall is accessible to all. Women interested in joining and helping with club projects may contact Barbara Comtois, membership chairman, at 802-344-0025. The Bellows Falls Woman's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

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

WEDNESDAYS - CHESTER, Vt. - Chester Select Board meetings are on the first and third Wednesday of every month. For more information, call 802-875-2173 or go to www.chestervt.org. Recordings can be found at sapatv.org.

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



SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAYS -

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

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

TUESDAYS -

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

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

WINDSOR, Vt. - Cedar Hill Alzheimer's caregiver support group. Meet fellow caregivers who really understand because they've been there, too, when things are difficult or isolating. First Tuesdays from 3:30-5 p.m. at 92 Cedar Hill Drive (off Route 5). TFN

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

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

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 every other

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SUPPORT GROUPS CONT.

WEDNESDAYS CONT. - Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Green Mountain at Fox Run at 262 Fox Lane. 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 802-228-8885 or email shiri@fitwoman.com. TFN

ASCUTNEY, Vt. - Twin State Depression Support Group meets on the third Wednesday at Martin Memorial Hall, Lower Level (Handicapped-accessible), 5259 Route 5, Ascutney, (near Exit 8 off I-91) at 6:30 p.m. Do you know or

think you may be depressed? Have a friend or family member who has depression? Then this group is for you! Support, empathy, sharing, education, confidentiality, peer-led. Contact TwinStateDSG@gmail.com or 641-715-3900 (ext. 650055#). TFN

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Twin State Depression Support Group meets on the fourth Wednesday

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

650055#). TFN

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

the public. Call Diana Slade at 802-289-1982. TFN

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

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - Twin State Depression Support Group Board of Directors will now meet every other month in 2018 on the third Thursday at

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

What's happening at the Whiting Library in April and May

CHESTER, Vt. - Amy Mosher's oil paintings will be on display at the Whiting Library in a collection, "Dreaming of Spring." Mosher's colorful oil paintings feature scenes of the small farms of Vermont and beyond. Her work captures the individual characteristics and personalities of the animals and the rural nature of farm life. Color, texture, contrast of light and dark, and the use of visual dimension are important elements in her paintings. Mosher studied art at the Savannah College of Art and Design, the University of Central Florida, and Penland School of Crafts. She lives on a farm in southern Vermont. Her work is on display at the library through April.

What is "click bait?" will be presented by Cathy Hasbrouck. This will be a fun and informative look at those annoying things that pop up on your computer screen. What are they about, what to do, and what not to do? Hasbrouck will introduce and inform on this topic on April 7 at 11:30 a.m. and on April 11 at 4:30 p.m. Attend one or both talks.

Whiting Library's monthly book discussion is on April 11

at 3 p.m. This month's offering is the classic "Frankenstein" by Mary Shelley. Meet friends, talk about literature, and enjoy conversation and refreshments. Books are available to borrow before the discussion. See Will at the circulation desk.

On April 28 at 10:30 a.m., Grafton's Nature Museum will host a free hike with naturalist Jay DeGregorio. DeGregorio is a passionate environmental educator who loves teaching the wonder and appreciation for the environmental. DeGregorio enjoys teaching about forestry, wildlife, geography, and ecology. Walk in the forest with a new awareness.

On May 3 at 6 p.m. in the Library Community Room, learn all about backyard composting, presented by southern Windsor/Windham Solid Waste Management. Many new rules will be in place in the coming years to eliminate landfill waste. See what you can do with your kitchen and garden scraps to make a positive change in your gardens and the environment.

The fabulous team at Six Loose Ladies Fiber shop will teach Learn to Crochet on May 12 at 10:30 a.m. Please sign up



Mosher's colorful oil paintings feature scenes of the small farms of Vermont and beyond.

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soon, enrollment is limited, and the workshop is free!

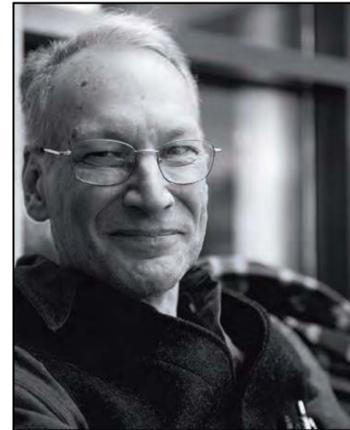
May is the month for our annual seed give-away! There will be several flower and vegetable varieties available, first come basis. If anyone has seed to share, please bring them to the library so your neighbors may

enjoy them. For information or registration, call 802-875-2277, email whitinglibrary1@gmail.com or visit the library Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

A conversation with author Archer Mayor

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Join the Friends of the Springfield Town Library (FOSTL) at the First Congregational Church, 77 Main Street, on Wednesday, April 4, at 7 p.m., for "A Conversation with Archer Mayor," author of the New York Times bestselling, Vermont-based mystery series, featuring detective Joe Gunther.

Archer Mayor has written 28 bestselling Joe Gunther novels. Over the past 30 years, he has worked variously (or continues to work) as a firefighter/EMT, a police officer, and a death investigator for Vermont's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. A Yale graduate, scholar, editor, researcher, photographer, Mayor has also worked as a political advance man, and a medical illustrator. Archer recently received the Robert B. Parker award, named for "the dean of mystery writers." He is a winner of the Vermont Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts. The New York Times



Vermont-based mystery author, Archer Mayor will be in Springfield.

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calls Archer Mayor "the boss man on procedures."

In his latest book, "Trace," the Vermont Bureau of Investigation (VBI) has been pulled onto three cases at the same time; meanwhile, VBI head Joe Gunther has to take time off to care for his ailing mother. Those cases are now in the hands of the individual investigators. In cases that lead the team all over Vermont and

nearby, Archer Mayor once again shows why his novels featuring Joe Gunther and the VBI team are among the finest crime fiction today.

This FOSTL event will be at the First Congregational Church, 77 Main Street, Springfield, VT, April 4, at 7 p.m. following their annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. and is free, accessible to people with disabilities, and open to the public. Please contact the Springfield Town Library at 802-885-3108 or stlas@vermontel.net for more information.

Peruvian film and food at the library

WESTMINSTER WEST, Vt. - Local filmmaker Teresa Savel in collaboration with the Westminster West Library will host an evening you won't want to miss! The Northeast Film Tour of "Palomita"/Little Dove, a documentary about an indigenous women's doll-making collective high in the Andes Mountains of Peru, will make a stop at the library, located at 3409 Westminster West Road, on Friday, April 6. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. with Peruvian 'humitas,' or little tamales, followed by the film at 6:45 p.m. Admission is by donation, cash or checks accepted. Email palomitamovie@gmail.com or call Westminster West Library at 802-387-4682 for reservations and information.

The film takes us from Southern Vermont and journeys to a village in Qewar, Peru, where the doll Palomita is one of hundreds handmade at the social and economic initiative called the Qewar Project. The film is a 54-minute documentary jewel, with vibrant cinematography and original Peruvian music. The Qewar Project identifies the most at-risk and marginalized women; offers them training for

jobs making heirloom quality, natural-fiber, multi-ethnic dolls; and helps build the community.

"Palomita" introduces us to four courageous workers from the Qewar Project who shares with us a glimpse into their heroic lives. The income earned by these women crafters brings them closer to economic independence, and helps the project's goal of constructing an elementary school. The film makes it clear, that even more important than the money that is being earned, the Qewar Project supports these women's ability to regain dignity for themselves and their families.

Vermont's connection with this doll making initiative goes back over 15 years. Margret Daniel, who runs the nonprofit shop Lukana's Dream in Bethel, with her daughter Madelaine Wigglesworth, brought the first 10 dolls to Vermont before the Qewar Project was officially established. Now the Qewar Project is recognized for its exquisite dolls inter-

nationally. "Palomita" has been described as a "...beautiful portrayal of how belonging and creativity can re-ignite the human heart in spite of trauma and hopelessness... these dolls bring our worlds together, celebrating the resilience of the human heart."

The subject content may be sensitive for younger viewers, so parental discretion is advised for children under the age of 12. The movie is partially subtitled.

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Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Department of Environmental Conservation is now accepting applications for the Vermont Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence. For the last 25 years, the annual award has recognized leaders from across the state, celebrating the actions they have taken to advance environmental sustainability.

"So often, I meet incredible business, nonprofit, and community leaders who are pioneering projects that protect our environment and support our communities, as well as our economy," said Gov. Phil Scott. "The Environmental Excellence award is a great way to recog-

nize this work and celebrate the contributions of these leaders to our state. I'm looking forward to celebrating this year's recipients."

The Vermont Governor's Awards were established in 1993 to recognize projects that conserve and protect natural resources, prevent pollution, and promote sustainability. To date, more than 200 individuals, organizations, institutions, public agencies, and businesses have been recognized. These projects make a positive collective impact by minimizing impact to the environment, conserving energy, and reducing the production of greenhouse gases.

Last year's winners include Global Foundries, City Market, Maple Grove, and Agrimark/Cabot Creamery Co-operative. Each of the winners introduced ambitious environmental practices to their organization.

"The Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards provides us the opportunity to highlight noteworthy accomplishments," said Jodi Girard of Agrimark/Cabot. "Our farmer-owners and our employees take tremendous pride in this kind of third-party acknowledgement. Our customers, our consumers and our local communities appreciate this recognition of the care we endeavor to take."

To learn more about the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence or to apply, visit the website at www.dec.vermont.gov/environmental-assistance/governors-awards.

Twelve students receive Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarships

REGION - Comcast NBCUniversal announced that it has awarded approximately \$20,000 in scholarships for the 2018 - 2019 school year to 12 Vermont students as part of its annual Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program. The program, funded by the Comcast Foundation, recognizes the best and brightest high school seniors for their community service, academic performance, and leadership skills.

"Our Leaders and Achievers Scholarship winners exemplify leadership and are committed to academic excellence and community service," said Dan Glanville, Vice President of Government, Regulatory, and Community Affairs for Comcast's Western New England Region, which includes Vermont. "We are honored to recognize their achievements, and excited to support them as they continue their educational journey."

Comcast, joined by Gov. Phil Scott and a number of local officials, recognized the students at a special event held at the Vermont State House on March 21. The 12 recipients each received \$1,000 scholarships.

The Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program provides scholarships to students who strive to achieve their full potential, who are catalysts for positive change in their communities, who are involved in their schools, and who serve as models for their fellow students. The philosophy behind the program is to give young people every opportunity to prepare for the future and to engage them in their communities. The program also demonstrates the importance of civic involvement, and the value placed on civic involvement by the business community.

This year, the program will award more than \$2 million in scholarships to more than 2,000 students across the country to help them pursue higher educa-



Comcast Vermont leaders and achievers.

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tion.

The 12 Vermont students receiving scholarships include:

- Theo Avent Jr., student at Springfield High School
- Morgan Brown, student at Black River High School in Ludlow
- Jaly Collins, student at Richford Senior High School
- Aimee Frank, student at Arlington Memorial High School
- Mika Holtz, student at South Burlington High School
- Olivia Howe, student at Brat-

- Sheyenne Miller, student at Randolph Technical Career Center
- Jacob Miner, student at Otter Valley Union High School in Brandon
- Kennedy Moore, student at Woodstock Senior High School
- Shannon O'Kelly, student at U-32 High School in Montpelier
- Caroline Saba, student at Burlington High School
- Joseph Yando, student at Peoples Academy in Morrisville

Open a 529 college savings plan

REGION - Much like the way 401(k) plans changed the world of retirement savings a few decades ago, 529 college savings plans have changed the world of college savings.

- Tax advantages and more**
- Federal tax advantages: Contributions to your account grow tax deferred.
 - State tax advantages: Income tax incentives for state residents, such as a tax deduction.
 - High contribution limits: Many plans let you contribute over \$300,000 over the life of the plan.
 - Unlimited participation: Anyone can open a 529 college savings plan account, regardless of income level.
 - Professional money management: College savings plans that are managed by designated financial companies.
 - Flexibility: You are entitled to change the beneficiary of your

account to a qualified family member, as well as rollover the money in your 529 plan account to a different plan once per year without income tax or penalty implications.

- Wide use of funds: Money in a 529 college savings plan can be used at any college in the United States or abroad that's accredited by the Department of Education and, depending on the individual plan, for graduate school.
- Accelerated gifting: A lump-sum gift of up to five times the annual gift tax exclusion (\$14,000 in 2017) is allowed in a single year, individuals can make a gift of up to \$70,000, and married couples up to \$140,000.

Choosing a college savings plan

Each plan has its own rules and restrictions, which can change at any time. Consider a few key features:

- Your state's tax benefits: A ma-

majority of states offer some type of income tax break for 529 college savings plan participants, such as a deduction for contributions or tax-free earnings on qualified withdrawals.

- Investment options: Ideally, you'll want to find a plan with a wide variety of investment options that range from conservative to more growth-oriented to match your risk tolerance. Most plans offer aged-based portfolios that automatically adjust to more conservative holdings as your child approaches college age.
- Fees and expenses: Typical fees include annual maintenance fees, administration and management fees, and underlying fund expenses.
- Reputation of financial institution: Make sure that the financial institution managing the plan is reputable and that you can reach customer service with

any questions.

It may be helpful to consult an experienced financial professional who can help you select a plan and your plan investments. In fact, some 529 college savings plans are advisor-sold only.

Account mechanics

You'll typically be required to make an initial minimum contribution, made in cash or a cash alternative. Thereafter, most plans will allow you to contribute as often as you like.

529 prepaid tuition plans - a distant cousin

The tax advantages of college savings plans and prepaid tuition plans are the same, but the account features are very different. A prepaid tuition plan lets you prepay tuition at participating colleges at today's prices for use by the beneficiary in the future. The main differences:

College savings plans: Offered by states, you can join

any state's plan, contributions are invested in your individual account in the investment portfolios you have selected, returns are not guaranteed - your account may gain or lose value, depending on how they underlying investments perform, funds can be used at any accredited college in the U.S. or abroad.

Prepaid tuition plans: Offered by states and private colleges, state-run plans require you to be a state resident, contributions are pooled with the contributions of others and invested exclusively by the plan, generally a certain rate of return is guaranteed, funds can only be used at participating colleges - typically state universities.

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