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# Howard R. Barton Jr., 1963 - 2018

LUDLOW, Vt. - Howard Roy Barton Jr., of Ludlow, 55, died Saturday, June 2, 2018 in Springfield.

He was born Jan. 25, 1963, in Springfield, the only son to Howard and Mary (Tomisto) Barton. He married Susan Wallace Barton June 10, 1995.

He graduated in 1981 from Black River High School where he excelled as a downhill skier for the Okemo Mountain Racing Team, a goalie for Black River High School soccer, and a pitcher for their baseball team. He had four years of electrical school through the state of Vermont and had gone to the University of New Hampshire for management. He worked as a lineman and assistant superintendent for the Village of Ludlow Electric Light Department for over 35 years. He was an alternate member of Vermont Public Power Supply Authority. He was a selectman for the Town of Ludlow for over 21 years and spent 15 years as Chairman of the Board. He also served the town as a cemetery commissioner and spent over 20 years on the Ludlow



Howard Barton, Jr.

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Fire Department where he was chosen to be one of their captains. Also, he served on the Fletcher Farm Foundation and was a member of the Church of Annunciation. He is survived by his parents How-

ard and Mary Barton; sisters, Sheila Barton and Marcia Dockum; his niece and nephews; and by the loves of his life, Susan Wallace Barton, and his daughters, Alexandra and Morgan Barton, from Ludlow.

He had a passion for making his children happy by loving and supporting them at their many soccer, basketball, and softball games as well as their educational achievements. He enjoyed biking, weightlifting, kayaking, decorating the house with Christmas lights, and eating ice cream. Howard made his family and pets his number one priority, and he will be missed by many.

Memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, may be made in Howard's name to Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society.

Friends and family can pay their respects at the celebration of life, officiated by Reverend Thomas Mosher at 7 Depot Street, Saturday, June 9 at 2 p.m. at the Church of Annunciation in Ludlow, Vt.

There will be no calling hours. Arrangements are by Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield.

# Senior scoop: Black River Class of 2018

BY AIYANA FORTIN  
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - Black River will be celebrating the commencement of the Class of 2018 at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 16, in Presidential Hall, and Senior Awards Night will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 15. The 10 graduates are as follows: Morgan Brown, Stephanie Bussino, Jordyn Demers, Bailey Lambert, Jonathan LeTourneau, Dakota Pachla, Drew Schoenberger, Sonya Sheehan, Andrea Stevens, and Austin Turco.

Throughout the year, the seniors have been involved with sports, extracurricular activities, and the community. Stephanie Bussino's been hard at work at Stafford Tech, and Drew Schoenberger scored his 1,000th point in basketball and was voted Prom King. Sonya Sheehan has been busy with an internship at a local horse farm and involved with the Black River high school band. Andrea Stevens has led the softball team with grit and determination, and with grace was voted Prom Queen.

Over half of the class will be going to college next year. Morgan Brown plans to attend the University of New England, Jordyn Demers will go to Vermont Tech, Jonathan LeTourneau will go to the University of Northwestern



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Ohio, Dakota Pachla will be at Keene State, Drew Schoenberger will attend Paul Smith's College, and Andrea Stevens will attend UNC Charlotte. Austin Turco will continue his studies at VT Tech, with the intent of earning his associate's degree in landscaping and advanced horticulture at the end of next year.

Jonathan LeTourneau has been busy with a work study at American Bush, in addition to working at Okemo. At the University of Northwestern Ohio, he'll be majoring in high power motorsports and automotive studies.

Dakota Pachla has been very involved with the National Honor Society, A World of Difference, her role as class president and on Student Council, her work at the Belmont Store, and volunteer work at the Rut-

land Regional Medical Center. Next year she'll be attending Keene State on a pre-med track, working toward her goal of a career in the healthcare field.

Morgan Brown has been busy this year with soccer, basketball, softball, the National Honor Society, A World of Difference,

the Ludlow Rotary, Prom Committee, and her role as class treasurer on Student Council. At the University of New England in Biddeford, Maine, she plans to major in neuroscience and is considering a minor in psychology. Her advice to the underclassmen and rising seniors is "Keep working hard in all of your classes and treat everyday like it's your last because once it's over you can never get that time back. You guys are in charge of the school now, don't take that lightly. We know you guys are up for this challenge and you will all flourish both next year and in the future."

The seniors have led an amazing year and have so much potential as they embark on the journey that will define the rest of their lives. Congratulations, Class of 2018!

# Triple Peaks LLC to sell Okemo Mountain to Vail Resorts

LUDLOW, Vt. - Triple Peaks LLC, owned by Tim and Diane Mueller and their children Ethan and Erica Mueller, announced June 4, 2018 they have entered into a purchase agreement with Vail Resorts Inc. Triple Peaks LLC is the parent company for Okemo Mountain in Ludlow, Vt., Mount Sunapee in Newbury, N.H., and Crested Butte Mountain Resort in Mt. Crested Butte, Colo.

The sale includes the three ski resort operations as well as Okemo Valley Golf Club in Ludlow, Vt. and Tater Hill Golf Club in Windham, Vt. As part of the transaction, Vail Resorts will also own the leasehold assets presently owned by Och-Ziff Real Estate.

"Diane and I are incredibly proud of what we have accomplished at the three resorts for the last 36 years," remarked Tim Mueller, co-owner and president of Triple Peaks LLC. "We have had the great privilege of working with a lot of smart, hardworking, dedicated team members, as well as many other people in the local communities and the states where the resorts are located."

Co-owner and executive-vice president Diane Mueller adds, "Over the years, we have honored each resort's

distinctive attributes, thus establishing a culture and brand at each resort which has translated into visitation by millions of loyal guests over the years. Knowing that Vail Resorts has a knowledgeable, invested and experienced team gives us optimism about the future of our resorts, our dedicated employees, and our local

communities."

"We're very much looking forward to welcoming Crested Butte, Okemo, and Mount Sunapee to our family of resorts, and each of their teams into our company," said Rob Katz, chairman and chief executive officer of Vail Resorts. "These three resorts add incredibly unique and special experiences to our portfolio, and will truly enhance the variety of options for all our guests."

The sale is anticipated to close later this summer. During the transition period prior to closing, the Mueller family and the three resort leadership teams will continue to operate each area while collaborating with Vail Resorts on the transition. Upon closing, Vail Resorts will lead the resorts into the future.

Vail Resorts will honor any previously purchased Okemo, Mount Sunapee, or Crested Butte season passes for the 2018-19 winter season as they integrate the resorts into the Epic Pass and other Vail Resorts pass products.

For details, visit [www.epicpass.com](http://www.epicpass.com).



Okemo now under ownership of Vail Resorts.

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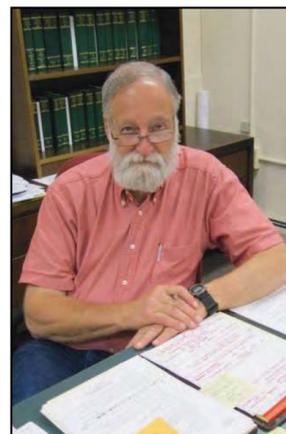
# A fitting tribute to Richard Svec

CAVENDISH, Vt. - When Richard Svec retired from his job as town manager of Cavendish after 29 years, he assumed he would have many years ahead of him to enjoy the fruits of his labor. When he passed away unexpectedly just before 2018 Town Meeting Day, he left behind a legacy of dedication to the town he loved and served.

On Saturday, June 16, a gathering on the Proctorsville Town Green will celebrate his life, a fitting tribute to the man whose

vision inspired the creation of the town green. Where others saw a scruffy vacant lot, the Town Manager saw a lush green expanse with a gazebo, surrounded by shade trees. Now a cornerstone of village activity, the green will be formally dedicated at a gathering that celebrates his life.

Friends, area residents, and family are invited to share memories of Richard Svec, hear guest speakers, and visit with his family. The marking of his life, one filled with service, adventure, and love of family and community, will begin at 2 p.m.



Richard Svec.

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# Preparations for the dedication of the Proctorsville Green



CAVENDISH, Vt. - A group of Cavendish residents completed the renovation of the garden next to gazebo on the Proctorsville Green under the direction of Tim Calabrese and Doris Eddy. Funding was provided by the Cavendish Community Fund. The dedication of the park to the late Richard Svec will occur June 16 at 2 p.m.

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# HOBY VT welcomes 2018 ambassadors

BY AIYANA FORTIN

The Vermont Journal

**REGION** - The Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference was created in 1958 to inspire and develop our global community of youth and volunteers to live a life dedicated to leadership, service, and innovation. All over the world, over 4,000 volunteers facilitate the training of 10,000 ambassadors, all sophomores in high school. HOBY celebrates over 450,000 alumni that have completed 100 times that in hours of community service. HOBY leaders value volunteerism, integrity, excellence, diversity, and community partnership, and what better way to practice these than to go out in the world and make a difference?

HOBY Vermont welcomes one or two ambassadors from each Vermont high school. This year they had the biggest seminar ever, with 120 ambassadors. The two sophomores

from Black River High School were Natasha Fortin and Christina Le-Tourneau, and the two sophomores from Green Mountain Union High School were Alyssa Ripley and Angelae Wunderle. These students completed an application to attend HOBY, were selected by staff teams within their schools, and funded by local nonprofit organizations. The Black River students were funded by the Black River Booster Club and the Ludlow Women's Club.

HOBY's long, impressive history of motivating youth and volunteers to become outstanding leaders begins with a four-day seminar. During these four days, ambassadors put aside their fears and reservations and fully immerse themselves in this experience. Teams of students work together to solve problems, think creatively, and compete for the spirit stick, a sign of greatness that can sometimes earn first rounds of lunch or breakfast or the chance to

lead a signature HOBY cheer. Ambassadors and their trainers stay up late at night, typically reflecting on the inspiring presenters of the day, how they addressed world hunger and economic inequity, or how they brought to light some of the most uncomfortable subconscious prejudices and biases that influence our behaviors and actions.

During the seminar, days are filled with team-building activities, amazing HOBY cheers, countless new friends, and lots of embarrassing stories to laugh about. It may sound like there's all fun and no work, but that's far from the truth. HOBY leaders are challenged by bigger and bigger projects, from building pieces of a tower out of various materials and only being able to communicate in certain ways, to creating a skit to perform in front of all the ambassadors and facilitators, who are nothing but supportive. The ambassadors also travel to Vermont Youth Conserva-



HOBY VT 2018 ambassadors and staff.

PHOTO BY JULIA WEST

tion Corps to volunteer for a couple hours, and together they planted 15,000 onions and several hundred cabbages that will go to support local families who are prescribed a more nutritious diet by their doctor. Ambassadors step outside their comfort zones, and this empowers them to do the same in their lives when they return home.

There is truly no other group of people that smiles as much as the young HOBY leaders do. This optimism and light-heartedness is truly a virtue that can be shared with the world, and contributes a sense of relaxation to a team. The ability to communicate, listen, and effectively work with others helps a team be successful. Friendly, supportive competition

is a healthy way to improve yourself, and combined individual strengths help a team to meet a greater goal. But most of all, the ability to step outside your comfort zone and push your boundaries - that's what makes a true leader stand out in a crowd. This is the goal of HOBY: to create outstanding leaders who will make a difference in our global community.

## Jane Hart offers moving speech to Ludlow Rotary

**LUDLOW, Vt.** - Jane Hart, a New York art therapist and artist, recently spoke to the Ludlow Rotary Club on a subject very close to her. Her speech, "Beginnings and Endings," dealt with both her career and personal life. She began as a writer, culminating in her historic book dealing with the secret lives of Jewish children raised by Christians during the Holocaust. Her journey then veered into helping children, later adults, facing life-ending diseases.

Married to Stan Hart, the comedy writer for Carol Burnett and a playwright, Jane decided to attend graduate school to study art therapy. Since that time, she has been involved in numerous related activities, including providing art therapy to inmates about to be released from Sing Sing

Prison. She has also continued her love of painting, proceeds from which benefit the Proctorsville Fire Department.

The Ludlow Rotary Club, founded in 1927, normally meets every Tuesday for lunch at DJ's Restaurant. The LRC is small 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 fun and fellowship of others, please contact any Rotarian or drop a note to Ludlow Rotary, P.O. Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149.



From left to right, Kim Lampert, Ralph Pace, Jane Hart, and Steven Price.

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## Black River Valley Senior Center news, June menu

**LUDLOW, Vt.** - June is here. And so are your hot noon meals at the Black River Valley Senior Center. Come join us Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at noon for a delicious meal and conversation at 10 High Street, next to the Black River Academy Museum.

On Monday, June 11 after lunch, Pati Kimball from Senior Solutions will talk about the new Medicare cards, which are expected to be mailed to Vermont residents some time in June and after June 2018. She will provide informational sheets and answer any questions you may have. Please invite friends and family to attend this informational event. Call 802-228-7421 with questions.

June's menu is:

- **Thursday, June 7** - Chicken-biscuit, Italian green beans with red peppers, tossed salad, dressing, cranberry sauce, and peach crisp with cream.
- **Friday, June 8** - Baked mini penne pasta with beef and Asiago and Parmesan cheese, sliced carrots, wheat Italian bread, and watermelon.
- **Monday, June 11** - Chicken teriyaki, brown vegetable rice pilaf, oriental vegetables, wheat dinner roll, and cantaloupe.
- **Tuesday, June 12** - Van trip to Sugar and Spice in Rutland.
- **Wednesday, June 13** - Pot roast with vegetable gravy, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, wheat dinner roll, and oatmeal crasin cookie.

- **Thursday, June 14** - Potato and leek soup with chicken and bacon - 10 ounces, crackers, spring vegetable mix, dinner roll, and pineapple chunks.
- **Friday, June 15** - Roast turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, diced carrots, wheat dinner roll, and pumpkin Father's Day cake.
- **Monday, June 18** - Meatloaf with brown sauce, mashed potatoes, coleslaw with carrots and pineapple, wheat bread, and apple crisp.
- **Tuesday, June 19** - Van trip to Pizza Hut in Claremont, N.H.
- **Wednesday, June 20** - Pulled BBQ chicken, vegetable rice pilaf, baby carrots, wheat dinner roll, and pineapple tidbits.
- **Thursday, June 21** - Spaghetti and meatballs and sauce with Parmesan cheese, broccoli florets, Italian bread, and fresh fruit salad.
- **Friday, June 22** - Senior Picnic at the Pavilion at Castleton University. Mac and cheese with ham, spinach, stewed tomatoes, oatmeal bread, and watermelon.
- **Monday, June 25** - Roast pork with gravy, mashed cauliflower, garden peas, wheat biscuit, vanilla fluff with pineapple and mandarin oranges.
- **Tuesday, June 26** - Van trip to Airport Restaurant in Rutland.
- **Wednesday, June 27** - Chicken salad with red grapes, lettuce, and cherry tomatoes, broccoli salad, wheat dinner roll, and strawberry shortcake with cream.
- **Thursday, June 28** - Roast Beef Au Jus, cheddar mashed potatoes, green beans with red peppers, winter mixed vegetables, oatmeal bread, and pumpkin cookie with raisins.
- **Friday, June 29** - Chicken A La King, mashed potatoes, winter mixed vegetables, oatmeal bread, and pumpkin cookie with raisins.

Interested in Meals on Wheels? Please call Senior Solutions at 802-885-2655. Look for our column periodically in The Vermont Journal for monthly menus and upcoming events.



## Food drive

**LONDONDERRY, Vt.** - On Saturday, May 26, Nordics Harmoni and the Londonderry Rotary sponsored a joint food drive for the local food pantry here in Londonderry, Vt. Thanks to the generosity of residents and visitors, the two local clubs were able to collect over 30 boxes of food and personal items. In addition, \$320 was given in cash donations for the Londonderry Food Cupboard. Thank you all for your generosity!

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# Drew's Gym celebrates one-year anniversary

BY AMANDA WEDEGIS  
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - Drew's Gym, located at 6 Andover Street in downtown Ludlow, recently celebrated its first year in business, June 1, 2018. Owner Andrew Valente is a native of Ludlow and an alum of Black River High School. While in high school, he developed a passion for lifting and working out. After graduation, he stayed in the area and used to go to Claremont to work out while staying active by playing basketball with kids at the Rampage Teen Center. But he noticed a lack of a local gym in town where people could really "lift heavy."



Drew's Gym is open to its members 24/7. PHOTO BY AMANDA WEDEGIS

So Valente invested in his passion for weight lifting by opening his own gym. "I didn't know where to start," Valente says. While he was able to secure his current location in a building where he is part owner, he also learned a lot about fire codes and handicapped parking. He bought his first batch of machines from a gym three hours away, which was closing. Valente and a couple of his friends rented a U-Haul and loaded up both the rental and his own truck with the heavy equipment and weights. He has since added some cardio ma-

chines and other equipment, and is always looking for ways to expand.

While the gym is open 24/7 to members, Valente is usually there five days a week in the morning, and is often accompanied by his now 9-month-old son, Vinny, who happens to steal the show. "I should have called it Vinny's Gym," Valente jokes. If Valente is not at the gym, he's usually available by appointment. "It's my favorite thing to do," Valente laughs. "I wish I could be here every day."

He offers memberships at a low monthly price. He includes a "couple" price, but admits that couples

don't necessarily have to be couples. He will offer the same deal to friends who've decided to work out together. People can sign up for memberships by calling Valente and setting up an appointment to sign the waiver. Current members receive a key fob that grants access to the building, but Valente says he's switching that out for a new four-digit pin number for each individual.

Valente aspires to keep the whole gym experience casual, personal, and built upon trust. "I'm a people person," he explains. He's ready to answer any questions about lifting and how to utilize machines.

As Drew's Gym celebrates its first year in business, Valente dreams of seeing more people working out there. "I love seeing people happy using it."

To make an appointment with Andrew Valente, call 802-855-1434 and check out his Facebook, [www.facebook.com/drewsgym802](http://www.facebook.com/drewsgym802).

# Area Lions Club membership

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - "Lions and tigers and bears. Oh my!" Where are they? Well, the bears are in the woods, and the tigers are in the zoo; but the Lions are everywhere!

Lions Club International is the world's largest service organization with clubs in over 200 countries. There are 34 clubs in Vermont including one right here in the Londonderry Tri-Mtn area. The Tri-Mtn club has provided monetary assistance in

the purchase of eyeglasses for those in need in our community and provided rides to our senior citizens to attend local functions. We do the vision screening for over 500 students yearly in the Tri-Mtn area. We have food drives for the local food pantry and donate to local causes.

We meet twice a month at Neighborhood Connections Meeting Place on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. We need more

of the members of the community to join us, come to a meeting, and see what we are doing. We are having a contest where one winner will receive a free year's membership to our club. All you need to do is send your name to [Tri-MtnLions@gmail.com](mailto:Tri-MtnLions@gmail.com). The winner's name will be drawn at our June 28 meeting.

We also need members who just want to participate in a single event a year.

# OVWC last meeting with banquet

LUDLOW, Vt. - The GFWC Okemo Valley Women's Club celebrated their final meeting of the 2017 - 2018 year with a banquet meeting at The Chop House in Ludlow. The dinner meeting was held Monday, May 14 with 26 women in attendance to enjoy the fine food and ambiance of the local restaurant. There was a social hour to start the evening with time to greet one another before the formal meeting was held.

The business meeting was called to order and Viola Wynne read the secretary report and was followed by Michele Twombly's report of the treasurer. Both reports were accepted. Ongoing volunteer projects were discussed including the club's

annual Garden Project, a volunteer effort to provide bedding and home goods for local support homes in the Ludlow area and another project to assist with revitalizing the gazebo on the Proctorsville Green. Later in the summer, the annual club fundraiser Lawn and Tag Sale will be held with more information to follow.

The club was fortunate to have the GFWC Vermont State immediate past president, Joyce Lindamood, in attendance for the formal installation of officers. The slate of officers was presented, voted in, and installed. The new slate of officers are: President Darlene Remy returning for a second term to serve the club, Vice President Penny Trick, Record-

ing Secretary Karen Haskell who was formerly vice president, Treasurer Michele Twombly also returning for at least her third term, and Corresponding Secretary Viola Wynne having served several terms as recording secretary. Joyce presented all of the officers with mementos relative to their offices and welcomed them to their positions.

After the delicious meal and dessert, the meeting was adjourned.

GFWC, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

# Kohl's Kids Bike Smart program visits CTES

BY THOMAS FOSTER IV  
The Vermont Journal

CAVENDISH, Vt. - Students of Cavendish Town Elementary School were given the opportunity May 30 and 31 to learn about bike safety and skills in riding bicycles. The seven-year-old Kids Bike Smart program sent bicycles to the school through a grant made available by Kohl's Department Stores, which was awarded to the Vermont Children's Hospital at Fletcher Allen Health Center. The program was brought to the area through Local Motion, an advocacy group who shares in the goal of providing safe walking and biking for surrounding areas.



Students from Cavendish Town Elementary test their new bike safety skills. PHOTO BY THOMAS FOSTER

The program sends a trailer full of bikes and helmets, as well as cones and marking chalk to schools that apply and are awarded the loan. Measuring 20 feet long and 10 feet tall, the trailer comes equipped with all the materials needed to teach students valuable skills presented through Local Motion's curriculum. While most of the provided bicycles had hand breaks, others were without pedals, which allowed the children to practice balance without the added worry of learning to pedal.

Christine Landon, physical education teacher at CTES, stressed the importance of the program. "It teaches them independence and valuable skills, as well as healthy habits," she commented.

Students were educated how to ride bikes safely and on public roads, as well as the ABC's of biking, which is checking air, breaks, and chains before riding. "Some of these kids have never been on a bike," Landon added.

After learning about safety on Wednesday, Christine Landon and volunteers took the students on a bike ride through Proctorsville Village to Greven Field. Putting their newly acquired skills to the test, the second through fifth grade classes were able to practice riding on uneven terrain as well as local roads. Despite varying abilities, their enthusiasm and excitement was made visible.

More information on the program can be found at [www.localmotion.org](http://www.localmotion.org) as well as [www.uvmhealth.org](http://www.uvmhealth.org).

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# The Killarney is the OVRCC June member of the month –

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce presented Mark Verespy, owner of The Killarney, the June Member of the Month award.

Marji Graf says, "I have to say that Mark is the epitome of a chamber member whose business has grown because of his involvement! For 10 years, Mark has advertised in our Regional Guidebook; website; headed up the golf committee with Julie; participated in winter and summer Vermont Vacation Guide co-ops, Yankee Magazine, and World Cup co-ops. Let's not forget our '2010 Men of Okemo Valley' calendar, 'Taste of Okemo Valley,' Iron Adventure Run, and time spent at the Big E representing Vermont and our region.

"Mark has been president of the Chamber and always has a smile on his face and is there to lend a helping hand. It's with great honor I get to issue my last Member of the Month to Mark."



Marji Graf presents Member of the Month award to Mark Verespy. PHOTO BY DONALD DILL

# Parks Place Garden Event a success

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Helping people grow is at the heart of what we do at Parks Place Community Resource Center, and for eight years we have held an event reflective of this theme. This year's Garden Event took place Sunday, April 22 at the beautiful Alyson's Orchard in Walpole, N.H.

Life-long organic gardener, Henry Homeyer, gave a riveting presentation entitled, "Invasive Species: Nature's Thugs," which helped us to bring in approximately \$7,000 to help further our mission to "connect people with the resources they need to move their lives forward."

We would like to thank our sponsors, without whom this event would not be possible: Burtco, Cota & Cota,

Mascoma Savings Bank, MJS Lawn Care, Savings Bank of Walpole, Silver Forest, Vermont Country Store, and Whitney Blake Company. We would also like to thank our individual supporters and nature lovers as well as Halladay's, Grafton Grown Lavender, and Morning Star Perennials for their presence at the event as well as for offering quality, local garden items for sale.

This year's event also brought an opportunity for an exciting update, the introduction of Parks Place's new Executive Director, Wendi Germain.

In talking about her new position, Germain says, "I am thrilled to be joining the team at Parks Place! I am lucky to have had so many opportunities to do work I love! I am a firm

believer that we need to create happiness in our lives. Supporting others in creating a life that enables them to flourish is my passion. I'm looking forward to spending time in Bellows Falls and learning about this community I hear so many wonderful things about."

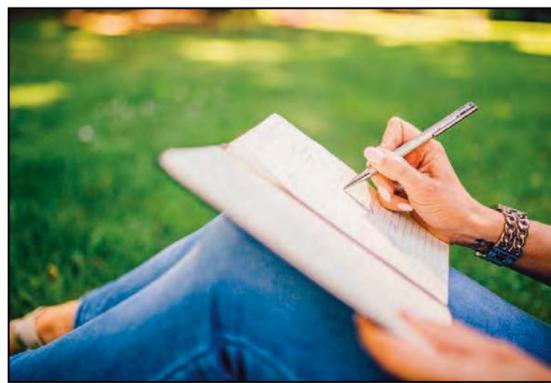
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# Submissions being accepted for Vermont Writers' Prize

REGION - Entries are being accepted for the Vermont Writers' Prize, an annual competition sponsored by Green Mountain Power and Vermont Magazine that provides an opportunity for Vermont writers to celebrate the state while highlighting their talent.

"Every year writers across Vermont send us wonderful stories, poems, and essays that give insights into this wonderful state we live in," said Dorothy Schnure, spokesperson for Green Mountain Power and organizer of the prize since its start in 1989. "We are always thrilled to see that the Vermont Writers' Prize encourages so many regional writers and that we are able to showcase their work for all to enjoy."

The Vermont Writers' Prize is considered by Vermont writers to be one of the state's premier literary honors. It was created in honor of Ralph Nading Hill Jr., a Vermont historian and writer who published numerous books



Calling all writers!

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and magazine articles on the subject of Vermont and was a longtime member of Green Mountain Power's Board of Directors.

The contest is open to all Vermont residents, including seasonal residents and students enrolled in Vermont colleges. Entrants may be amateur or professional writers. The most recent winner was "Maybe Lake Carmi" by Frederic Martin of Richmond, Vt., and is in the March/April edition of Vermont Magazine.

Phil Jordan, editor and publisher of Vermont Magazine, noting that Martin's story was "pure Vermont" and would resonate with Vermont-

ers as well as those who live out of state, said, "I look forward to reading the many wonderful submissions to this year's Vermont Writers' Prize competition."

The deadline for this year's Vermont Writers' Prize is Nov. 1, 2018.

Entries may be submitted at [www.greenmountainpower.com/2018/05/31/vermont-writers-prize](http://www.greenmountainpower.com/2018/05/31/vermont-writers-prize). Submissions need to be essays,

short stories, or poems on the themes of "Vermont - Its People, Its Places, Its History, or Its Values." Entries must be unpublished and less than 1,500 words long. More detailed submission instructions are available at [www.greenmountainpower.com](http://www.greenmountainpower.com).

The winning entry will be selected by an independent panel of judges and will be published in a special section of the March/April 2019 edition of Vermont Magazine. The author will receive a cash prize of \$1,500.

Employees and subcontractors of Vermont Magazine or Green Mountain Power and previous winners are ineligible.

# Fourth annual Antiques and Collectibles Appraisal Day

BATTLEBORO, Vt. - Brattleboro Area Jewish Community will hold its fourth annual Antiques and Collectibles Appraisal Day, a mini-version of "The Antiques Roadshow," Sunday, June 10, 2018

from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. at 118 Elliot Street, Brattleboro, Vt. Appraisers and specialists in their fields, Richard Michelman, Kit Barry, Charles Suss, Walter Tofel, Larry Simons, and Stephan Brandstatter will be present to evaluate and assess antiques. Collectibles include books, sterling silver, art glass, objets d'art, china, oriental rugs (up to 6 feet by 9 feet), pottery, fine art, signed prints, musical instruments, records and entertainment memorabilia, jewelry, paper goods, ephemera including postcards and documents, photographs, furniture, toys and dolls, Asian items, metal ware, clocks, barometers, watches, coins, tchotchkes, and much more.

Please note firearms, knives, ammunition, or other weaponry, and rugs larger than 6 feet by 9 feet, or bulky furniture cannot be accepted.

Richard Michelman is a specialist and appraiser in fine art, sterling silver, glass, and china. He is a native of Brattleboro whose interest in history and antiques started as a teenager when he began working as a "runner" for local auctioneer Paul Lawton. Michelman currently serves as a consultant for Jon Pappas of Knotty Pine Antiques, and has performed many appraisals over the years for businesses and private citizens. He co-authored "Before Our Time" and taught social studies in the Brattleboro school system. He has shared his collection of rare stereoscopic views of Brattleboro, and has lectured about the Brooks Library's Loud Collection and the Brattleboro Historical Society's collection.

Kit Barry is a 50-year expert in ephemera and will appraise any item either printed or handwritten. He will also advise on how to treat, display, store, or repair paper items. Barry curates The Ephemera Archive for the American Studies in Brattleboro, the largest private ephemera archive in the United States.

Stephan Brandstatter will evaluate recorded music of all formats and styles, entertainment memorabilia, performing arts and theatre collectibles including records, concert posters, and merchandise, music collectibles, autographed items, and anything related to music, theatre, and dance. Stephan was the founder and former owner/operator of Mainly Music and has over 30 years experience in this field. He has appraised collections for the University of Massachusetts, a privately held Edison Disc collection, and for auctioneers throughout New England, private collectors, and insurance adjusters.

Charles Suss, an experienced and highly respected coin dealer in Bennington, is an active member of the American Numismatic Association, an Early American Coppers and Colonial Coin Collectors' Club. In Bennington, he has appraised coins for Camelot Antiques and currently works at KF Armstrong Jewelers.

Walter Tofel retired after 51 years in the fine jewelry field, but he continues to advise younger jewelers about buying, identifying, and evaluating quality jewelry. Apprenticed at one of America's oldest jewelry firms, Tofel gained an exceptional understanding of various methods of creating jewelry, which he applies to performing appraisals. He managed a small handcrafted jewelry firm in Vermont before opening his own jewelry business where he did an extensive amount of appraisals for clients, banks, and law firms. His deep understanding of how an item is made is a critical factor in determining the value of an item, based on quality of workmanship, metals, gemstones, age, rarity, and its maker, with provenance (if available) critical in determining and adding to value.

Larry Simons was the co-founder, along with Gary Maulucci, of A Candle in the Night on Main Street in Brattleboro in 1973, and is currently the retired co-owner along with his wife Donna who still runs the business. "Candle" has been a retailer of both old and new Oriental rugs for 45 years. In that time, they have seen the demand for these magical creations rise and fall. While today's market is somewhat depressed compared to its height 10 or 15 years ago, there is still an audience for them, and perhaps a future rise in their popularity can be expected.

All the appraisers are knowledgeable in their respective fields and will offer an accurate valuation of your heirlooms and personal keepsakes, based on current trends and market value. Come to 118 Elliot Street any time between 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. There is no admission charge. There is a cost for each item to be appraised, with a limit of six items per person. Cash or check made out to BAJC. Be amazed or amused as you find out what your prized possessions are worth!

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# 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

## Miles to go before I sleep

A couple weeks ago I was contacted by Cynthia and Fred Taylor of Apex, North Carolina. The Taylors had bought a pair of marble Civil War gravestones for two Chester boys at an auction in Ramseur, N.C. and wanted to know if the Chester Historical Society would like to have the gravestones as a donation. These gravestones are in their original wooden crates and were never used.

It seems a picker found these gravestones in a cellar of an old country store somewhere in Southern Vermont. The gravestones were then sold at the Brimfield Antiques Market in Brimfield, Massachusetts. They then made their way to Richmond, Virginia. From there the gravestones went to an auction house in North Carolina where they were sold in September of 2015.

The Taylors were taking an extended trip to the Maritimes of Canada and offered to take a slight diversion to Chester to deliver the gravestones. On Memorial Day, (how appropriate) May 30, 2018, Danny Clemons, Ken Barrett and I met the Taylors at the historical society.

### The Adams brothers:

John Adams was born in 1841. Elmer his younger brother was born in 1844. They were the sons of Luther and Mary Adams who lived on the upper end of North Street. Luther was a successful lawyer in town with his law office next to his home.

John and Elmer were mustered into the 7th Vermont Regiment, Company G in Rutland on February 12, 1862, for service in the Civil War.

On March 10, 1862, the boys departed Rutland on the train and went to NYC. There they boarded decrepit sailing ships and sailed to Ship Island, Mississippi, arriving there April 5, 1862. Soon after, on May 23, Elmer died of disease.

John remained in the 7th VT. Reg't throughout the war. Most Union troops were mustered out and sent home during the summer of 1865, but not John. He was sent to Brownsville, Texas with others in his regiment as part of the "Army of Observation" in Mexico. This unit was tasked with observing Maximilian and his Mexican Allies at the U.S. border. John Adams was mustered out March of 1866 and returned to Chester.

From: "Families of Cavendish and the Black River Valley of Windsor County, Vermont, Vol. 3," by Linda Welch *"Edited for brevity."*

"John Sidney Adams was born



The Taylors and Chester Historical Society officers.

PHOTO BY FRED TAYLOR

14 July, 1841, son of Luther and Mary (Campbell) Adams. John was a Civil War soldier serving in Co. G, 7th Reg't Vt. Vols. He was not planning to enlist in an early regiment, but his 17 year old brother Elmer hastened his decision to join the Army. Elmer enlisted and John felt compelled to enlist in the same company to look after Elmer. But not even a brother's love and care could save someone when disease takes its toll as in the case with Elmer. John was never the same after Elmer's death. He served his term and re-enlisted. John was discharged March 14, 1866. He became extremely melancholy and unable to shake depression. When he became engaged to Miss Lizzie Fuller of North Chester, he began to find some joy and hope for his life. Still, at times, fits of despondency overcame him, and when in this mood he was often liable to seek liquor for its calming effect. On a Wednesday before his death, he went to Charlestown, NH to escort his fiancée home, she having been visiting there. He met some friends and at the hotel he became somewhat intoxicated. On Thursday the couple returned to Chester and they had a disagreement over his drinking.

"All day on Friday he visited with Miss Fuller at her sister's, Mrs. Finley. On Friday evening, Miss Fuller told him she should not accept him for her future husband if he touched liquor again. She promised again to marry him if he would make her the pledge. He did so and everything seemed satisfactorily settled. He returned home about midnight. His father let him in the house, but they spoke nothing of John's trouble. On Saturday morning, John was about home in seemingly good spirits and attended to duties in his father's law office until about ten o'clock when he proceeded to Mrs.

Finley's. While there he conversed pleasantly with Mrs. Finley. In a few moments, he showed her something which he stated was poison, remarking that he was going to swallow it. Mrs. Finley was shocked. She endeavored to take it from him, but before she could accomplish her purpose, he had swallowed a fatal dose of citrate of potassium and fell to the floor in five minutes, and was a corpse in ten. The suicide at North Chester took place on Saturday noon, 29 April, 1876."

The crated gravestones were shipped to Charles Larkin in North Chester. Research shows Larkin was an agent for Osmond Fletcher who ran a drug store and post office on the upper end of North Street near Luther Adams law office. We discovered Charles Larkin was also in Company G of the 7th Vermont, mustering in the same day in Rutland. The three men would have travelled to Rutland together.

John Adams is buried in the family plot in the North Street Cemetery. Elmer was buried on Ship Island, Mississippi. Later the Ship Island graves were disinterred and reburied in the National Cemetery in Chalmette, near New Orleans. Charles Larkin is buried in Simonsville.

Ken Barrett knew these gravestones were the first model government issue gravestones. They were issued from 1879 to 1903 when a second model was introduced. Charles Larkin died in 1898 so we know these gravestones were made between 1879 and 1898.

These marble gravestones have travelled many hundreds of miles in their 120-year existence as did our Chester boys. Now you know why I chose "Miles to go before I sleep" as a title for this article. I doubt Robert Frost would object.

Contributors for this article include: Peter Farrar, Ken Barrett, Danny Clemons and Springfield Art & Historical Society.

Historical sources: "1869 Beers Atlas of Windsor County," "1883 Child's Gazetteer of Windsor County," "Peck's Roster of Vermont Civil War Soldiers," "7th Vermont Regimental History" and "1898 Springfield Reporter."



Elmer L. Adams, 7th Vt. Infantry. PHOTO BY RON PATCH



John S. Adams, 7th Vt. Infantry. PHOTO BY RON PATCH

## Rockingham Meeting House opens for 2018 season

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - The Rockingham Meeting House has opened for the 2018 season and welcomes visitors daily through Columbus Day, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Constructed between 1787 and 1801, the Meeting House is a designated National Historic Landmark and the oldest public building in Vermont that still exists in a condition close to its original state.

It served as both a place of worship and the town hall until 1869, and was then abandoned for several decades. In 1906, the building was restored to its current state - one of the earliest historic preservation projects in Vermont - leaving intact its king-post timber framing, finely detailed woodwork, and its "pig pen" box pews. The building hosts an annual pilgrimage in August as part of the town's "Old Home Days" celebrations.

The Meeting House is owned by the town of Rockingham and operated as a museum, with skilled docents on hand to offer additional information about the architecture



Rockingham Meeting House.

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and history of the building. The adjacent cemetery, which continues in use today, contains more than 1,000 graves, and is a treasure trove of information about the lives and deaths of the town's early settlers as well as some of the finest gravestone art to be found in New England.

The Meeting House is located just north of the village of Bellows Falls and Exit 6 of Interstate 91, just off Vermont Route 103.

For more information, contact the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission at clg@rockbf.org or the town website at www.rockbf.org.

## Rep. Devereux passed First World War centennial Resolution

LUDLOW, Vt. - Vermont State Representative Dennis Devereux presented a copy of "House Concurrent Resolution 249," which he authored and for which he led the sponsorship to get it passed in Montpelier, to Tom Hughes, a Rutland-native and member of the "Sons of the American Legion."

Last fall, S.A.L. member Tom Hughes suggested to Rep. Devereux of Mount Holly that the State Legislature should honor in 2018 the 100th anniversary of all the efforts and sacrifices of Vermonters during the First World War. Devereux, who serves Vermont House District Rutland-Windsor 2, worked with other House and Senate members to sponsor and pass a Legislative resolution that would properly commemorate this centennial.

Hughes is a grandson of U.S. Army private Llewelyn I. Hughes of Rutland County, who was twice combat wounded in France in 1918 and

who was a first-hand eyewitness to the direct-hit combat death July 18, 1918 of the namesake of Poultney's American Legion Post 39: U.S. Army corporal J. Claire Carmody, the first Poultney son to die in the Great War.

Hughes' mother is Llewelyn's 84-year-old daughter-in-law, Jeanette Hughes of Rutland County; Jeanette's own uncle on her mother's side of the family, 26th Division private Joseph Raoul Lefrançois of West Rutland, Vt., was killed in combat in France Sept. 26, 1918.

Hughes notes, "Representative Devereux is motivated by patriotism and is happy to commemorate the military service of all Vermonters who served in World War I."

While the American Legion is a U.S. wartime veterans' organization formed in Paris in March 1919, Sons of the American Legion is a patriotic service organization formed in 1932. The S.A.L. is made up of male descendants of people who served in the United States Armed Forces during times specified by the American Legion.

The Sons of the American Legion's mission to serve veterans, the military, and their families is carried out through its hundreds of outreach programs delivered by its members, volunteers, and national headquarters.



Rep. Dennis Devereux presented a copy of the House Concurrent Resolution 249 to Tom Hughes.

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## The Adams brothers' gravestones

CHESTER, Vt. - Cynthia & Fred Taylor with the Adams brothers' gravestones.



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## Op-Ed: School taxes will increase with governor's flat rate

Vermonters know there's a difference between taxes and tax rates. Especially when it comes to property taxes, a lower rate doesn't mean lower taxes if the grand list value of a property goes up. It's important to distinguish between taxes and rates as the administration and the Legislature seek a compromise on education funding for next year.

We shouldn't ignore the rates. But the bottom line is the tax bill.

In the mid-2000s, before the recession hit, the Legislature happily reduced school property tax rates year after year. Everybody took credit for "cutting taxes." But that was the height of the real estate boom - the one that eventually brought on the recession. Real estate values and grand lists were growing faster than

the Legislature could reduce the tax rate. Even though average homestead property tax rates dropped repeatedly, homestead taxes between fiscal 2005 and 2010 grew at an average annual rate of more than 7 percent - one of the biggest growth spurts in the last 15 years. Rates went down, but taxes went up.

Jump ahead to the current moment, and Gov. Phil Scott is offering a school-funding plan he claims will fulfill a campaign promise to not raise taxes. But the plan only promises not to raise rates; taxes for resident homeowners would still go up.

According to the plan, the average homestead property tax rate would remain where it is - about \$1.50 - for the next five years. But the administration's figures show homestead

taxes - even after the adjustment for those who pay based on household income - would grow at an average annual rate of 2.9 percent. That's more than double the growth rate for fiscal 2015-2019, despite the larger-than-average increase projected for next year.

One reason for the projected increase is that real estate prices are forecast to rise again - not as fast as they rose in the mid-2000s, but as much as 4.4 percent by 2023. In addition, both the governor and the Legislature have proposed changes to "income sensitivity," the provision in the current funding system that allows about two-thirds of Vermont resident homeowners to pay school taxes based on household income. Some of these families, depending

on their income and house value, also pay property taxes. The proposed changes would increase the amount of property taxes they pay on top of their income-based school taxes.

The governor's proposal to hold down property tax rates won't prevent higher tax bills. And rising home values, while beneficial in the long run, won't help taxpayers when those bills come due. Most people aren't seeing 4.4 percent annual growth in their incomes, which is where Vermonters get the money to pay their property taxes.

The long-term solution is to get rid of the property tax on residential property and let all Vermont residents pay school taxes based on their ability to pay - that is, on

their income. Two-thirds of resident homeowners currently pay an income-based school tax. Like the homestead property tax, the income-based homestead rate varies from town to town, depending on education spending per pupil. We already have the system in place. We just need to require that all residents pay the income-based school rate.

It's too late this year to make this change. But with a commitment now to move to income-based school taxes, there is time to collect the necessary data and analyses so the Legislature can have a proposal ready for passage next year. That also would give campaigning legislators an opportunity to discuss the proposal before the fall elections and get feedback from voters.

As for the coming fiscal year, voters have already approved school budgets, and they did so with the understanding that there would be a school tax increase. The Legislature has proposed an average homestead tax rate that is almost three cents below what voters are expecting this summer.

The sooner the special session is wrapped up, the sooner the administration and lawmakers can start working on a real solution - an education funding system based on all Vermonters' ability to pay.

*Written by Jack Hoffman. Jack Hoffman is a policy analyst for Public Assets Institute, [www.publicassets.org](http://www.publicassets.org), a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization based in Montpelier.*

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As many of you have recently learned, our family has made the decision to sell Okemo Mountain Resort to Vail Resorts, along with Mount Sunapee and Crested Butte Mountain Resort. While we realize this may be unexpected to most of you, we want you all to know this was a very hard decision. The ski industry, and more importantly the people of Okemo, has created a foundation for our entire lives, as well as our children's lives.

For the last 36 years at Okemo, we have developed many friendships with people at work and within this community. There are so many stories and too many memories to

count. We have enjoyed fun celebrations, great skiing, and now bike riding and summer activities, we have seen incredible growth and, of course, weathered some disagreements along the way. Regardless, we have always known and felt that the support of this community has been unwavering. Thank you.

We have put our hearts into making the best skiing and riding experiences possible here at Okemo, and it is proven in the numerous accolades we have received in the ski industry over the years. We only have our dedicated team to thank for that. They have been incredible since day one in 1982.

Over the years, we have seen an amazing amount of change in the ski industry. Much of the evolution has been good: improved technologies around ski gear; the onset of snowboarding; grooming equipment; energy efficient snowmaking; and probably the most heartening is how many more people ski and ride or simply come to the mountains now versus three decades ago.

Our business model has always been somewhat unique in this industry; operating large, successful ski resorts that are family-owned. It is something we have always enjoyed, and worked hard to preserve. Another reason this deci-

sion has been incredibly difficult for our family.

When approached by Vail Resorts, all of these thoughts, memories, and realities stirred through our heads. What does this mean for us? For our teams? What does this mean for our communities? What does this mean for the mountains that we have poured a lifetime of energy into? We were not naïve in understanding this would mean changes in the future. We spent a lot of time contemplating all of this, and ultimately decided that moving forward with the sale was the best option for Okemo and its future. We realize the idea of a large company like Vail Resorts

overseeing operations at each of our unique resorts may feel unsettling. However, the reality is they are mountain operators and run some of the best and most successful resorts in the industry. Putting Okemo in their hands will ensure a good future for the ski area, and will therefore support a good future for the Okemo Valley. They are great operators and good people, and they will invest in the mountain and our community.

Please know we have entered into this transaction with the best intentions for the ski area, our fellow employees, and the community. If we did not think this was going to bring more opportunity for the resort in

the years to come, we would not have made this decision. We feel that Vail Resorts is poised to continue Okemo's excellence and bolster its legacy. We hope you will be open to their approach and give them the opportunity to prove their good intentions.

It has been the greatest pleasure of our lives operating and growing this awesome ski area for the last 36 years. Thank you for accepting us into this community so long ago and thank you for sharing the greatest joy of our family's life.

With mountains of gratitude,  
Tim, Diane, Ethan, and Erica Mueller

Dear Editor,

According to the chief education bureaucrat in Montpelier, Gov. Phil Scott, in 1997, there were 104,000 students in Vermont's preK-12 schools. Today, Vermont has 75,000 students. That number is predicted to fall to 69,000 in the next five years, and fall again to 65,000 by

2030. 1997 was the year Act 60, Vermont's statewide education property tax, was passed. This was the beginning of the end of local control of schools in Vermont and the start of rapid decline in student population.

Since then, education costs have gone through the roof and the edu-

cation bureaucracy has become an expensive, power hungry, and gluttonous monster. Education property taxes are out of control, yet student performance continues to decline. The removal of local control by our elected representatives, senators, and past governors has coincided with the centralization of power in Montpelier. Mandates from both the state and federal government are significantly driving up costs. Clearly this approach to educating the youth of Vermont is failing.

The ruling elite of all parties in Vermont have doubled down on this approach with the coercive and tyrannical Act 46. The politi-

cal promises of reduced costs, lower taxes, equality of education, and increased opportunities were false. The exact opposite result is happening. The next phase of Act 46 will be Phil Scott's school closing commission.

In my little town of Cavendish, the taxpayers this year are sending an extra \$365,000 to the state of Vermont education fund for "redistribution." Cavendish, Ludlow, and many other small Vermont towns have been dealing with this arrangement for two decades. Despite the siphoning of funds away from our local schools and towns, the ruling class in Montpelier is telling us our

small schools are too expensive and must be closed. This for me is unacceptable.

It is time to return to what works. It was not that long ago that the public liberty was powerful oxygen in the blood of every Vermonter. Generations of parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, and sisters built rural schools for the children in their towns. These are the real stakeholders. It is local citizens, local taxpayers, and local voters that have the absolute right to determine the sustainability of our rural schools. The bureaucrats and politicians claim they have greater wisdom in educating our children

than those of us with the most invested. They are wrong.

They have proven repeatedly that it is never a good idea to have school governance too far away from direct education of students. Keith Stern is running for Vermont governor. Keith will work diligently to repeal Act 46 and Act 60/68. He will work to return education governance to where it belongs, into the hands of local democratically elected school boards. I wholeheartedly endorse Keith Stern for Vermont governor.

Sincerely,  
Stu Lindberg  
Cavendish, Vt.



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Dear Editor,

On behalf of Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497, I would like to thank all the citizens who attended the Charlestown and North Charlestown parades and ceremonies Monday to pay fitting tribute to those military personnel who laid down their lives during the worst of all climates - war.

I thank all those who helped to make this year's Memorial Day ceremonies a success: Fellow Members of VFW post 8497, VFW Auxiliary of 8497, Fall Mountain JROTC, Charlestown Middle School Band, Fun 4-H Club, Jim Dandies 4-H Club, Boy Scout Troop 31, Cub Scout Pac 31, Charlestown Brownies, Charlestown Police Department, Charlestown Fire Department, Charlestown

Ambulance, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Charlestown Rotary.

Also we would like to thank Katie Faulkner and Trent Page for singing "The Star Spangled Banner," Cadets Hunter Chambers and Alex St. John for their Memorial Day speeches, and Major Maynard for reading of the names of our fallen veterans. A very special thank you goes out to those volunteers who work hard to make our Memorial Day programs and picnic lunch a success.

Thank you all,  
Tom St.Pierre, Commander  
Charlestown VFW Post 8497  
Charlestown, N.H.

Dear Editor,

Does Gov. Scott want to make Vermont more affordable? Let's see.

Veto a minimum wage bill that would put more money in the pockets of tens of thousands of workers. Veto a medical family leave bill that would help sustain families in a medical emergency. Just to put icing on the cake, veto a budget that received overwhelming tri-partisan support. A budget that would have, among other fiscally responsible measures, move our state toward a solution to the education funding dilemma.

The vote to pass the budget was unanimous in the Senate and in the House; it was 117 to 14! That's right. His own party overwhelmingly supported the budget bill that he vetoed. Clearly these senators and representatives did not make ideologically rigid campaign promises that prevented them from working collaboratively to help their constituents and all Vermonters. But the governor has boxed himself into fiscally irrespon-

sible positions and proposals based on campaign promises. And he's a Republican, the party that promises fiscal responsibility.

Scott's governing tactic is to drop bombshell proposals on the Legislature in the last two weeks of the session. He did it last year, and he did it again this year. The Joint Fiscal Office says his budget proposals are riddled with factual errors including double counting special education savings and incorrect growth assumptions. And the basic proposal is the same as last year: defer an increase in taxes until next year. Kick the can down the road - after the election. Use one-time money to keep taxes stable and hope you can pay it all back in five years. That's governing on a credit card. It's very risky and solves nothing.

It's obvious Gov. Scott does not want to work with the Legislature. He hides behind a rigid no new taxes/fees campaign slogan, refusing to

Dear Editor,

The recent postal carrier's food drive, Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, on behalf of Black River Good Neighbor Services Food Shelf, was an absolute success this year. So much food was donated in just one day, and for that we are extremely grateful.

Letter carriers in Ludlow, Mount Holly, Belmont, Proctorsville, Cavendish, and Plymouth went above and beyond May 12 as they collected bags of food along with their regular mail deliveries. In the postal world, this day is the "National Day of Giving" and we are extremely proud of this supportive effort on behalf of those in need in our community.

For Black River Good Neighbor

Services, this collection really does help in keeping our shelves stocked with essentials. For folks who need the food shelf, it helps to create an atmosphere of "needing to use the food shelf is not the end of the world." We find that when the shelves are stocked, people don't feel quite as desperate as they might coming in. And we work hard to share compassion together with food assistance.

To the postal carriers and everyone in our community who donated food, thank you very much!

Sincerely,  
Krey Kellington, Food Program administrator  
Black River Good Neighbor Services  
Ludlow, Vt.

negotiate or compromise. It's an ideological position created as a sound bite to get elected.

I hope that Vermonters will see that rigid ideological non-negotiable positions are not good for our state. Everyone wants fewer taxes, not promises based on shaky budget assumptions. But we also want to im-

prove the lives of Vermonters. Sticking to his campaign sound bites is actually hurting many Vermonters. Governing on a credit card is bad fiscal policy.

Sincerely,  
Lori Claffee  
Springfield, Vt.

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### Marie J. Bryant and Roy C. Bryant Sr.

**TYSON, Vt.** - A memorial service for Marie J. Bryant and Roy C. Bryant Sr. will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 9, 2018 at the Tyson Church in Tyson, Vt. Reverend Janice Chitek will officiate.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.

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### Raymond A. Haley, 1949 - 2018

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - Raymond Arthur Haley, 69, peacefully passed away Wednesday March 14, 2018 at Wayne UNC Healthcare in Goldsboro, N.C. He was born Jan. 27, 1949 in Bellows Falls, Vt. to Bernard "Pete" Haley and the late Isabelle Buell Haley. Ray was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in Vietnam. He had worked for several years in the auto parts business.

Ray is survived by his wife, Noreen Agoes of Goldsboro, N.C., his father Bernard "Pete" Haley of Grafton, Vt., his brother Reginald Haley of Win-

chester, N.H., and sister Corinne Miles of Grafton, Vt. He's also survived by stepchildren Lori Benn of Goldsboro, N.C., Toni Martin of Rathdrum, Idaho, and Noreen Kumar of Phoenix, Ariz.; eight grandsons and two granddaughters; and one great-granddaughter.

Raymond was predeceased by son Raymond Haley Jr., daughter Denine Haley, brother Bernard "Peter" Haley Jr., and most recently his mother Isabelle Haley.

Graveside services will be held Monday, June 18 at 11 a.m. at Saxtons River Cemetery.

### Dorothy R. Stearns, 1931 - 2018

**WESTMORELAND, N.H.** - Dorothy "Dot" Ruth Stearns passed away peacefully at the age of 86 Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at Maplewood Nursing Home in Westmoreland, N.H. with her daughter Wendy at her side.

Dot was born June 24, 1931 in Springfield, Vt., the daughter of Harvey S. and Sarah P. (Chase) Snide, and grew up on the Fox Chair Mountain Road.

Dot graduated from Springfield High School in 1950. She married her high school sweetheart William "Roy" Stearns June 30, 1951.

Dot is survived by her husband of 66 years, William "Roy" Stearns of Westmoreland, N.H.; son Gary and wife Sharon of East Stroudsburg, Pa.; daughter Kelley and husband Karl Lauren of Chester, Vt.; daughter Wendy and husband David Putnam of Westmoreland, N.H.; granddaughters Meghan and Emily Stearns of East Stroudsburg, Pa.; step-grandson Tim Lauren of Ludlow, Vt.; step-granddaughter Kristi and husband Andrew Elhers and step-great-grandson Wesley Elhers of Eden, Vt.; brother Larry Snide and wife Judy of Bellow Falls, Vt.; sister Patricia Hardy of Springfield, Vt.; sister-in-law Linda Snide of Springfield, Vt.; sister-in-law Joan Carey of Springfield, Vt.; and many nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her parents Harvey and Sarah Snide; brothers Fredrick, Paul, and Robert Snide; and in-laws Albert and Mary Stearns, Edwin and Enid Barr, Jean and Allen Anderson, and Roger Carey.

Dot worked for a short period of time after graduating high school as a secretary at Bryants until her son Gary was born, at which time she became a full-time homemaker and for 22 years was a demonstrator/supervisor for American Home Toy Parties out of Acton, Mass. She also worked in her earlier years at the Pattuck Restaurant in the kitchen and in later years in the cafeteria at Riverside Ju-

nior High School.

She was very dedicated to the Springfield High School Alumni Association in one way or another since the first Alumni weekend back in 1954. In 2002, she was the honored guest for the 48th annual Alumni Festivities. Dot was also an active member of the First Congregational Church of Springfield and the Rebekahs.

Many of Dot's enjoyments were playing Scrabble with neighbor Bea or cribbage at the Springfield Senior Center. She had a large collection of hummingbirds, which was her favorite bird. There were beautiful flower gardens at her home, and she loved working in her vegetable garden, canning and preserving the produce. Often she could be found going for rides on the back roads of Vermont with her mother Sarah. Dot loved traveling and had many road trips across America with her girlfriends and has traveled to Canada, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji. In her earlier years, she played candlepin bowling and won trophies for the Bryants Bowling League, Alley Cats in 1951-1952 and in 1968-1969 was on the women's team that won first place in the Community Women's League. The first time Dot shot Roy's 30-30 rifle, she hit a bull's eye.

Graveside services for family and friends will be held Sunday, June 10 at 3 p.m. at the Gill - Walker Cemetery on Putnam Road off from Route 5 North in Springfield. Following the graveside services, a gathering will be held at the Whitcomb Building in Springfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made to the Springfield High School Alumni Association at SHS Alumni Association, 13 Fairground Rd., Springfield, VT 05156.

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

### Norma E. Bixby, 1936 - 2018

**MOUNT HOLLY, Vt.** - Norma Elizabeth (Martel) Bixby, 82, passed away at her home Friday, June 1, 2018, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Jan. 25, 1936, in Colchester, Vt., the daughter of Leo and Gladys Martel. She graduated from Black River High School in Ludlow, Vt., class of 1955.

She was assistant town clerk in Ludlow for many years before moving to Massachusetts where she worked for Puroator Courier in Boston. Then she moved back to Vermont to retire and spend more time with her family.

She enjoyed playing cards, reading, spending time at the lake with family, and traveling with Connie and Joanne. Her passion was watching the Red Sox. Her daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandsons were her life. She enjoyed spending most

of her time with them. She will be greatly missed by all of us.

Survivors include three daughters Kathleen Bixby and her husband Don, Jane Bixby and her husband Clifford Hewes of Ludlow, and Joan Garrow and her husband Russ of Mount Holly; two grandchildren Christopher Perrino and his wife Melissa of Ludlow and Meghan Garrow of Mount Holly; two great-grandsons Owen and Landon Perrino of Ludlow; sister Shirley Levenson of Millis, Mass.; and a brother James Martel of Mendon, Vt.

She was predeceased by her parents, her brother William Martel, and sisters Elaine Garland and Jeanne Bissonnette.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, June 30, 2018 at 11 a.m. at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow.

### Richard E. LaFayette, 1967 - 2018

**WALPOLE, N.H.** - Richard E. LaFayette, beloved husband to Tammy L. LaFayette; father of Jacob, Hallie, Courtney, Shawn, and Nicholas LaFayette; stepfather to James and Meagan Prue; grandfather to Joshua and Owen LaFayette, Sophia and Vyctoria Prue, Easton Richmond and Preston Harrington; and brother to Melissa Rabroy and Frances Wheeler, died May 29, 2018 at his home in Walpole, N.H. at age 51 due to complications from cancer.

Youngest of three children, Richard LaFayette was born March 31, 1967 in Springfield, Vt. to Dewanda Wade and Richard LaFayette. Richard grew up in a small town called Bellows Falls. When he was younger, he moved many of times from Vermont to Arkansas back to Vermont and New Hampshire.

Richard was always known as a hard worker. Since he was 14 years old, there was never a day that went by that he wasn't working. Richard

graduated from Fair Haven Union High School class of '85. From there he started his own business called LaFayette Builders, which was a construction company. Richard used to build houses, move them, and set foundations. At age 22, he got into logging and started another family business called Mountain-Side Logging where he logged and sold firewood. Over the years, he's done many jobs for many different things. In 2015 he started working at Springfield Paving Monday through Saturday, and on Sunday he worked for himself. Even though Richard was a workaholic, he always found time to spend with his children and family, from late fishing trips, movie nights, cookouts, and late night four wheeling rides.

A service was held on Monday, June 4 at the Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt. Burial followed the service in the Westminster Cemetery, Westminster, Vt.

### Geneva B. Lampert

**PROCTORSVILLE, Vt.** - The family of Geneva B. Lampert cordially invites you to join in celebrating her life Saturday, June 9 at 3 p.m. We'll be meeting at the Proctorsville Fire Department, 513

Main Street, Proctorsville. Geneva touched many lives in the area. We, the family, request you bring your thoughts, prayers, and fond memories of Geneva. Reception to follow.

### Jane V. Purdy, 1965 - 2018

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - Jane Valerie Morano Purdy, 53, of School Street died May 26, 2018 at home surrounded by her family. Jane was born April 15, 1965 in Framingham, Mass. to Alfred P. Morano and Anne F. Marr. She grew up in Bedford, Mass. where she graduated high school in 1983. Jane went on to attend the University of Maine in Orono where she received a Bachelor of Science in engineering followed by a master's degree from Antioch University. In 1997, Jane and her business partner, Michael Marquise, founded Marquise and Morano, Civil and Environmental Engineering LLC. Jane moved to Vermont in 1993 and in 1995 married her husband, William H. Purdy. The birth of their three sons, Jackson, Maxwell, and Lucas soon followed.

Jane's passion as a mother was to expose her children to experiences of unfamiliar cultures and expand their horizons. No road trip was too far or plane ride too long. Jane's desire to break from traditional roles led her to challenge herself both personally and professionally. From hiking the Rockies and the Alps, to kayaking rivers and oceans, and skiing locally and afar, no challenge was left undone.

Her commitment to civic responsibility led her to serve as Rockingham's representative on the Wind-

ham Regional Commission as well as other leadership roles on various boards. Jane's willingness to spearhead challenges will be remembered by many as she chaired the controversial Bellows Falls Middle School Renovation project. Despite all her public hats, Jane will be remembered most for her love of family, of cooking, and of walks along the beach.

In addition to her husband, William, and their sons Jackson, 19, Maxwell, 16, and Lucas, 13, Jane is survived by her father Alfred P. Morano and stepmother Karen; her mother Anne F. Genes and stepfather Nick; her siblings Peter, Karen, David, Annie, stepsister Erika, and her nieces and nephews Kerri, Jennifer, Beth, Nicole, Matthew, Kit, Angela, and Kyle.

A day of remembrance has been selected as Saturday, June 16, 2018. A mass will be held at St. Charles Catholic Church, 31 Cherry St., Bellows Falls, Vt. at 10 a.m. followed by an 11 a.m. Celebration of Life at the Stone Church Center, 20 Church St., Bellows Falls, Vt.

In lieu of flowers, a bank trust has been established for the family. Those wishing to contribute may send checks payable to "Jane V (Morano) Purdy Memorial" to TD Bank, 2 Church St, Bellows Falls, VT 05101, Attn: Thomas Chisamore.

### Rita M. Belisle, 1932 - 2018

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - Rita M. Belisle, 85, left to be with the Lord June 1, 2018 at her home in Springfield, Vt., with loving family by her side. Rita was born to Lorenzo J. Sr. and Mary Jane (Labbe) Brilliant June 8, 1932, in Hanover, N.H. Rita was one of six children. She lived in Athol, Mass. in her youth and worked for Brilliant's Bakery, her family-owned business. She married her first husband Richard E. Rayner at the age of 17. Rita, her husband, and family moved from Athol, Mass. to Bellows Falls, Vt. where Rita and Richard had three children. Their marriage ended in 1965.

Rita worked many years for her father's business, Brilliant's Bakery in Bellows Falls, Vt., which later became the famous Rita's coffee stop, which she owned and operated until her retirement in 2001. On Nov. 1, 1975, Rita married Henry H. Belisle who predeceased her Feb. 17, 2016. Henry often referred to her as his "Rosebud." Rita came to be known as a mother figure and mentor to many who knew her. She was a loving mother, wife, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend.

Rita Belisle is survived by her son Rick Raynor and wife Lana of Westminster,

Vt.; her daughters Marlene Curtis and husband Lee of Saxtons River, Vt. and Diane Bartlett and husband Donald of Saxtons River, Vt.; her brother Lorenzo "Pete" Brilliant Jr. of Morgan, Vt.; her sisters Constance "Connie" Dawson of Bradford, Vt. and Venice Cavallo of Bellows Falls, Vt.; her grandchildren Celeste Best, Chris Wilder, Tonya Burkholder, Tim Maxfield, Trevor Ramsey, Joshua Curtis, Danielle Raynor, Jevonne McLaughlin, and Eric Hill; and many great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. She is predeceased by her husband Henry, her parents, her sisters Jeanette Rumrill and Joanne Holbrook, and her granddaughter Monica Dunn Curtis.

Rita will be deeply missed by her family and the Bellows Falls community. Her memory will be held in the hearts of many. There will be calling hours 5 - 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 6 at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt. A funeral mass will be celebrated 11 a.m. Thursday, June 7 at Saint Charles Church in Bellows Falls. Following the service, Rita will be laid to rest next to her husband Henry at St. Charles Cemetery. Reception to follow at the Bellows Falls American Legion.

### Robert Gadbois, 1927 - 2018

**N. WALPOLE, N.H.** - Robert "Bob" Gadbois of North Walpole, N.H., passed away in Keene, N.H., May 12, 2018.

Born in Shelburne, Mass. Oct. 10, 1927, Robert was the son of Chester Gadbois and Marie Vigneault Gadbois. Robert attended schools in Shelburne before joining the U.S. Navy.

Robert is predeceased by his wife Lorna (Dunsmore) Gadbois, whom he married in 1950.

Robert worked for many area businesses, Walier Chevrolet, the Elks Club, and sold heavy equipment for years. He worked into his late 80s at the Walpole Post Office where he enjoyed seeing the "locals" every day.

Robert enjoyed many things,

spending time with his friends at the Elks and the Polish American Club in Bellows Falls, and with his friends at the American Legion where he was a past commander and a life member, having been a member for over 60 years.

Robert is survived by his sister Irene (Gadbois) Morris of Florida, nephew Derek Morris of Florida, sister-in-law Irene DiOrto of Pittsfield, Mass., and his North Walpole family Kim Howson-Beers, Camille Beers, Caleb Beers, Judy Campbell-Rivera, and Brian Rivera. He was predeceased by one sister and three brothers.

Services will be at the Oak Hill Cemetery in the veterans' section, June 9, at 3 p.m.

### Jacob R. McAllister, 1991 - 2018

**WESTMINSTER, Vt.** - Jacob R. McAllister, 26, of Morse Brook Road passed away Sunday, May 27, 2018. Jacob was born in Brattleboro, Vt. Oct. 4, 1991, the son of Russell and Teri (Bryant) McAllister. He attended schools in Westminster and worked at Hubbard Farms. Jacob enjoyed riding four wheelers, snowmobiling, listening to music, sugaring with his father and little sister, and he loved his dog Max. The best years of his life were spent playing baseball in the Westminster Sand Lot with his best friend and brother Zack. He also loved sailing with the family at Lake Sunapee. Jacob had an infectious laugh and his smile that would light up the room. He was loved and will be missed by many. RIP, my sweet boy!

Brother. You were my little brother, Jacob Ryan. I don't believe you are gone. My mind is in total disbelief. I don't know what to do. I should have told you "I love you" more often. Now,

I will never have that chance. So instead, I'll tell the ones closest that I love them more often. I'll call them more; I'll try to be a better person like I know you would want me to be. I'll take your death as a warning that could have easily been me. So now I'll try harder to do the next best thing. I love you little brother. When I'm struggling and having a bad day, I'll think of you. You will always be a part of me, no matter what I do. I love you Jacob Ryan. Love, Sister.

Jacob is survived by his parents; his brother Zack; his sisters Holly, Danielle, Jacinta, and Lily; his girlfriend Chelsea O'Vaite; his nieces and nephews Spencer, Tucker, Sophia, Mya, Kadence, Remy, Cameren, and Landen. He is predeceased by his grandparents William and Bernadette Bryant and Burt McAllister.

A celebration of Jacob's life was celebrated Saturday, June 2 at the Westminster pool.

### To the friends and family of Edward Fitzgibbons,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and calls during Eddie's illness and passing. Also thanks to Pastor Abe for the beautiful graveside service and the Helping Hand Class for serving the lunch afterward.

Thank you: Sandra and Pat, for taking me to the hospital and the Gill Home to visit Eddie. I was able to have Sunday dinner with him many times. To Eric, for making sure I got to spend Christmas with Eddie, even in a snowstorm. Connie, for stopping one evening every week to visit Eddie and together sing the hymns he loved so well. Jonathan, for playing the piano for him. Cavendish Baptist Church and the Gill Home, for the wonderful surprise 70th wedding anniversary party. Laura, Helen, Joy, Lorie, and Connie, for making it possible for Eddie to stay at home as long as he did. Richard, for keeping our walks and driveways ready for any emergency. And for all of you who have helped in so many ways. There are too many of you to mention.

May God bless all of you.  
Mildred G. Fitzgibbons

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# Financial gift options for your adult children

**REGION** - The longest-lasting gifts may be financial ones – so here are a few moves to consider.

**Contribute to your child's IRA.** If your children have earned income, they are eligible to contribute to an IRA, which offers tax benefits and an almost unlimited array of investment options. You can't contribute directly to another person's IRA, but you can write your child a check for that purpose. This could be a valuable gift, as many people can't afford to contribute the maximum yearly amount, which, in 2018, is \$5,500, or \$6,500 for those 50 or older.

**Give gifts of stock.** You know your children pretty well, so you should be familiar with

the products they buy. Why not give them some shares of stock in the companies that make these products? Your children will probably enjoy being "owners" of these companies, and if they weren't that familiar with how the financial markets work, having these shares in their possession may greatly expand their knowledge and lead to an even greater interest in investing.

**Donate to a charity in your child's name.**

You might want to donate to a charitable organization that your child supports. In years past, such a donation might have earned you a tax deduction, but the new tax laws, which include a much higher stan-

dard deduction, may keep many people from itemizing. Still, it's possible for a charitable gift to provide you with a tax benefit, depending on your age.

If you're 70-and-a-half or older, you must start taking withdrawals from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan, but by moving the withdrawal directly to a qualified charitable group, the money won't count as part of your adjusted gross income, so, in effect, you can get a tax break from your generosity.

**Review your estate strategy.**

Like virtually all parents, you'd probably like to be able to leave some type of legacy to your children, and possibly your grandchildren, too. So, if you haven't already started working on your estate strategy, consider using this as a launching point. At the very least, you'll want to write your will, but you may need much more than that, such as a living trust, a durable power of attorney, and other documents.

And don't forget to change the beneficiary designations on your life insurance and retirement accounts if you've experienced a major life change, such as divorce or remarriage. These designations are powerful and can even supersede whatever instructions you might have left in your will. As you can guess, estate planning can be complex, so you almost certainly will want to work with a legal professional to get your arrangements in order.

You can show your children your love and support by helping bolster their long-term security through financial gifts and legacy planning.

*This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.*

# New all-breed dog grooming salon opens in Proctorsville

**PROCTORSVILLE, Vt.** - The Happy Hound Dog Salon is where tails are waggin' and pets are braggin'! Our new dog grooming salon caters to all breeds of dogs from toys to giants and from fab to furry. The Happy Hound opened its doors June 1, specializing in senior dogs, dogs with anxiety, rescues, and many other special needs of the doggy kind. We work in a quiet, one-on-one environment to create

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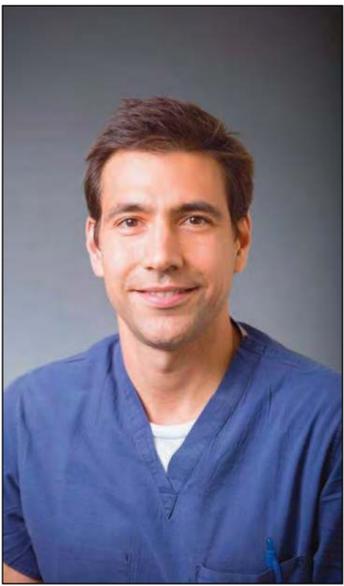


Zander is happy after his groom.

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ning appointments available. Call 802-226-7118.

## Shawn M. Ahmad



**WINDSOR, Vt.** - Mt. Ascutney Hospital is pleased to announce that board-certified cardiologist Dr. Shawn M. Ahmad has joined the hospital's growing team of specialist providers. Ahmad will provide initial cardiology consultations and follow-up appointments on an outpatient basis at the hospital's primary care clinic. His focus is on diagnostic cardiology and noninvasive treatment, with cardiac procedures being referred to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. Ahmad is a graduate of New York University School of Medicine. Since 2013, he has been an instructor in medicine at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth.

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# Mt. Ascutney Hospital event honors 33 staff members for more than 535 years of service

**WINDSOR, Vt.** - On April 19 Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center recognized 33 employees who have collectively served the hospital for more than 535 years. Staff members were honored at a special Employee Service Awards dinner in the hospital's newly renovated café, where MAHHC President, CEO, and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Joseph Perras personally thanked them for their contributions and commitment to the hospital, its patients, and the community.

"The quality of care we provide to our patients is only as good as the quality of the staff who are here to serve them everyday," said Perras. "We thank you for your

service, your dedication, and your commitment to always making our mission and vision a reality for our patients every day."

Perras was joined by several department heads and other MAHHC staffers who added to his praise for MAHHC employees.

Staff members honored at the event were: 40 years of service - Jean Martaniuk; 35 years of service - Bonnie Martaniuk; 30 years of service - Betty Fields, Julie Weld, Lisa Wright; 25 years of service - Ellen Goodenough,

Lisa Walbridge, Jill Lord, Dr. Steven Smith; 20 years of service - Roberta Lebrun, Barbara O'Toole, Dayle Stillings, Belinda Needham-Shropshire; 15 years of service - Noel Bactad, Lyle Coffran, Martha Colburn, Richard Warner; 10 years of service - Alonzo Tapley, Ann Lutter, Anel Sirois, Janice Chastenay, Heather Stearns, Sharon Laskevich, Dr. Heidi Cruz, Geneva Preble, Tammy Wright, Nancy Ashy, Linda Hazard, Katherine Leary, Cory Healy, Jean Leete, Ashley Olney, and Stephen Usher.

# Twin State Depression Support Group opens two new groups

**PERKINSVILLE, Vt.** - The Twin State Depression Support Group offers two new groups to support those challenged by depression. In May, a group began in Claremont at the Claremont Community Center. In June, the first group will be held at Alice Peck Day Hospital in Lebanon, N.H. All groups meet monthly, including two on-going groups continuing to meet in Ascutney and Springfield.

Depression is a challenge rather than an illness, something sufferers work at every day to overcome, more so during particularly stressful times in their lives. Despite the expanding use of medications, a report shows, 80 percent of those with depression have family and work problems because of their depression. This impacts every workplace through lowered productivity and days off, just the beginning of the public health impact of depression. This is true whether one is suffering from short-term, situational depression, or is someone whose depression is part of a more persistent life challenge.

It is in response to this experience that former peer specialist Lyn Estey and her friends got together to develop the Twin State Depression Support Group just a little more than a year ago. They began with a mission to provide a safe, educational, peer-supported environment that is wellness centered, empowering and where participants positively influence and encourage each other toward recovery. Then followed the beginning of a monthly support group open to the public. And people came. The demand for groups up and down

the valley has increased as word of the meetings has spread.

According to Estey, "Our dream was to have four groups, be registered as a 501(c)(3) in order to apply for grants, to have a lending library for people to learn more about their mental health challenges and recovery, and a website." They have done this, and more. The group hosts a website, and is on both MeetUp and Facebook.

Since the early days, the Twin State Depression Support Group has held monthly meetings for those suffering from depression at Ascutney and Springfield in Vermont, but now the organization new groups mean the organization is truly "twin state." Estey says, "All meetings are free of charge, held in accessible locations and run by trained facilitators." The lending library now boasts more than 75 volumes with a selection of books taken to meeting sites but can also be accessed online through the website, [www.twinstatedepression-supportgroup.com](http://www.twinstatedepression-supportgroup.com).

To get up and running, the group's Board of Directors were awarded a grant from Psychiatric Survivors and continues to apply for grant funds for which TSDSG is eligible. However, for ongoing operational funds, the organization is engaged in fundraising activities such as their recent bottle drive, t-shirt sales at their own and other organizations events such as farmers' markets, and an upcoming yard sale this summer. The Twin State Depression Support Group is listed as a designated nonprofit on [www.amazonsmile.com](http://www.amazonsmile.com).

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**Speed dating finance workshop**  
CHESTER, Vt. - On Friday, June 15 there will be a speed dating finance workshop from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Newsbank Conference Center, 397 Main Street, Chester. This workshop will be a series of short 15 to 20 minute segments where attendees can learn:  
• What you need in your business plan to be successful,  
• Financial bookkeeping/accounting 101,  
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# golf news

## Okemo Valley Golf Club men's league results

**LUDDLAW, Vt.** - May 29 marked one month of play for Okemo Valley Golf Club's Men's League and, with Stryhas Builders grabbing the top spot three nights out of four, a trend is already taking shape. This week, Stryhas Builders leveled the Honey Dew Man squad. Ted Stryhas, Bob Fortuna, Ed Whitman, and Jack Menzie combined to win 22.5 holes. Knight Tubs took second for the night. Clemente Delarosa, Mark Montgelas, Jake Pierce, and Ken Guy combined to win 21 holes. Benson's Chevrolet won third place as Eric Stocker, Trevor Benson, Charlie Howard, and Jack Cassidy won 19.5 holes. Closest to the pin winners were Jack Cassidy on the 14th and Ted Stryhas on the 17th hole.

**Weekly results - holes won/points**  
1st Stryhas Builders - 22.5/15  
2nd Knight Tubs - 21/13  
3rd Benson's Chevrolet - 19.5/11  
4th Built Rite MFG. - 18/10

5th Skygate - 18/9  
6th Green Mountain Appraisal - 16.5/8  
7th Engel & Volkers - 16.5/7  
8th Diamond Realty - 15.5/6  
9th Huntley's Wealth Management - 15/5  
10th Honey Dew Man - 13.5/4

**Season standings:**  
1st Stryhas Builders - 55  
2nd Knight Tubs - 41  
3rd Engel & Volkers - 39  
4th Diamond Realty - 37  
5th Benson's Chevrolet - 36  
6th Skygate Financial - 31  
7th Honey Dew Man - 30  
8th Huntley's Wealth Management - 30  
9th Built Rite MFG. - 27  
10th Green Mountain Appraisals - 26

For more information about Okemo Valley Golf Club, please call 802-228-1396 or visit [www.okemo.com](http://www.okemo.com).

## Okemo Valley Golf Club ladies' league results

**LUDDLAW, Vt.** - Week two of Okemo Valley Golf Club Ladies' League took place Wednesday, May 30. The winners were DJ's Restaurant, comprised of Lee Ann Haskell, Sharon Griswold, Madeline Fay, and Doris Eddy. The evening's putt off winner was Kay O'Hare, and closest to the pin winner was Laura Belantoni.

**Season standings:**  
DJ'S Restaurant - 28  
RVCCC - 22  
Engel & Volkers - 22  
Northern Naturals - 20  
M & M Excavating - 19  
Knight Tubs - 18  
Stryhas Builders - 17

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call 802-228-1396 or visit [www.okemo.com](http://www.okemo.com).

## Tater Hill Golf Club opens 2018 season

**WINDHAM, Vt.** - Tater Hill Golf League standings are as follows:

**Mountain division:**  
Camp Holly - 12  
Chester Boyz - 12

East Easy Riders - 10  
Shack Attack - 10  
Eagle Hunters - 8  
Powerglide - 8  
TK Trucking - 8  
Lisai's - 6

Ovitt - 6  
Stoneman - 6  
Green Door - 4

**Valley division:**  
Jake's - 12  
Coleman's - 10  
Dam Diner - 10  
Homes de Peau - 9  
LaSalle - 9  
Members - 8  
Prouty - 8  
WCC - 7  
Chaves - 5  
Cyr - 4  
Piper Hill - 4

Tater Hill Golf Club is located at 6802 Popple Dungeon Rd. in Windham, Vt. For more information, go to [www.okemo.com/activities/golf/tater-hill-golf-club](http://www.okemo.com/activities/golf/tater-hill-golf-club).



Golf results.

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## The 9-hole Bellows Falls Country Club is a must-play jewel in Southern Vermont

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - In the Internet Age, where it is as if nothing remains unknown to the masses, almost remarkably there exist hidden gems when it comes to golf courses.

The world-class second green at Bellows Falls Country Club.

They often come in the form of 9-hole layouts since a significant majority of golfers can't be bothered to play anything less than 18.

My friend John Moore and I stumbled onto one such jewel recently when we teed it up at Bellows Falls Country Club, which traces its beginnings to 1922.

In no uncertain terms Bellows Falls is a must-play for fans of golf architecture and those who seek out enjoyable, challenging layouts. The course opens with two fabulous holes and continues with a solid series of par-3s, par-4s, and a par-5. There is not a clunker among them.

If that's not enough to get golfers to Bellows Falls, located about 30 miles north of Brattleboro, Vt., the fact it is a mere 12 miles from Hooper Golf Club in Walpole, N.H., which I rate as the seventh-best North American nine-hole in my book, "The Finest Nines," should be.

Who designed Bellows Falls remains out of view for now. Recent research by the club determined a course was contracted in 1941, just prior to the start of the Second World War, to upgrade the layout. The work was implemented once the fighting was over. The lauded architect team of Wayne Stiles and John Van Kleek, designers of Hooper, appeared on a list of potential candidates discovered in the club archives. Also included was architect/superintendent Skip Wogan and an unfamiliar person in J.N. Lewis of Planville, Conn., who had the word "builder" written next to his name. Whoever the club brought in knew a thing or two about sound design.

The Bellows Falls course opens with a wonderful rolling, downhill,



The world-class second green at Bellows Falls Country Club.

PHOTO BY JOHN MOORE

dogleg left par-4 of 388 yards. The right side is banked high and when the ground is firm the feature just about begs golfers to play a long run-on approach shot off of it. The green sets up to receive a well-played bump-and-run approach from the right. The testing putting surface could use expansion to the right, creating hole locations and bringing the greenside bunker on that side into play, but even now it rates stellar.

Although playing 171 yards from the back markers, the par-3 fourth at Bellows Falls Country Club appears much longer.

What follows is one of the best par-5s I've come across in a while, an all-world design - I'm not overstating. Playing 528 from the blue tees, the hole works its way back up the slope that was just descended but in a way that is not laborious. It culminates at a green that surely takes its place among the very best Punchbowls anywhere and immediately reminded me of the green on fourth hole at Dunaverty Golf Club in Scotland, a par-3.

The rims of the Bellows Falls bowl are a good 20 feet above the minuscule green. The slopes, which are mowed at the correct height, allow approach shots that clear the apex to make their way to the putting surface. Heck, the second is so good it's almost worth the green fee just to have the opportunity to play it.

The fourth is a daunting plateau-to-plateau one-shotter that comes in at 174 yards from the back tee and plays over a deep gorge of thick

rough. An optical illusion makes the flagstick appear hundreds of yards more away.

The sixth and seventh holes are cut from the same cloth. They are par-4s of 368 yards and 326 yard respectively and have their fairways bisected horizontally by a high ridge. Longer hitters, those that can carry the tee ball at least 250 yards, can reach the top shelf. The average player is forced to lay up short of the rough-covered severe rises and play a longer iron into the blind greens. Six offers places to miss on the approach shots but at the seven there is minimal room for error.

The eight is the third par-3 and plays 170 and culminates in the most severely tilted green at BFCC. Approximately 10 yards before the putting surface, though, the terrain drops to the green so that tee shots played correctly can land well short and use to the slope to run onto the intended target, vanishing from view before reappearing on the short grass. Here, the front of the putting surface is always a good place from which to take the first putt.

Take time after the hole is completed to wander across the cart path and a short way into the woods to hear and see the nearby waterfall, quintessential Vermont.

Shortly after "The Finest Nines" was published, Aetna Springs Golf Course, the ninth-ranked nine-hole in North America, closed. Since then the question has been asked, if the book goes to a second edition what layout would then enter the top-25?

I have no answer, as of now, but Bellows Falls would without question receive serious consideration. It's that good. Go play it.

Written by Anthony Pioppi, published originally at *The A Position*, [www.theaposition.com](http://www.theaposition.com).

## Sign up for the 48th annual Hackers Golf Tournament

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - The Chamber's 2018 Hackers Golf Tournament is in the works, and we've got big plans for a fantastic afternoon of golf, comradery, great food and drink, and prizes. All ability levels welcome!

For those who have never played golf before or just aren't any good, we're offering a half-hour beginners class prior to the tournament with Crown Point's PGA Pro Richard Vacca from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

Have fun, brush up on your skills, and maybe learn a thing or two!

Assemble your team, sign-up today, and join us for a fun day on the fairway! Deadline for team sign-ups is June 28.

Deadline for sponsorship forms is also June 28. Sponsoring the tournament is a great way to gain exposure and recognition for your business, as well as support the Chamber. We're still currently accepting sponsors for this year's event, and we're so grateful to the folks who help to make this long-standing tradition possible. If you're interested, feel free to contact us with any questions. We'd love to have you involved!

Not interested in playing golf,



Hackers Tournament in Springfield.

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but still looking for an excuse to spend a gorgeous day outside? We're always looking for volunteers to help run the event. Join us at the club! Email [caitlin@springfieldvt.com](mailto:caitlin@springfieldvt.com) for more information about volunteer opportunities.

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## Golf update from the clubhouse

**WARREN, Vt.** - With Memorial Day weekend behind us, we're looking forward to some great events ahead.

Valley League Night begins June 6. If you haven't signed up yet, please contact us at 802-583-6725 or [golfclub@sugarbush.com](mailto:golfclub@sugarbush.com). We will be basing league golfers starting quota off of USGA handicap. If you do not have a USGA handicap, please submit two 9-hole scores to the pro shop prior to week 1.

Brew-Grass 9-Hole Golf Scramble is Sunday, June 10, starting at 10 a.m. Follow up a day at Brew-Grass Festival with a 9-hole tournament at Sugarbush Golf Club. All participants will receive their choice of two 16-ounce Vermont Craft Beers from Hogan's Pub to take on the course. Participants compete to win prizes from Vermont breweries for top teams, closest to the pin, and longest drive. Awards ceremony following at Hogan's Pub, with free appetizers and giveaways. Participants can sign up as a team or individually. Go to [www.sugarbush.com/event/brewgrass-golf-scramble](http://www.sugarbush.com/event/brewgrass-golf-scramble) for more

information.

The 3rd annual Boomer Scramble Championship is Tuesday, June 12 at 9 a.m. at Sugarbush. This is a two-day event with a chance to win prizes. Open to any participants 65 and up. Participants can sign up as a full team or sign up as an individual to be grouped with others. Multiple flights or divisions are dependent on the number of participants. Shotgun start both days. Call Rob Schonder at 802-583-6539 or go to [www.sugarbush.com/event/boomer-golf-scramble](http://www.sugarbush.com/event/boomer-golf-scramble).

Rotary's 7th annual Mad River

Valley Golf Tournament is Saturday, June 16 at 10 a.m.

Join us Father's Day weekend for the 7th annual Mad River Valley Charity Golf Tournament. This year net proceeds benefit the Mad River Valley Ambulance Service. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with a 10 a.m. shotgun start in an 18-hole scramble format. Awards reception follows immediately after the tournament. Awards will be given for teams, hole-in-one, longest drive, closest to the pin, mul-ligans, and pro drive.

Registration is limited to the first 32 teams of four, in order of receipt of entry fee. Individuals are encouraged to register and will be placed on a team by the tournament committee.

For information or to sign up, call 802-496-9514, email [waynefofoster@gmavt.net](mailto:waynefofoster@gmavt.net), or call the Sugarbush Resort Golf Club at 802-583-6725. Sugarbush Resort Golf Club is located at 102 Forest Drive in Warren, Vt.



Although playing 171 yards from the back markers, the par-3 fourth at Bellows Falls Country Club appears much longer.

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Golf at the Sugarbush Clubhouse.

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# arts & entertainment

## Coming-of-age drama "Boyhood" comes to Heald Auditorium

LUDLOW, Vt. - "Boyhood" will be the next FOLA movie Saturday, June 9 at 7 p.m. in the Heald Auditorium in the Ludlow Town Hall.

"Boyhood" is a 2014 American coming-of-age drama film written and directed by Richard Linklater, and starring Patricia Arquette, Ellar Coltrane, Lorelei Linklater, and Ethan Hawke.

Filed from 2002 to 2013, "Boyhood" depicts the childhood and adolescence of Mason Evans Jr. (Coltrane) from ages 6 to 18 as he grows up in Texas with divorced parents (Arquette and Hawke). Richard Linklater's daughter Lorelei plays Mason's sister, Samantha. Production began in 2002 and finished in 2013, with Linklater's goal to make a film about growing up.

The project began without a completed script, with only basic plot points and the ending written initially. Linklater developed the script



"Boyhood" is FOLA's next movie at the Heald Auditorium.

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throughout production, writing the next year's portion of the film after reviewing the previous year's footage. He incorporated changes he saw in

each actor into the script, while also allowing all major actors to participate in the writing process by incorporating their life experiences into

their characters' stories.

"Boyhood" premiered at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival and was released theatrically July 11, 2014. The film competed in the main competition section of the 64th Berlin International Film Festival, where Linklater won the Silver Bear for Best Director. It was nominated for five Golden Globe Awards, winning Best Motion Picture - Drama, Best Director, and Best Supporting Actress for Arquette; five BAFTA awards, winning Best Director and Best Film; and six Academy Awards, winning Best Supporting Actress for Arquette.

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

## Raffle tickets for doll



CHESTER, Vt. - Here is Sushi Doll, created by Bonnie Waters, Chester doll artist, to support 10 Randolph Union Middle School teens going to Japan for two weeks - one of them is her granddaughter. There are two Sushis: one in Chester at Bonnie's Bundles Dolls gallery and the other up north. The drawing date is extended to June 17. Go to the "news" page on Bonnie's website to print tickets or stop by. We will have raffle tickets at the Alumni Day parade, June 9, in Chester.

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## The second annual "The Arts of Resistance" multi-dimensional art event —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - On Friday, June 15, 5-10 p.m., join The Arts of Resistance! Join local visual, musical, and lyrical artists to celebrate the "creative meets political" and community. The events open on Third Friday in June with art-

work and performances at Project Space 9 Gallery, the Exner Block art gallery, and Canal St. Art Gallery both on Canal St. and will continue at 33 Bridge St. in Bellows Falls, Vt.

The Arts of Resistance is an evening of two - and three - dimensional art and performances exploring the spectrum of reactions to this tumultuous political time in our country. This year's events are predicted to include several returning artists and local bands and many new participants. Attendees are invited to participate in creating postcards to be mailed to your favorite politicians or in a public art project.

Troubadours and poets will perform a few of their originals and some beloved favorite protest songs. Events June 15 will include: Cold River Ranters, The Milkhouse Heaters, and Pete & Linda Simoneaux and Friends. Music will start at Project Space 9 at 9 Canal St from 5-8 p.m., and end with a group sing-along of Bob Dylan's "The Times They Are A Changin'." The music will continue at Stage 33 Live at 33 Bridge St, Bellows Falls, Vt. from 8:30-11 p.m. All events at PS9 and Stage 33 Live are free but a suggested donation is appreciated. There will be a closing reception Third Friday, July 20, with some of

the same and additional artists.

The Arts of Resistance is organized and curated by local artist Jeanette Staley of N. Westminster, Vt. and in conjunction with the Rockingham Arts and Museum Project. For this second annual event, a contingency of resisters joined Jeanette in the cause including individual artists and arts organizations, all instrumental in offering a space to share and celebrate the dualities of individuality and community in the service of resisting the current political climate. Special thanks to Jan Sheehy of Milkhouse Heaters for organizing the performers.

RAMP organizes shows and activities in the PS9 space year-round. For wheelchair accessibility call 802-463-3252 or email ramp@sover.net in advance to make arrangements.

RAMP is a nonprofit organization committed to integrating the arts into the long-term sustainability of the community by creating effective partnerships that initiate and support: accessibility, affordable housing, artist town meetings, public art initiatives, and policy making. RAMP receives funding from the VT Arts Council, the National Endowment, and underwriting from Sovernet, Chroma Technology, and The Windham Foundation. For more information, please contact RAMP at 802-463-3252 or email ramp@sover.net.

## How the guitar conquered America —



How the Guitar Conquered America.

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Town Library's annual Adult Summer Reading program begins June 18. This year's theme is "Libraries Rock!" so we will kick off with the Vermont Humanities Council program, "How the Guitar Conquered America" Thursday, June 14 at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church.

When the guitar first hit these shores 450 years ago, it was a small, unimpressive folk instrument. Now, more guitars are sold in America than all other musical instruments combined. How did this unlikely conquest take place?

Tim Brookes addresses that question with demonstrations, displays, and slides. He touches on the rise of technologies and speaks to the guitar's importance

in defining national, ethnic, and regional identity. He also connects the guitar to such utterly unexpected incidents as the importance of the Confederate steam ship Shenandoah, Bonnie and Clyde's life of crime, and the sad demise of Strenuous Lifer, the pig in the Coney Island Zoo.

Love the guitar? Love music? Curious about the past? Join us Thursday, June 14 at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 77 Main Street, in Springfield for "How the Guitar Conquered America." Sponsored by the Friends of the Springfield Town Library and the Town of Springfield, this program is free, accessible to people with disabilities, and open to the public. For more information, please contact the library at 802-885-3108 or stlas@vermontel.net.

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# arts & entertainment

## Jenny Brook Bluegrass Festival welcomes Queen of Bluegrass –

TUNBRIDGE, Vt. - Gates open on the 18th annual Jenny Brook Bluegrass Festival Tuesday, June 19 at 10 a.m. This year's lineup is headlined by "Queen of Bluegrass" and 2017 Grammy award-winner Rhonda Vincent & the Rage, The Gibson Brothers, Seldom Scene, and over a dozen more. As usual Jenny Brook will be held at the Tunbridge World's Fairgrounds, with multiple specialty stages and entertainment for the whole family.

Vincent is considered a major booking for the festival as she continues a run of success almost unparalleled in modern bluegrass. She is a 13-time International Bluegrass Music Association award winner and a seven-time Grammy nominee, finally taking home the Academy's top bluegrass prize in 2017 for her latest release, "All the Rage: Volume One." Backed up by her first-rate hand-picked band, The Rage, Vincent's performance promises to be a powerful draw for local roots music fans.

The festivities kick off with the traditional Wednesday Night Potluck & Barn Dance at 6:30 p.m., while the Main Stage line up begins at 10 a.m. the following morning. Performances continue through 10 p.m. most nights, after which audiences are invited to unwind at the Sugar House Stage, where the artists often drop in to do a little impromptu jamming with their fans.

In addition to the Main Stage, the Weston Stage will showcase emerging talent, while the Artists' Stage will be the setting for intimate talks and tutorials from bluegrass veterans. Jenny Brook's Bluegrass University and Kids' Academy also return, giving new players of all ages the opportunity to learn to make a little music of their own.

"I really believe this year we've finally perfected what we do at Jenny



The 18th annual Jenny Brook Bluegrass Festival.

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Brook," says organizer Candi Sawyer. "I'm especially excited about our special features, which will connect our audiences with some unexplored corners of bluegrass history."

Sawyer highlights Jenny Brook's double-barrelled tribute to bluegrass titan Jimmy Martin in particular. One of the most respected musicians in bluegrass today, Audie Blaylock's roots with Martin run deep. As one of the last active musicians to have worked with Martin, he leads a tour through the king's songbook like no other.

Bluegrass musician and Radio Bristol producer Kris Truelsen will also be interviewing Martin's wife and mother of his children Barbara Martin Stephens, about her tell-all book "Don't Give Your Heart to a Rambler," an inside account of their life and times together. Barbara Martin Stephens was the first successful female booking agent in bluegrass, and her unique perspective is sure to hold surprises for even true aficionados.

"We're also honored that the US

Navy Band – Country Current have elected to join us this year for two days," adds Sawyer. "We've been trying to book them for a number of years, and it will be an honor to have them with us performing their blend of country music and cutting-edge bluegrass."

Other featured artists this year also include Feller and Hill & The Bluegrass Buckaroos, Mickey Galylean & Cullen's Bridge, and young prodigy Carson Peters & Iron Mountain. Remington Ryde will be doing a tribute to James King, the Bluegrass Storyteller. Also appearing will be Po Ramblin' Boys, High Fidelity, Marteka & William, Bill and the Belles, Bob Amos & Catamount Crossing, Zink & Company, Feinberg Brothers, Dreamcatcher, Zolla Boys, Clem Hawkins Revival, and hosts, the Seth Sawyer Band.

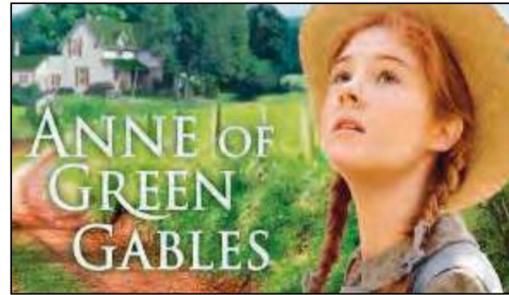
Day and weekend tickets will be available at the gate, as well as at [www.jennybrookbluegrass.com/tickets](http://www.jennybrookbluegrass.com/tickets).

## Anne of Green Gables opens Weston's Second Stage

WESTON, Vt. - On June 13, Weston Playhouse Theatre's Young Company of talented undergrads brings L.M. Montgomery's timeless classic, "Anne of Green Gables," to life.

Anne Shirley is a spunky, redheaded orphan sent to live with a farmer and his sister in Avonlea, a close-knit community on Canada's Prince Edward Island. The only problem? The Cuthberts thought they were adopting a boy! Heartwarming and humorous, the hour-long musical follows Anne's adventures - and misadventures - as she discovers the true meaning of family, friendship, and home.

Written by Broadway veterans Gretchen Cryer and Nancy Ford ("I'm Getting My Act Together and Taking it On the Road"), "Anne of Green Gables" opened



Anne of Green Gables.

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Off-Broadway in 2007. Weston Artistic Associate and Director of Education, Piper Goodeve, who originated the role of Anne, will assist direct and choreograph. Founding Director Tim Fort, director of last year's Young Company production "Really Rosie," and "Tenderly" will direct.

For those who want more, writers Cryer and Ford host a talkback following the 4 p.m. show Friday, June

15, plus a free June 16 morning workshop on how to write a musical. In a special June 16 evening event, the two will perform songs and share stories from their 63-year collaboration. These special events are made possible through the Dramatist Guild Traveling Master's program. Concert proceeds benefit Weston's New Works program.

"Anne of Green Gables the Musical" is a #VTarts2018 event and runs June 13-30 at Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm, 705 Main Street in Weston. Family-friendly show times are 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 16 only. Runtime is approximately one hour. To purchase tickets, call the box office between 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at 802-824-5288, or by visiting [www.westonplayhouse.org](http://www.westonplayhouse.org).

## Art in bloom at the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Gallery at the VAULT invites you to celebrate the season in a glorious display of artwork from June 6 through July 17. This is an opportunity to soak in the beauty of VAULT's artists' renderings of flowers.

All are invited to the reception Thursday, June 7 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Meet the "Art In Bloom" artists and enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres. The artists are Tim Campbell, Jeanne Carbonetti, Robert Carsten, Bradley Jackson, Dolores Kuhn, Len Emery, Richard Emery, Rob O'Brien, Dan

O'Donnell, Gene Parulis, Gil Perry, and Lynn VanNatta. Wow, what a group! We are so fortunate to have them all here at the gallery.

For more information, please call or come into Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street, Springfield. We are open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 802-885-7111, email [galleryvault@vermontel.net](mailto:galleryvault@vermontel.net), or visit [www.galleryvault.org](http://www.galleryvault.org).



"Springtime Tulips" by Jeanne Carbonetti.

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## Paramount Theatre addresses roof concerns and re-opens for business –

RUTLAND, Vt. - The Paramount Theatre announced June 1, 2018 that work has been completed to address stabilization of the damage discovered during a routine inspection of the building. A certificate of occupancy has been issued by Vermont Fire and Safety, and the Paramount will reopen for the Vermont Center for Dance Education presentation of "Alice in Wonderland" June 10, the subsequent annual spring residency of Rutland Youth Theater and their production of "Honk" June 15 and 16 and all Paramount Theatre programming going forward.

The specific challenge is an issue with one of the roof trusses. Five trusses run north to south in support of the roof that the Paramount believes was damaged at its base due to excess snow load this past winter. Paramount staff, board, and outside experts have been investigating this for the better part of six weeks now and are addressing the situation in two phases. The first is temporary support shoring - floor to ceiling scaffolding - that is now in place in specific areas in the balcony. The second is the design and implementation of the final repairs to the damaged truss above the balcony ceiling.

The investigation process took

some time and once everyone understood the magnitude of the issue, the Paramount decided it would be in the best interests of all involved to cancel shows until the shoring was in place. The theatre emphasized sincere regret for the inconvenience caused to patrons, Miss Lorraine's School of Dance, and Miss Jackie's Studio of Dance. The theatre issued a profound thanks to those loyal partners for both their patience and their flexibility in forging a workable solution for the continuation of their perfor-

mances. In the meantime, nothing has changed, moved, or worsened with the roof.

Bruce Bouchard, executive director, commented, "We are so heartened by the outflowing of support and encouragement during this difficult time. We thank the patience extended to us as we worked through a long and complicated process. The Paramount will reopen a week from Sunday and Eric is hard at work shaping up another fine Season for 2018 and 2019. Thank you again, one and all!"

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Andrea Stevens (left) and Morgan Brown (right) with their parents.

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Jonathan Le Tourneau and family.

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## Relay for Life of Windsor County at Riverside Middle School

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – This year the Relay for Life of Windsor County is honoring all local cancer survivors, caregivers, and heroes by inviting you to join us to participate in the special, family-friendly, walking celebration June 23 at Riverside Middle School.

Opening ceremonies for Relay For Life begin at 4 p.m. followed by the Local Heroes Lap around 4:30 p.m. All active military, veterans, fire departments, police departments, emergency medical services, doctors, nurses, medical care professionals,

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Their rotating soup menu includes Cheech & Chong Chili, Wild Mushroom Bisque, Lobster Bisque, Broccoli and Grafton Cheddar, Sweet Potato-Cheddar-Corn Chowder, New England Clam Chowder, Gazpacho, West African Peanut, Potato-Leek, VT Maple Butternut Squash, Black Bean and Lime, Curry Coconut Cauliflower, and Chicken Gumbo just to name a few.

Since their beginning, the hours have expanded to include summer months as well. Although winter offerings are primarily rotating soups, stews, and chili – ten chosen from a rotating 30 to 40 soup specialties – with a few food options, the summer menu includes just a few soups/chili options but also serves healthy salads, sandwiches, tacos, hot dogs, and nachos with vegetarian options as well. Another notable menu item is the Dessert in a Jar, which often features a pound cake, mousse, fresh fruit, syrup, and whipped cream. Current best sellers are their fish tacos and Health Bomb Salad, which includes greens, edamame, hemp seeds, grated carrots, chia seeds, and Parmesan cheese.

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Gallery at the VAULT, a Vermont State Craft Center selling the work of 160 artists, is located on 68 Main St. in Springfield, VT and is open from 11 to 5 Tuesday through Saturday. See www.galleryvault.org for details on changing exhibits and classes. (03/12/19)

### bakery

#### CROWS BAKERY & OPERA HOUSE CAFE

Yummy Pastries, Cakes, Pies, Breads, Cookies. Full Breakfast & Lunch 73 Depot St. Proctorsville 802-226-7007. crowsbakeryandcafe.com. Like us on Facebook. (06/17/18 TFN-13)

### builders/contractors

#### PETER JORDAN CONSTRUCTION

Over 25 years of experience in all phases of construction. Framing, finish carpentry, custom showers and tile work, hardwood flooring, decks, roofing and siding. Fully insured and registered with the

State of Vermont. Lead Paint Certified. Located in Proctorsville. 802-226-8125 (08/28/18 TFN-13)

#### DIAZ HOME CARE Construction & Interior Refinishing

Building & Remodeling: Framing, roofing, siding, windows & doors, decks, interior/exterior painting, flooring, and more. Property Management and Excavation. Contact Antonio Diaz: cell 802-779-8117, office 802-297-7680, antonio.noel.diaz@gmail.com (12/31/18)

### chiropractor

#### FOUR SEASONS CHIROPRACTIC, PC

Dr. Denise Natale 58 Parker Avenue, Proctorsville, VT 05153, 802-226-7977 Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10AM-6PM (08/01/18 TFN)

### cleaning

#### CLEANING & CLEANING OUT

Cleaning and cleaning out houses, apartments, businesses, condo's camps, barns and sheds. One-time or regularly. Fully insured - Free Estimate. Call Reggie 802-376-4159 (09/04/18 TFN-13)

### decorating & remodeling

#### CHRISANDRA'S HOME SHOWCASE & DESIGN CENTER

Affordable design consultations including color selections, room layouts, window treatments and furniture choices. Pond St, Ludlow 802-228-2075. Main Street, Ludlow 802-228-4581. www.chrisandras.com (08/08/18 TFN-52)

### firewood & building materials

#### AMP TIMBER HARVESTING, INC.

Firewood for Sale, Rough Sawn Lumber,

### Custom Sawing

Pine Boards, Framing Lumber, Hardwood Furniture Stock. PO Box 1104 W. Townshend, VT. Springfield, Chester, Windham, and surrounding areas. Dennis Allard: 802-254-0680. Billy Parker: 802-874-7260. (08/28/18)

### fitness

#### DREWS GYM

Your local and affordable gym. Membership to this private club gives you 24 hour access, 7 days a week, for only \$40 per month, or \$60 per month for couples. Owned and operated by Andrew Valente. 802-855-1434, 6 Andover St., Ludlow, VT. (09/04/18)

### furniture

#### CHRISANDRA'S HOME FURNISHINGS

Our customers say "Your prices are great!" Shop our large selection of affordable furnishings and accessories. 122 Main St., Ludlow, VT www.chrisandras.com 802-228-4581. (08/08/18 TFN-52)

### home improvement

#### ROSE'S HOME IMPROVEMENT

Property management, lawn care, carpentry, interior & exterior painting, window & door replacements, window cleaning, vinyl siding washing, pressure washing, drywall repairs, texture ceiling repairs, and more. All calls returned. 802-226-7077 or 802-591-0019. Cavendish, Vt. (03/02/19)

#### ALEX ALBERTI LANDSCAPING

Landscaping and lawn care, painting, window and door replacement, fram to finish remodeling, and property management. Call, text, or email Alex: 802-451-6112, alexalberti@gmail.com (11/06/18)

### masonry

#### MOORE MASONRY

Fireplaces, chimneys and liners, chimney sweeps, patios, walls, steps, restoration and repairs. Fully insured, free estimates. Contact Gary Moore at 802-824-5710 mooremasonry802@gmail.com (08/22/18 TFN)

### painting

#### TONES & HUES

Quality interior & exterior painting and wallpaper removal. Insured, and free estimates. 802-885-8633 www.TonesAndHues.com (08/08/18)

#### RALPH'S PAINTING

Interior & Exterior painting, power washing, and roofs. 30+ years experience. Fully Insured. 18 Pleasant St. Ext. Ludlow, VT. 802-975-0356 or 802-738-5282 (06/24/18)

### perennials

#### HALE HOLLOW ROAD PERENNIALS

All \$3.00! Located on Hale Hollow Road, Bridgewater Corners, off Route 100A. Will accept most used pots. Open daily. 802-672-3335 (08/14/18)

### rentals

#### WHITE'S RENTALS LLC

For Rent: Like new 10,000 lb Kabota Excavators w/ steel or rubber tracks. Both machines offer a thumb, angle float blade, A/C, heat, and free local delivery up to 15 miles.

For Rent: 28 foot 10,000 lb capacity deck over trailer with electric brakes, with our without ramps.

Call Lou at 802-289-3796 for prices and availability. Visit us on the web: www.whitesrentals.com to see everything we have to offer. (09/18/18)

# calendar

## LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

### CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**FRIDAY, JUNE 8 - CHESTER, Vt.** – The Nature Museum is hosting a presentation by Bridget Butler, The Bird Diva, for an introduction to her “slow birding” approach on Friday, June 8 from 7 – 9 p.m. at the NewsBank Conference Center in Chester. Bridget will

share how to read bird body language, how to listen beyond just birdsong, and how to discover our own sit-spot to achieve a more intimate look at the natural world. Join us for this special presentation and Q&A with The Bird Diva. Light refreshments from the Grafton Village Bakery will be served. For more information or to register, visit [www.nature-museum.org](http://www.nature-museum.org), or call 802-843-

2111. Optional field session at a local residence in Grafton on the morning of Saturday, June 9 is available for separate registration.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 9 - GRAFTON, Vt.** – The Bird Diva will take us on a “slow birding” adventure through the forests and fields of a private property in Grafton on Saturday, June 9 from 7:30 – 10 a.m. Learn how to look with and without

binoculars, map what you’re hearing and seeing, and take field notes, which will improve identification and awareness skills. Participants are encouraged to dress for the weather, to bring a notebook, water, and a comfortable, portable chair or pad to sit on. This birding walk is a unique opportunity and complements the Bird Diva’s talk on Friday, June 8 at the

NewsBank Conference Center. Separate registration for the field session is required. For more information, visit [www.nature-museum.org](http://www.nature-museum.org), or call 802-843-2111.

**MONDAYS, JUNE 11 – JULY 30 - KILLINGTON, Vt.** – An 8-week Kundalini Yoga series, “Awakening to Your 10 Bodies,” begins Monday, June 18 in Killington, Vt.

KRI certified Kundalini yoga teacher, and long time practitioner, Liza Eaton. Classes are scheduled for Mondays 6 - 7:15 p.m., June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, and Aug. 6, located outdoors on the front lawn of The Cabin, 514 Dean Hill Rd., in Killington. Rain date is Monday, Aug. 13 if needed. Attend all eight weeks or select four weeks of your choice. Our “10 bodies” consist of the Soul Body, three mental bodies, and six energetic bodies. Reduce stress, heal, awaken, strengthen, purify, and spread mindfulness throughout your life as we practice ancient yoga sets to awaken our whole selves—all 10 bodies! Practice at your own pace. No experience necessary. Welcomes beginners! Register by June 11. Contact Liza Eaton at 518-763-1490 or email [eaton.liza@gmail.com](mailto:eaton.liza@gmail.com) for more information and to sign up online visit [www.buddhafulyoga.com](http://www.buddhafulyoga.com).

**FRIDAY, JUNE 11 – JULY 30 - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** –

Experience a singing weekend workshop, “From Fear to Joy: Discover Your Inner Singer!” hosted by Stone Church Arts

from Friday, June 29 at 5 p.m. to Sunday, July 1 at 2 p.m. at the Immanuel Retreat Center on Church Street in Bellows Falls. This is a retreat for “non-singers,” beginning singers, or anyone who wants to become more confident and expressive with their voice! Claim your birthright, and step into the joy of singing! Whether you’re a “non-singer” who wishes you could sing, or a more experienced singer who would like to delve deeper into the magic of your own voice, this weekend retreat/workshop is for you! For more information, visit [www.stonechurcharts.org](http://www.stonechurcharts.org).

**THURSDAY, JUNE 14 - LUDLOW, Vt.** – The Department of Labor speaks on Fiduciary Best Practices on Thursday June 14 from 7:30 - 9 a.m. at Okemo Valley Golf Club, Gold Room, 89 Fox Lane, Ludlow. Please RSVP to Derek Karner, [darner@americanportfolios.com](mailto:darner@americanportfolios.com), 888-922-1035.

**MONDAY AND THURSDAYS IN SUMMER - MOUNT HOLLY, Vt.** – Bone Builders summer classes will be held in the Mount Holly School gym on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 to 10:15 a.m. from Thursday, June 14 through Thursday, Aug. 23.

Anyone who wishes to join us for a healthy exercise program please call so that paper work and weights are ready for you. The program is free and all are welcome. Contact Judy Nevin 802-259-2443 to sign up.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 15 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The Springfield Regional Development Corp is having a Speed Dating Finance

Workshop on Friday, June 15 at Newsbank Conference Center, 397 Main Street in Chester from 9 – 11 a.m. Please RSVP to Sandy atandy@springfielddevelopment.org or 802-885-3061.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 16 - WINDSOR, Vt.** – Join us for a Strawberry Preserves Master Class on Saturday, June 16, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Blake Hill Preserves at 60 Artisans Way in Windsor. In addition to the delicious strawberries, we will infuse this traditional preserve with local edible flowers, such as lilacs. Learn the basics of fruit preparation, cooking, “setting,” and safe canning practices. Take home a complimentary jar of the variety we make together in class, a detailed recipe card, and enjoy 15 percent off all jar purchases in our unique Specialty Preserves Shop. There is a fee to attend. Bring a friend and get 10 percent off price of class. Registration required: 802-674-4529 or [mball@blakehillpreserves.com](mailto:mball@blakehillpreserves.com).

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

### CLUBS

**TUESDAY, JUNE 12 - CHESTER, Vt.** – This month’s Southern Vermont Astronomy Group (SoVerA) meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 12 at 7 p.m. at the Whiting Library, 117 Main Street, in Chester. The meeting will feature U. Mass Amherst’s Astronomy professor, Dr. F. Peter Schloerb, who will review general information about the nature of comets and their importance in the study of the solar system and discuss the Rosetta Mission. The venue is ADA accessible and the public is welcome.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 15 - TOWNSHEND, Vt.** – Hike to Bald Mountain in Townshend State Forest with the Green Mountain Club Manchester Section on Friday, June 15. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Clark’s IGA in Londonderry or 10 a.m. at Townshend State Park day hiking parking lot. Hike is out and back on the same trail, from the Townshend State Park to the summit of Bald Mountain. Total distance is 3.4 miles with 1100 feet gain. Moderate difficulty. Bring extra layers, raincoat just in case, snacks, lunch, fluids. RSVP to Marge Fish at 802-384-3654 or [marge.fish@gmail.com](mailto:marge.fish@gmail.com).

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

**WEDNESDAYS - LUDLOW, Vt.** – Looking for a friendly game of bridge? Want to learn how to play or update your rusty skills? We play every Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High St. in Ludlow. You are most welcome to join us. For more information, call 802-228-2983.

### COMMUNITY MEALS

**FRIDAY, JUNE 8 - ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** – Our Father’s Day Grange dinner is scheduled on Friday, June 8, from 5 – 7 p.m. at Bartonville Grange, 116 Upper Bartonville Road, in Rockingham. Menu features a meatloaf dinner with all the fixings and a variety of desserts. Fathers eat free this

#### INVITATION TO BID REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ZONING CODE CONSULTANT SERVICES

The Town of Chester is seeking qualification bids from Zoning Code Consultants for services in the update of the Town’s Unified Development Bylaws. This re-write will be extensive and will require review and consideration of a Zoning Audit that was recently performed. The selected Consultant must have experience working with small towns and where historic resources are an important part of the community character. The procurement process for selection of the Zoning Code Consultant will be a Qualifications Based Selection (QBS). We are not seeking a detailed scope of work or cost proposal at this time. The successful Zoning Code Consultant will be selected based upon their demonstrated ability to provide the highest qualified proposal to achieve the goals of the project through their SOQ and possible interview.

For a copy of the Request for Qualifications bid package please contact Julie Hance at the Chester Town Office, 556 Elm Street, Chester, VT, 05143, (802) 875-2173, or [julie.hance@chestervt.gov](mailto:julie.hance@chestervt.gov). Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

All bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope labeled “Chester Zoning Update” and should be forwarded to the Town Manager’s Office, 556 Elm Street (P.O. Box 370) Chester, VT 05143, on or before 3:00 p.m. on June 29, 2018.

#### TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit at 5:00pm and a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 25th 2018 at the Town Hall, for a Conditional Use Review application (# 524)

PROPERTY OWNERS: Mark Ouellette & Carol Leofanti  
APPLICANT: Property owners  
LOCATION: 166 North St.  
DISTRICT Stone Village (SV)  
ACTION REQUESTED: Convert a residence into an owner occupied 2 room B&B, with one rental apartment along with a home occupation / retail shop.

Abutters are hereby notified that further information can be found at the Town Clerk’s Office which is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Participation in this hearing is a pre-requisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

For the Development Review Board  
Michael Normyle, Zoning Administrator  
(802) 875-2173  
[michael.normyle@chestervt.gov](mailto:michael.normyle@chestervt.gov)

STATE OF VERMONT  
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

#### NOTICE OF SALE Peter Walter Fredyma, II, Peter W. Holl and Maia C. Holl Parcel # 222021.100

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2016 and 2017 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Peter Walter Fredyma, II, Peter W. Holl and Maia C. Holl by Warranty Deed of Peter Walter Fredyma, II dated August 24, 2012 and Recorded in Book 138, Page 239 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of June, 2018, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 24th day of May, 2018.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
David Pisha  
Collector of Town and  
Town School District Taxes

STATE OF VERMONT  
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

#### NOTICE OF SALE Nancie A. Hazell and Anne E. Keenan Parcel # 605063

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the year 2017 remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Nancie A. Hazell and Anne E. Keenan by an Indenture of Anne E. Keenan, Executrix of the Estate of Betty Ann Hazell, Deceased dated June 5, 2012 and Recorded in Book 142, Page 88 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of June, 2018, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 24th day of May, 2018.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
David Pisha  
Collector of Town and  
Town School District Taxes

#### TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit at 5:25 pm on Monday June 25th and a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 25th 2018 at the Town Hall, for a Minor (2 lot) Sub-Division application (#523)

PROPERTY OWNERS: St Mary’s Catholic Church  
APPLICANT: Father Peter Williams, Donald VanVranken  
LOCATION: 96 South Main St.  
DISTRICT Village Center (VC)  
ACTION REQUESTED: Subdivide an existing 5.09+- acre lot into two lots. #1 will be 4.56 +- acres and lot #2, which will have .53 acres

Abutters are hereby notified that further information can be found at the Town Clerk’s Office which is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Participation in this hearing is a pre-requisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

For the Development Review Board  
Michael Normyle, Zoning Administrator  
(802) 875-2173  
[mnormyle@vermontel.net](mailto:mnormyle@vermontel.net)

STATE OF VERMONT  
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

#### NOTICE OF SALE Michael R. Sturtevant Parcel # 150106

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the year 2017 remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Michael R. Sturtevant by Warranty Deed of Lee A. Ravlin Lloyd and Gary L. Lloyd dated April 12, 2013 and Recorded in Book 144, Page 272 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of June, 2018, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 24th day of May, 2018.

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#### NOTICE OF SALE Thomas A. McLean Parcel #585054

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2017 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Thomas A. McLean by Warranty Deed of First Vermont Bank and Trust Company dated December 24, 1991 and Recorded in Book 73, Page 53 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of June, 2018 at eleven o’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 24th day of May, 2018.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
David Pisha  
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STATE OF VERMONT  
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

#### NOTICE OF SALE Amy Elinor Pratt, Jonathon Pratt and Jon K. Spaulding Parcel # 232017.200

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the year 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 remains, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Jon K. Spaulding, Amy Elinor Pratt and Jonathon R. Pratt by Warranty Deed of Arthur F. Fournier, Trustee of the Restatement of Trust for the Arthur F. Fournier, Sr. Revocable Trust Agreement dated January 10, 2011 dated July 19, 2013 and Recorded in Book 147, Page 118 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 28th day of June, 2018, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 24th day of May, 2018.

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Town School District Taxes

# LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

# calendar

month and children under the age of 5 are always free.

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

**SATURDAYS - CHESTER, Vt.** - Gassetts Grange holds a buffet breakfast every month on the 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 - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center serves lunch 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Monday through Friday to area seniors. The Senior Meals menu for the week is available by calling 802-463-3907. The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center is located at 18 Tuttle St. We are wheelchair and walker accessible with plenty of parking. TFN

## EVENTS

**FRIDAY, JUNE 8 - CHESTER, Vt.** - Come join us for an ice cream social to celebrate Kathy Marten's retirement after 42 years of teaching, on Friday, June 8 from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Chester-Andover Elementary School. All are welcome to attend.

**PUTNEY, Vt.** - Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present contemporary folk and pop singer/songwriters and multi-instrumentalists Seth Glier and Matt Nakoa on Friday, June 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Next Stage, in downtown Putney. For information, call 802-387-0102. Advance tickets are available at [www.nextstagearts.org](http://www.nextstagearts.org). Turn It Up in Brattleboro and Putney Food Co-op in Putney.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 9 - WINDSOR, Vt.** - As part of their 250th anniversary celebration, Old South Church, Main Street, Windsor, Vt. will host a cemetery tour on

Saturday, June 9 at 1 p.m. The presenters will be Barbara Rhoad and Cathy Hoyt of the Windsor Historical Society. The event is free and open to the public. Welcome alumni!

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls, assisted by New Hampshire author and poet Jim Fowler, will host second Saturday Open Mic on Saturday, June 9 at 1 p.m. The Open Mic is held by having poets take turns reading from their works or a favorite book. The poets sit around a circle, so there is no need to be nervous about standing in front of a room for newbie poetry readers. Call 802-463-9404 for event reservations. [www.villagesquarebooks.com/event/poetry-open-mic](http://www.villagesquarebooks.com/event/poetry-open-mic).

**SUNDAY, JUNE 10 - ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** - Bartonsville Grange #481 will be having their first Flea Market on Sunday, June 10 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Located at 116 Upper Bartonsville Road, Rockingham (across from the old State Police Barracks). Spaces are available outside with a limited amount of tables available inside as well. Spaces are filling up quick. Please call ahead to reserve your spot. Bring your own tables, tents etc. for

outside spaces. Tables will be provided for spaces located inside. For more information or to reserve your spot, please call Mindi at 802-376-4293. Leave a message and she will call you back!

**PUTNEY, Vt.** - A talk by conservationist Dr. Spencer Meyer entitled "Before It's Too Late: Conserving New England's Forests and Farmlands" is happening on Sunday, June 10, from 3 - 5 p.m. at Next Stage, Kimball Hill Rd., in Putney. The event is free. There will be a reception afterward. For more information contact Joan Weir at [jweir@vt.org](mailto:jweir@vt.org) or 802-246-1501.

**HARTLAND, Vt.** - Join us for Mediums Day at Vision of Light Church of Spiritualism and Healing on Sunday, June 10, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at 10 Legion Drive, in Hartland. Experience a variety of readers and healing booths for psychic mediums, angel card readings, Reiki, shamanic healing, and massage. There is a fee for 15-minute sessions. Please join us prior for a service at 10 a.m., which includes music, sermon, guided meditation, hands-on healing and message circle. Light refreshment between the service and event. For more info, please call 802-

299-5083 or check out the Facebook link, [www.facebook.com/VOLChurch](http://www.facebook.com/VOLChurch).

**MONDAY, JUNE 11 - PETERBOROUGH, N.H.** - Cecilia Ensemble auditions for girls in grades 9-12, will be held in the Peterborough Unitarian Universalist Church (PUUC), 25 Main Street in Peterborough on Monday, June 11 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Arrive 15 minutes prior to scheduled audition to complete registration paperwork. For details, contact Rhoades at 603-499-3505 or email [grandmadnackouthchoirs@gmail.com](mailto:grandmadnackouthchoirs@gmail.com). **Audition schedules were due by May 23.**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 16 & SUNDAY, JUNE 17 - CHARLESTOWN, N.H.** - Visit The Fort at No. 4 in Charlestown on Saturday, June 16 and Sunday, June 17 for Living History Weekend with the 1st CT Provincial Regiment. Re-enactor soldiers from Connecticut are arriving at the Fort at No. 4 for demonstrations of military life in the time of the Revolutionary War. Come watch them

drill and practice the skills necessary to be successful on campaign. The Fort at No. 4 is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sundays, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 17 - ALSTEAD, N.H.** - Join us for the Colts and Fillies 4-H Horse Show on Sunday, June 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Millot Green in Alstead. Come and enjoy the sport of horseback riding, a fun open horse show competition and refreshments.

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

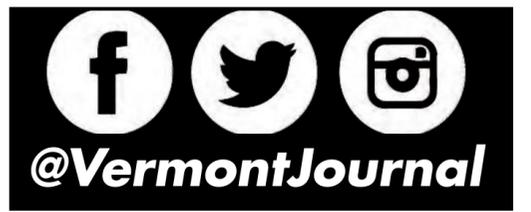
**THURSDAYS - LUDLOW, Vt.** - Gypsy Reel plays regularly at The Killarney, in Ludlow. Music always begins at 6:30 p.m. and continues until 8:30 p.m. or later (depending upon football schedule). Fine ale, good pub food, and great music in the traditional Irish style. TFN

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

**FRIDAYS - READING, Vt.** - The Hall Art Foundation hosts Free First Fridays from 5 - 8 p.m., which welcomes visitors to view their exhibitions for free without a guide and at their own pace. The event is BYOB. Wood-fired pizza available for purchase.

July 6 is the next date. **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

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - Dump Daze, a free, weekly yard sale located at Saint Mark's Church, 33 Fairground Road in Springfield, is happening on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors and shoppers are welcome. TFN



**TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM CONTRACTING DEMOLITION SERVICES**

The Town of Rockingham is soliciting contracting services for the demolition of buildings located at 10 Church Place in Bellows Falls, VT. A full copy of the solicitation can be downloaded at the Town of Rockingham Planning & Zoning webpage or using the following link <https://tinyurl.com/ycps6d87>. Bids are due June 22, 2018.

**Bellows Falls Village Corporation PARKING ENFORCEMENT VOLUNTEER**

The Bellows Falls Police Department is seeking a Parking Enforcement Volunteer to perform work related to the enforcement of parking regulations within Bellows Falls Village and performs support functions as required by management to meet the needs of the Department and the community. This is a volunteer position with no benefits or privileges.

The Parking Enforcement Volunteer works under the general supervision of the Police Chief or any other department employee assigned supervisory responsibility. This individual must have knowledge of the local and state rules, regulations and ordinances pertaining to parking, must pass a background check, and provide verification of education. A full job description is available at the Bellows Falls Police Department or on the Municipal website at [www.rockbf.org](http://www.rockbf.org) under Public Notices. Letters of interest should be sent to Bellows Falls Police Chief, 170 Rockingham Street, Bellows Falls, Vermont 05101. Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 15, 2018.

**Town of Mount Holly, Vermont Planning Commission Subdivision Public Hearing**

Notice of Public Hearing  
Monday June 18, 2018  
6:30 P.M. at Mount Holly Town Office

Mount Holly planning commission is holding a public hearing to approve proposed lot subdivision owned by Allen & Shari Lewis. Property is located on 127 Blackberry Lane, Mount Holly.

**Town of Westminster**  
P.O. BOX 147 WESTMINSTER, VT 05158  
Tel. 802-722- 4524 Fax 802-722-9816

**DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB) WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL**  
3651 US Rt. 5, Westminster  
Legal Notice

The Westminster Development Review Board will meet at 6:30 pm on Monday, July 2, 2018 to consider the following:

**Application #18-57 (Jonathan Whitman)** - property located at 18 Metcalf Drive. The Applicant is requesting construction of several projects. This Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 312 Waiver of Dimensional Requirements; 442.3 Village District Zone; Article IX- Historical Preservation Overlay; Historic Review Board Recommendations of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Participation in the proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeals.

The application is available for review in the Westminster Town Hall, 3651 US Route 5 Westminster, Vermont 05158, Monday - Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

**Town of Mount Holly Transfer Station Attendant Per Deim**

The Town Of Mount Holly is looking for a fill-in transfer station attendant. This is a part time fill in position. The ideal candidate is customer service oriented, has the ability to maintain the transfer station, and familiarity with solid waste criteria. Hours: Summer Wednesdays 4-7 PM and Saturdays 8AM - 2 PM; Winter Saturday 8AM-2PM and Sundays 9AM-12PM.

Interested parties please send resume to: [selectmen@mounthollyvt.org](mailto:selectmen@mounthollyvt.org).

Or by mail to: Town of Mount Holly P.O. Box 248 Mount Holly, VT 05758. Attention: Selectboard

**BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION JOB OPPORTUNITY**

*The Bellows Falls Police Department is currently accepting applications for a Full-Time Police Officer*

This position requires an individual able to work in a fast paced, potentially stressful environment, while being able to maintain a professional and courteous attitude. This person must also be able to perform work related to the protection of life and property through the enforcement of State law and local ordinance, must be a minimum of 20 years of age at the time of the appointment, have an Associates Degree in law enforcement or commensurate with 4 years of experience, and must demonstrate experience in dealing with the public in a customer service environment. The applicant must be full-time certified as a police officer in the State of Vermont and must pass a background check, produce a verification of education, and have a valid Vermont drivers' license. Pay range for this position is \$19.71 to \$24.62 depending on qualifications and experience.

Applications should be submitted to the Bellows Falls Police Chief, 170 Rockingham Street, Bellows Falls, Vermont 05101. Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 8, 2018.

**TAKE A BREAK!**

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**King Crossword**

**ACROSS**

1 Move rapidly  
5 Pirates' quaff  
8 EPA concern  
12 World's fair  
13 Detergent brand  
14 Hardy cabbage  
15 Tolerate  
16 Whatever number  
17 "I have to do"  
18 Release  
20 Heart lines  
22 Sauce source  
23 Prickly seed-case  
24 Scenery chowers  
27 Afternoon shows  
32 Biz deg.  
33 Journalist Tarbell  
34 "Erie Canal" mule  
35 Math tables, e.g.  
38 Ratio phrase  
39 Auto  
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42 Religious retreat  
45 Declare  
49 See 38-Down  
50 A billion years  
52 Lotion additive

**DOWN**

1 Hump-backed animal of India  
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5 Easily prepared product  
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**Salome's Stars**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Your creative side is enhanced by indulging yourself in as much artistic inspiration (music, art, dance, etc.) as you can fit into your schedule. Bring someone special along.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Take a little restorative time out of your busy life. Go somewhere quiet this weekend. Or just close the door, turn on the answering machine and pretend you're away.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Your advice might be much in demand by family and friends this week. But reserve time for yourself to investigate a project that could have some unexpected potential.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Work-related issues demand your attention in the early part of the week. Family matters dominate Thursday and Friday. But the weekend is yours to spend as you please.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Try to keep your temper in check as you deal with someone who seems to enjoy showing disrespect. Losing your Leo-nine cool might be just what the goader hopes to see.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A heated confrontation needs some cool-off time before it boils over. Better to step away than to try to win an argument where emotions overrule the facts.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Someone very special in your life finally sends that reassuring message you've been hoping for. You can now devote more time to the tasks you had put aside.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Job pressures begin to ease by week's end, leaving you time to relax and restore your energy levels before you face next week's emerging challenges.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your spiritual strength helps calm a friend who might be facing an unsettling change in their life. An offer to help comes from a surprising source.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) By midweek you could learn some surprising facts about an associate that might cause you to reconsider a long-held view about someone in your past.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) One of those rare-for-you darker moods sets in in the early part of the week. But by Thursday, the clouds lift and you're back doing nice things for people in need.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Use that sharp Piscean perceptiveness to reel in more information about a promising offer so that you have the facts to back up whatever decision you make.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Although you prefer the status quo, you easily can adapt to change when it's called for.

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# calendar

# REAL ESTATE/LEGAL NOTICES

## FARMERS MARKETS

**FRIDAYS – LUDLOW, Vt.** – The Ludlow Farmers Market is happening every Friday throughout the summer from 4 – 7 p.m. on the lawn in front of Okemo Mountain School in Ludlow. For more information, email ludlowfarmersmarket@gmail.com or call 802-230-7706.

**TOWNSHEND, Vt.** – Townshend Farmers Market is open every Friday from 4 – 7 p.m. until Oct. 5, located on the lawn of the historic West Townshend Country Store. Vendors will feature fresh produce, baked goods, local honey, specialty foods, and unique crafts. Live music and wood-fired pizza. The market is hosted by the West River Community Project. For more information contact info@westtownshend.org.

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – The Greater Falls Farmers Market happens every Friday throughout the summer from 4 – 7 p.m. Vendors feature local produce,

meats, baked goods, cheese, artworks, and more. For more information contact greaterfallsfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

**SATURDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Springfield Farmers Market happens on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on lower Clinton Street, next to Nortrax on the grassy area near the trail-head of the bike/walk path. For more information, call 802-885-4096.

**LONDONDERRY, Vt.** – The West River Farmers Market happens every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the junctions of Route 11 and 100. Local farmers, gardeners, food producers, artisans and craftspeople feature their fresh, local products. For more information visit www.westriverfarmersmarket.com.

## LIBRARIES

**THURSDAY, JUNE 7 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – On Thursday, June 7, Rockingham Library's Genealogy Group meets at 1 p.m. instead of

the regularly scheduled time of 10:30 a.m. This will be the last meeting of this group until it resumes on Sept. 6. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org or go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

**MONDAY, JUNE 11 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – On Monday, June 11 at 5:30 p.m., in honor of LGBT Pride Month, the film "Pride" will be screened at the Rockingham Library. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 802-463-4270, visit www.rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the Library at 65 Westminster St., Bellows Falls.

**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

**CHESTER, Vt.** – Join the Whiting Library in Chester every Wednesday, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. throughout the summer from June 6 through Aug. 29 for the Grafton Nature Museum's 2018 Summer Unplugged Program. Topics include insects, animals, raptors, and other nature themes. For program specifics

call 802-875-2277.

**THURSDAYS – 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

**THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The Springfield Town Library has a tech help desk available on Thursdays from 3 – 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Having trouble with your first smartphone? Want to re-set your Facebook privacy? Need to take a course in Word or Excel? Call 802-885-3108 to make an appointment with Dylan and June, our high school volunteer and his colleague. The Springfield Town Library is located at 43 Main St., Springfield.

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

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Minecraft Club at the Rockingham Free Public Library every Friday from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. A limited

number of library computers are available. Registration is recommended if you will need to use a library computer. If you are joining the club with your own laptop and Minecraft account, you do not need to sign up. TFN

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

**CHESTER, Vt.** – Join the Whiting Library in Chester every Friday, from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. during the summer from July 6 through Aug. 10 for the summer reading program, "Libraries Rock." Sign up begins Monday, June 11. Activities for our reading programs include stories, songs and music, group games, musical crafts, art projects, science experiments, a hike, and more. This program is open to young people, preschool through young adults, with prize drawings, story time, and even an ice cream and tie-dye party to celebrate the program. For specifics, call 802-875-2277.

**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.okemovillage.vt.

**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.

**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.okemovillage.vt.

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

**TUESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Rockingham Select Board meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. and Bellows Falls Village Trustee meetings are the second Tuesday during the summer. 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.

### Bellows Falls Union High School Invitation to Bid

The Bellows Fall Union High School will be accepting sealed bids for the following equipment.

1 2002 Kubota BX2200 tractor with hydrostatic transmission, 4 wheel drive, mid mount 60" finish mower and 60" front mount plow blade. Liquid loaded rear tires and wheel weights. 3839 hours showing on hour meter. Minimum bid is \$2500.00.

1 1996 Kubota F2260 tractor with hydrostatic transmission, 4 wheel drive, 60" front mount finish mower. Liquid loaded tires. 4848 hours showing on hour meter. Minimum bid is \$1700.00.

Sealed bids must be submitted to Edie Cole, Business Manager, Windham Northeast Supervisory Union, 25 Cherry St., Bellows Falls, VT 05101. The deadline for submission of bids is 2:00 p.m. Thursday, June 21, 2018.

Bids will be opened at 2:00 pm on Thursday, June 21 2018 at the Windham Northeast Supervisory Union Office.

The Bellows Falls Union High School District #27 reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted.

Appointments to view these machines can be made by contacting Jim DeBell at (802) 463-3944 x203. Both machines to be sold as is, as seen.

## We're Recruiting Writers



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### TOWN OF LUDLOW

Board of Listers  
P.O. Box 359, Ludlow, VT 05149  
Phone (802) 228-7206 - Fax (802) 228-3256  
listers@ludlow.vt.us

### NOTICE OF GRIEVANCE HEARINGS

The Town of Ludlow, Board of Listers will hold Grievance Hearings on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 beginning at 10:00 AM. All property owners wishing to be heard should call ahead for an appointment. An appointment is required to be heard.

If a property owner cannot attend, a written grievance may be filed with the Board on or before June 12, 2018. Requests after June 12 will be considered untimely and cannot be heard.

To schedule an appointment, please contact the Listers Office weekdays, between 9:00AM and 3:00 PM at 802-228-7206.

The Secretary of State's office and the Division of Property Valuation and Review have published an Appeals Handbook. This Handbook is a source of information for the appeals process. It is available at the following web address: <http://www.state.vt.us/municipal/handbooks-guides/property-taxes.aspx>.

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**Country Setting, country living.** This newer 2 bedroom home offers lots of unique features of old world charm including stone fireplace, ornate stairs and crafted walls in the upstairs hall. Added features include 2nd floor living space, mudroom open concept living/dining/kitchen, workshop. Situated on 10.5+/- country acres with easy access to 191. **\$129,900**



**This Comfortable Cape Style Home** has character and style. Includes an efficient kitchen with warm oak cabinets, large combination formal dining and living room with natural light, bright first floor bedroom and refinished bath, upstairs master suite with office space & large bedroom and lots of storage. Oversized detached garage has a side covered porch with views of local hillsides and a large back yard that connects to the next street. **REDUCED AGAIN TO \$112,000**



**Classic 1800's farmhouse** on a double lot offers ample living space with large kitchen with pantry, formal dining, living room, den, bath with walk-in closet and spacious foyer on the first floor, three bedrooms and a bath on the second floor. Multiple out buildings and plenty of green space for gardens, pets or family. **JUST REDUCED TO \$69,900**



**A village home** within walking distance to Recreation Center, walking trails, convenience stores and school. This two story home has been upgraded and transformed into a comfortable home with three bedrooms, den, laundry room, formal dining room, two bathrooms, kitchen with granite countertops, mudroom and an enclosed front porch that looks over to a family park. Corner lot with a one car garage. Add your finishing touches at a very affordable price. **\$59,900**



**What a great opportunity** for either Duplex/multi-unit or a single family home. Located in the village of Cavendish, this property is currently set up with two units, two bedrooms each. The first unit has a large eat-in kitchen, spacious living room, 3/4 bath with laundry hook-ups on the first floor, two bedrooms and a full bath on the second floor. The second unit has a kitchen, living room, dining/den on the first floor, full bath and two bedrooms up. Both units have their own basement area with utilities. Front and back porches with a large back yard and storage shed/garage. A definite must see! **\$139,900**

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Upgraded and Improved Expanded Cape, Spacious Master Bedroom Suite, Four Season Sun Porch Overlooks Professionally Designed Gardens & Brook, Plentiful Outbuildings and Trail Access, 3 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms  
1,454 Sq. Ft., 10.60 Acres  
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**JUST LISTED!**  
Raised Ranch in Hillwinds Neighborhood! Private Setting with Country View Well Maintained with Many New Updates, 2 Car Garage, In-ground Pool  
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1,904 Sq. Ft., 1.1 Acres  
Brattleboro \$276,000

**Spacious Retreat. Price Just Reduced!**  
Close to Okemo, Vast Access Pond Access Moments away Three Large Family Areas  
3+ Bedrooms, 4 Bath, 2,700 Sq. Ft. 6+/- Acres  
Weathersfield \$239,000

**JUST LISTED!**  
Well Kept Ranch in Quiet Development Great Back Yard w/Brook Many Upgrades, New Roof  
3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths  
1,350 Sq. Ft., 0.25 Acres  
Springfield \$119,500

**Well Kept Cape on Dead End Road**  
Hardwood Floors Wood Stove, Basement Door to Back Yard  
2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath  
1,060 Sq. Ft., 0.34 Acres  
Springfield \$99,000

**Beautiful Building Lot Just Above the Village, Soil Tests Available Mix of Meadow & Woodlands Long Paved Road Frontage**  
12.7 Acres  
Grafton \$99,900

**2.20 Acres on Country Road Build Your Dream Home Plenty of Road Footage**  
Chester \$24,500

**GRAFTON** 802-843-2390 **CHESTER** 802-875-2323 **SPRINGFIELD** 802-885-8282 **NEWFANE** 802-365-4311

# AUTOMOTIVE

# calendar

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.

**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 learn about opportunities and challenges regardless of diagnostics. HCRS, CRT Room, 390 River St. Meets every Monday from 1-2 p.m. Info: call 800-639-6480 or visit www.namivt.org. TFN

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

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

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

**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 cht@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 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, Acutney, (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: July 19, Sept. 20 - the one exception will be in November - to be announced.

## Consider delayed mowing to conserve grassland birds

**REGION** – Summer in Vermont is greatly enriched by the state's many grassland birds, from bobolinks flushing up from a grassy field to the beautiful song of an eastern meadowlark. But many of these species are in decline due to the loss of appropriate grassland habitat.

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department and Audubon Vermont are encouraging landowners to help promote these beloved species and give these birds a chance to complete their nesting season simply by altering the times of year that they mow large fields.

Bobolinks build nests from May through July among the grasses and wildflowers of fields and meadows. When bobolinks are present, other grassland bird species such as savannah sparrows and vesper sparrows may also be nesting among the grasses. Deer fawns, wild turkey chicks, and other animals take refuge in the grass, and are also at risk by mowing too early.

"People maintain large fields and meadows in Vermont for a variety of reasons, from commercial hayfields and grazing pastures, to simple aesthetic beauty," said John Buck, biologist for the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. "Mowing is the most common means of maintaining the grasses but if mowed too soon in the summer, many grassland bird species will lose their nest and any hatchlings."

According to Buck, landowners who mow their fields for aesthetic reasons can maintain these fields and accommodate the nesting birds simply by cutting later in the summer. He recommends an Aug. 1 start

date. For farmers who maintain commercial hayfields and grazing pastures, Audubon Vermont coordinates the Bobolink Project in association with Mass Audubon, the University of Vermont, and several other partners. The Bobolink Project uses donated funds to provide financial assistance to participating farmers who modify their mowing schedules so that grassland-nesting birds can successfully raise their young. This year, they worked with 20 farmers to protect over 961 acres of grassland habitat. "The Bobolink Project is a great way for the general public to get involved in grassland bird conservation," said Audubon's Mark LaBarr.

For more information, go to www.bobolinkproject.com or for landowner management assistance, see www.vtfishand-wildlife.com.



Landowners can help save bobolinks and other grassland birds by waiting until August to mow their fields. PHOTO BY JOHN HALL

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## Fishing Derby reels them in

**SAXTONS RIVER, Vt.** – A breeze that kept the bugs at bay made for a fun time and lots of winners at this year's annual Saxtons River Rec fishing derby May 5.

Organizer Samantha Fletcher reported a good turnout, with a chance to win trophies in three age groups. The trophies were sponsored by Quinn Property Services, and J&H Sporting Goods donated the prizes. The Saxtons River Village Market supplied the coffee, and Best Septic provided portapotties.

Winners of the derby were:

- Chloe Grant swept the age 4 to 6 category with first fish caught, biggest fish, most fish caught, and overall prize.

- Ages 7 to 10 winner for first, biggest, and overall was Braeden Wyman, while Madison DUBY took the prize for most fish.

- Ages 11 to 14 overall winner was Mack Ross. First fish and most fish



Proud winners of this year's Saxtons River Rec fishing derby, left to right: Chloe Grant, Gabriela Beayon, Braeden Wyman, Remy LaCroix, Joshua Dupuis, Carter Fisher, and Madison DUBY.

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prizes went to Gabriela Beayon, and Remy LaCroix caught the biggest fish.

- Additional prizes were won by Joshua Dupuis and Carter Fisher.

Volunteers who helped with registration and measuring fish were Sherri Arvin Mallan, Denise Randall, Tara Lloyd-Darrell, Clayton Groenewold, and Steven Beayon.

## Deer fawns should be left alone

**REGION** – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department says deer fawns are being born this time of year and asks that people avoid disturbing or picking them up.

Most deer fawns are born in late May and the first and second weeks of June, according to Vermont deer biologist Nick Fortin.

Fortin says it is best to keep your distance because the fawn's mother is

almost always nearby. When people see a small fawn alone, they often mistakenly assume it is helpless, lost, or needing to be rescued.

Fawns do not attempt to evade predators during their first few weeks, instead relying on camouflage and stillness to remain undetected. During these times, fawns learn critical survival skills from their mothers. Bringing a fawn into

a human environment results in separation from its mother, and it usually results in a sad ending for the animal.

Fortin encourages people to resist the urge to assist wildlife in ways that may be harmful, and he offered these tips:

Deer nurse their young at different times during the day and often leave their young alone for long periods of time. These animals are not lost. Their mother knows where they are and will return.

Deer normally will not feed or care for their young when people are close by.

Deer fawns will imprint on humans and lose their natural fear of people, which can be essential to their survival.

Keep domestic pets under control at all times. Dogs often will kill fawns and other baby animals.

For the safety of all wildlife, taking a wild animal into captivity is illegal in Vermont.

"It's in the best interest of Vermonters and the wildlife that live here, for all of us to maintain a respectful distance and help keep wildlife wild," added Fortin.

## Eight participate in 4-H muzzleloader shoot

**PERKINSVILLE, Vt.** – The Green Mountain 4-H Club of Springfield hosted a Muzzleloader Shoot, May 26 at the Precision Valley Fish and Game Association in Perkinsville.

Eight 4-H'ers from three clubs took part in the competition. Participants were permitted to use any traditional or non-traditional muzzleloading rifle, including in-lines, of any caliber with either an open or aperture metallic sight.

Seniors, ages 13-18, shot from a standing position. Winners in this division in order of placement were Kelsea Aldrich of Lyndonville, Green Mountain 4-H Shooting Sports Club; Ken Beaupre of Orford, N.H., Upper Valley Bullseyes 4-H Club; Hunter Michaud of East Hardwick, Green Mountain 4-H Shooting Sports Club; and Austin Taylor of Westminster, Green Mountain 4-H Club.

Younger competitors, ages 8-12, shot from a standing position using a rest. Evan Hash, Lyndonville



Instructor Ginger Goings watches as Springfield 4-H'ers Isaac Osinchuck (left) and his brother Ivan load their muzzleloaders at the Muzzleloader Shoot.

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(Green Mountain 4-H Shooting Sports Club) placed first followed by Jacob Churchill, Groton (Green Mountain 4-H Shooting Sports

Club); Isaac Osinchuck, Springfield (Green Mountain 4-H Club); and Ivan Osinchuck, Springfield (Green Mountain 4-H Club).

Following the shoot, all participants were able to test their skill with muzzleloader shotgun with Dick O'Dette, president of the Precision Valley Fish and Game Association. The event also served as an additional practice for the teens heading to the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships in Grand Island, Neb., in June. Kelsea, Ken, and Hunter will represent Vermont on the muzzleloader team at the national event.

Adult volunteers assisting with this University of Vermont Extension 4-H event were Joe Austin, Westminster; Ginger Goings, Springfield; and Paul Muzzey, Chester, all with the Green Mountain 4-H Club, and Doug Petty, St. Johnsbury, of the Green Mountain 4-H Shooting Sports Club.

To learn more about the Vermont 4-H Shooting Sports Project, contact Lisa Muzzey, UVM Extension 4-H educator, at [lisa.muzzey@uvm.edu](mailto:lisa.muzzey@uvm.edu).

## Do not disturb spawning sea lamprey

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is reminding anglers and the general public as a whole to avoid disturbing spawning sea lamprey that may currently be found in the Connecticut River and several of its tributaries.

"Sea lamprey are native to the Connecticut River Basin and play a vital role in the ecosystem," said Lael Will, fisheries biologist with Vermont Fish & Wildlife. "Vermont is also home to a separate population of non-native sea lamprey that are actively controlled as a nuisance species in Lake Champlain. Confusion can arise over the differing management goals for these two populations of Vermont sea lamprey. We believe it is important to highlight and contrast the conservation value of Connecticut River sea lamprey, educate the public and encourage

folks to do their part to protect this important population of fish."

"If you happen to see a spawning sea lamprey or a carcass, don't be alarmed," said Will. "The fish provide a number of important ecological benefits and are considered a Species of Greatest Conservation Need in both Vermont and New Hampshire."

Each year sea lamprey spawn during the spring in the main stem of the Connecticut River as far upstream as Wilder Dam, as well as in many of its tributaries including the West, Williams, Black and White rivers. Upon returning to freshwater to spawn, adult sea lamprey are non-parasitic and die shortly after spawning, and their carcasses play a critical role in cycling important marine nutrients into freshwater ecosystems.

In the Connecticut River, larval lamprey live in freshwater the first few years of their lives, remaining sedentary and burrowed in sandy substrate while filtering detritus from the water for nutrition. At around 5 years of age, they transform into juveniles and emigrate to the ocean where they attach to and feed on fish as parasites. In turn, lampreys are a food source in the es-

tuarine and marine environment for a number of fish, marine mammals, and bird species.

While existing for over 350 million years in the Atlantic, anadromous sea lamprey have co-evolved with their oceanic hosts and are considered to be in balance.

The species is currently managed under the Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Commission, which includes four state agencies, two federal agencies, and representatives of the general public. Among other efforts, Vermont Fish & Wildlife has been working to improve fish passage facilities within the Connecticut River drainage to enable native sea lamprey to successfully complete their migrations to spawning habitat.

"In 2017, the dams at Vernon and Bellows Falls passed about 2,600 and 1,200 sea lamprey respectively, and our goal is to continue to improve fish passage and flows on the river to not only help lamprey spawning, but to support all migrating fish species," Will said.

To learn more about Vermont Fish & Wildlife's various fisheries management programs, visit [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com).

## Discover the moths of Vermont with JoAnne Russo

**GRAFTON, Vt.** – Did you know that some moths have ears on their abdomens? Vermont has about 2,000 species of moths, all with fascinating adaptations to help them thrive in flight and at night. Join entomologist JoAnne Russo and the Nature Museum June 14 for an illustrated introduction to the world of moths, and you'll learn to identify



Rosy Maple Moth. PHOTO PROVIDED

the moths visiting your porch light this summer!

On Thursday, June 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grafton Trails and Outdoor Center, Vermont Entomological Society member JoAnne Russo presents, "Moths: Our Nighttime Jewels," an informative talk accompanied by rich macro photographs of beautiful moths. The talk will be followed by a flashlight field session. We will explore the area with flashlights and headlamps, looking for caterpillars and moths. Don't forget to bring your camera! The Nature Museum is exhibiting Russo's detailed drawings of moths until June 21.

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