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ROHD celebrates 42nd year of community pride

BY JOE MILLIKEN

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Over the weekend, Bellows Falls and the surrounding communities celebrated the 42nd annual Old Home Days Weekend, and the 112th year of the pilgrimage to the Rockingham Meeting House. The three-day celebration featured fun and activities for all ages including food and craft vendors, circus performers and clowns, the Bring It Home 5K, pizza and ice cream eating contests, a dunk tank, live music, the annual fireworks display, and more.

The festivities began Friday with the Greater Falls Farmer's Market at Hetty Green Park and an ice cream social at the United Church of Bellows Falls, as well as a fun-filled carnival hosted by the Rockingham Rec Center. The First Baptist Church in Bellows Falls also hosted a supper to benefit the BF Community Bike Project.

On Saturday, the Waypoint Center in downtown Bellows Falls was full of activities throughout the day, including karaoke with JD & Bee Tunes 'N' Things, the Nimble Arts Circus Performers and Cheryl the Clown, a dunk tank hosted by Greater Falls Connections, and musical performances from "Java Jazz" and the rockin' sounds of "Rust."

Other activities Saturday includ-



Face painting for the kids.

PHOTO BY JOE MILLIKEN

ing fireworks display with a "fireworks train ride" hosted by the Green Mountain Railroad.

On Sunday, the weekend festivities concluded with the 112th annual pilgrimage at the Rockingham Meeting House on Meeting House Road. David Deacon presented "I'll sing to you the good old days," with history and memory in Vermont's long-time folk song. Live music, historic informational offerings and food were also included in the festivities.

Participating food vendors for Rockingham Old Home Days included Athens Pizza, RJ's, Loyal Order of Moose Bellows Falls, Out Numbered Grill, Fried Bread Dough, and Taste of Thai. Additional vendor booths also included Greater Falls Chamber of Commerce, LuLaRoe with Cassandra Maxfield, Red Moon Artisans, Emblem Club, Shauna's Bags, PVD Hockey Booth, Golden Phoenix School of Martial Arts, Greater Falls Farmers Market, US Cellular, and the Vermont National Guard.

ed an inflatable baseball toss and bounce-house hosted by the Vermont National Guard, train rides with the Roaming Railroad, a children's activity tent hosted by Friends of Change, face painting with Emily Soddors, and children's toys and novelties from Bird House Studios.

The Bellows Falls Rotary Club also hosted this year's Bring it Home 5K walk/run and the Vermont Chapter of the American Truck Society hosted an antique truck show at Bellows Falls Union High School. Then Saturday night was topped off by an amaz-

Jamaica native plays a key role in unique Navy mission

JAMAICA, Vt. – A 2003 Leland & Gray High School graduate and Jamaica, Vt. native is serving in the U.S. Navy as part of a crew working with Commander, Submarine Group 9.

Lt. Aaron Stomski, an intelligence officer, serves at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor in Washington, not far from Seattle.

As an intelligence officer, Stomski is responsible for keeping the admiral informed of adversary operations and intentions that may affect the safety and security of missions.

"I enjoy working with the submariners and keeping leadership informed on current events that may strategically impact international relations," Stomski said. "It's a very unique profession that very few people get to experience."

Stomski draws from lessons learned growing up in Jamaica.

"Growing up, I was taught the importance of service to the community and the service before self mentality," Stomski said.

Guided-missile submarines provide unprecedented strike and special operation mission capabilities from a stealthy platform. Armed with tactical missiles and equipped with superior communications capabilities, the submarine performs its mission with a much lower level of risk than what would normally be experienced when deploying this level of capability from surface or air platforms.

The Ohio-class platform capitalizes on its existing strengths of endurance and stealth in maintaining long-term station-keeping duty while forward deployed. In addition



Lt. Aaron Stomski.

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most highly trained and skilled people in the Navy. The training is highly technical and each crew has to be able to operate, maintain, and repair every system or piece of equipment on board. Regardless of their specialty, everyone also has to learn how everything on the ship works and how to respond in emergencies to become "qualified in submarines" and earn the right to wear the coveted gold or silver dolphins on their uniform.

"The men and women from across our nation who volunteer for military service embody the fundamental values of honor, courage and sacrifice that are the bedrock of our republic," said Rear Adm. Blake Converse, Commander, Submarine Group Nine. "They protect and defend America from above, below, and across the world's oceans. The entire nation should be extremely proud of the hard work that these sailors do every single day to support the critical mission of the Navy and the submarine force."

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied upon assets, Stomski and other sailors know they are part of a legacy, one that will prove a critical component of the Navy the nation needs.

"Serving means being willing to head into harm's way to ensure the safety and security of those back home," Stomski said.

Written By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class David Wyscaver, Navy Office of Community Outreach.

Primary Election for governor

BY AMANDA WEDEGIS

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

REGION – Tuesday, Aug. 14 is Primary Election day. In Vermont, the offices to be elected include U.S. senator, U.S. representative, governor, lieutenant governor, treasurer, secretary of state, auditor of accounts, attorney general, all 30 state senate seats, all 150 state representative seats, probate judge, assistant judge, state's attorney, sheriff, high bailiff, and justices of the peace. The full list of candidates for the Aug. 14 Primary Election can be found at the Vermont Secretary of State website at www.sec.state.vt.us/elections/candidates.aspx.

Four candidates are running for governor for the Democratic primary: James Ehlers, Christine Hallquist, Brenda Siegel, and Ethan Sonneborn. The two primary Republican candidates are Phil Scott and Keith Stern.

James Ehlers

James Ehlers is a Democratic candidate from Winooski, Vt. He is a U.S. Navy veteran and the executive director of Lake Champlain International, championing clean water, especially with his 10-point plan to clean up pollution in Vermont's waterways.

His platform includes a "people-first economy" that invests in schools, working families, and the middle class. He supports livable wages, universal health care that includes vision and dental, 12 weeks of paid family leave, increased funding for Planned Parenthood, affordable child care, safe injection sites and investment in addiction prevention and recovery, taxation and regulation of marijuana, community-based renewable energy, and common-sense firearm safety measures that "bring all parties to the table to create smart public policy that will respect Vermonters' rights to own a firearm while ensuring that people can be safe in their schools, homes, and communities." He also wants to invest in public schools and support teachers and their health benefits.

For more information on James Ehlers, go to www.jamesehlersforvermont.com.

Christine Hallquist

Christine Hallquist is a Democratic candidate from Hyde Park, Vt. She is the chief executive offi-

cer of Vermont Electric Coop. Hallquist has devoted time to serving her community as town meeting moderator and by serving on the development board, health board, and school board. Of community work, she says, "The values of cooperation among cooperatives and concern for community are a great basis for leadership at the state level. The power of people who want to do good, working together, is more powerful than their individual skills."

Hallquist's platform includes \$15 minimum wage, paid family and medical leave insurance, universal health care, connecting Vermont with fiber optic cable, separating property tax from education funding, protecting women's health initiatives, investing in tuition free public college and trade schools, reaching 90 percent renewable energy, addressing racial disparities in criminal justice system, treating the opiate crisis as a public health issue, and taxing and regulating marijuana.

For more information on Christine Hallquist's platform, go to www.christineforvermont.com.

Phil Scott

Gov. Phil Scott is seeking reelection in the Republican primary. Scott went to the University of Vermont and started his first business at the age of 18.

Scott is running with a firm stance against raising taxes as well as keeping state spending low. His platform also includes making education more affordable, working across the aisle on legislation, and providing tax relief to Vermonters. On June 29, Scott stated, "In my first 18 months in office, we've avoided \$479 million in forecasted property tax rate increases – including two consecutive years of level rates for residential property tax payers. We've eliminated the income tax on social security for low and middle-income households... We've invested to make childcare, early education, and higher education opportunities more affordable, and taken critical steps towards improving the efficiency of our K-12 system." Scott says he's running for reelection because there's still more to do as governor.

For more information on Phil Scott, go to www.philscott.org.

Brenda Siegel

Brenda Siegel is a Democratic candidate from Newfane, Vt. She is a delegate of the Windham Country Committee. She is committed to the

Raise the Wage coalition. "We know that wealth does not trickle down and in fact, poverty trickles up, yet we keep making policies that support the top while leaving behind those who struggle, and the middle class. We need to re-think our outdated beliefs about what makes a thriving economy. We know that poverty creates a drain on our state, so it is in our best interest to make sure we build the economy from the bottom up instead of the top down."

Her platform includes \$15 minimum wage, paid family leave, utilizing small business economy to drive tourism and relocation, end to homelessness, 90 percent renewable energy, fully fund the education system, clean needle exchange and overdose prevention sites, taxation and regulation of marijuana, and reducing carbon footprint with accessible public transportation.

For more information on Brenda Siegel, go to www.brendaforvermont.com.

Ethan Sonneborn

Ethan Sonneborn is a 14-year-old Democratic candidate from Bristol, Vt. He will be a freshman at Mt. Abraham Union High School in the fall, and he is campaigning for governor because he believes "we need a people powered movement to reform politics." He is dedicated to championing the middle class and working class families while encouraging young people to get involved in politics, "because today's decisions are their tomorrow."

Sonneborn supports universal healthcare, employment non-discrimination legislation, a carbon emission tax, incentives for developing and using renewable energy, less education spending on administration and more focus on teachers and students, tax benefits to small businesses, higher minimum wage, a worker's bill of rights, and a bipartisan job creation plan.

For more information on Ethan Sonneborn, go to www.ethansonneborn.com.

Keith Stern

Keith Stern, a resident and business owner in North Springfield, Vt., is running for the Republican primary. He is a lifelong Vermonter and owner of Stern's Quality Produce in White River Junction. He says, "I am running for the money. In all honesty, it is

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Joint Board discusses paving behind schedule due to rain

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – At the July 31, Rockingham Select Board and Bellows Falls Trustees Joint Board meeting, Everett Hammond, director of Public Works, complimented the Bazin Brothers on their excellent work paving downtown. Board member Doreen Aldrich agreed the square "looks wonderful." Discussion followed with Village Trustee Jonathan Wright and Board Member Gaetano Putignano questioning the delay. Wright explained that "originally the work was to be completed by Old Home Days, and now we're looking at paving in September" because of the rain. Wright added, "It's an ongoing frustration" for business owners and residents in the square. Hammond sympathized

saying, "It is an inconvenience. Slow work, very detail-oriented, and the rain has delayed them." Municipal Manager Wendy Harrison said, "We are communicating weekly. Let's hope the end result will be worth it." When Wright asked for the percentage of completion of the sidewalks, Hammond estimated they are only about 30 percent complete.

Putignano asked about pedestrian management, what it was exactly, and clarification of the high cost that had not been explained. The boards agreed it needs clarification.

Mary Helen Hawthorn of the Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance mentioned how nice the downtown was looking with the paving, brickwork, and pruned trees. She reported that the BFFDA had their annual meeting July 12, and they would like to see more waste receptacles and proper cigarette disposal units throughout the

village.

Charles Hunter presented the Rail Passengers Association "Mayor's Petition" and reported that Amtrak recently received \$1.9 billion in funding from Congress. It's the largest appropriation in Amtrak's 47-year history. The funds are primarily going toward intercity rail programs. Meanwhile, cuts to station agents in 15 communities will be made and food and beverage service on two long-distance lines will be eliminated. The petition requests that Amtrak should report to Congress on how it will ensure high quality service to all towns and how long-distance service lines will be affected. Stefan Golec motioned that the Bellows Falls Trustees authorize the Village President to sign the petition. The motion was passed.

Village President Deborah Wright reminded everyone to participate in the online Town Plan survey.

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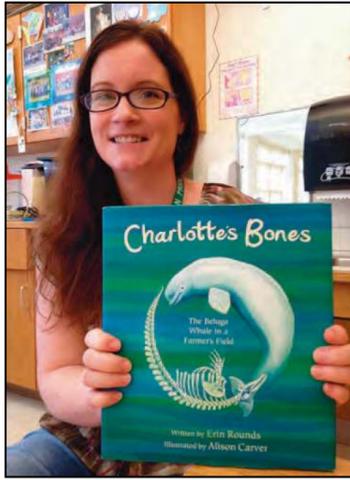
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Teacher Erin Rounds debuts children's book

BY KAREN ENGDAHL
The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - After penning her first book as a second-grader (the main characters were pencils), Erin Rounds told herself, "When I grow up I'm gonna be a teacher and I'm gonna be a writer!" Rounds achieved her first goal when she graduated Fordham University in 2003 and started teaching in the Bronx. "It was really hard," she confessed, "but I stuck with it and found ways to make it work." After two challenging years in the Bronx, Rounds made her way to Vermont where she now teaches fourth grade at Union Street School in Springfield. Equally persistent in pursuing her other goal - to be a writer - Rounds started the process of developing what would be her first children's

book after working with a class field trip in 2006. "We went to see some fossils in a Massachusetts museum," she said, "and when we got back the kids were complaining that there's 'nothing that cool in Vermont.' I started to wonder if we had any cool fossils in Vermont, and that led me to the UVM Perkins Museum website where I learned about Charlotte, the Beluga whale fossil. I remember thinking 'that would be a great story to write someday.'" By 2008, Rounds had begun serious research to prepare to write the story, which she completed in 2010. After several drafts, she started submitting



Erin Rounds and her book. PHOTO BY KAREN ENGDAHL

the book to publishers in 2013. Ever persistent in pursuing her goal, she did not let early rejection letters deter her. In 2014, Rounds' efforts were rewarded and she started to work with Tisbury Press.

The final product, "Charlotte's Bones: The Beluga Whale in a Farmer's Field" is now in print. Rounds will start a mini book tour next week with her first stop at the Springfield Town Library Aug. 10, then to the Phoenix Bookstore in Rutland Aug. 11, and finally to Phoenix Books Misty Valley in Chester Sept. 16.

"I can't tell you how exciting it is to finally see it as a real object - a real book!" she beamed. "And now I'm working on the next book."

Rounds, whose background includes a deep interest in biology, is continuing to focus on environmental science topics. Her second book entitled "Where's Winter?" tells the story of the effects of climate change on hibernating animals. This book, already accepted by a new publisher, heralds another accomplishment for Rounds: illustrator.

"I taught myself how to use the software so I could illustrate the next book myself," she said. "It's been a lot of fun."

"Charlotte's Bones" will be available in bookstores by the end of August.

Transitions at Kurn Hattin Homes for Children

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Kurn Hattin Homes for Children bid farewell to two retiring staff members. Jennifer Tallman taught at Kurn Hattin for 21 years as an elementary school teacher, educating children in grades two and three. Beverly DeCamp was a houseparent in Hubbard Cottage - the little girls' cottage - for 13 years, and her talents in sewing and decorations were well-known throughout campus. The retirement party for both of these longtime Kurn Hattin employees was full of joy and tears. We wish Jen and Bev a very happy retirement! We would also like to welcome two new administrators to Kurn Hattin: Director of Residential Services Nancy Richardson and Director of Counseling Christine Reid. Richardson comes to Kurn Hattin from Portland, Maine,



Jen Tallman and Bev DeCamp receive recognition for their many years of service to Kurn Hattin Homes for Children at their joint retirement celebration in June.

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New Kurn Hattin administrators Nancy Richardson, director of Residential Services, and Christine Reid, director of Counseling, join Kurn Hattin Homes for Children.

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where she served as the director of Residential Life for Washington Academy. Richardson says of her new role, "I want to make a difference in people's lives. At Kurn Hattin I'm giving back to the community. It feels like we are one big family here, and we all have the same mission."

Reid comes to Kurn Hattin from Health Care and Rehabilitation Services in Springfield, Vt., where she provided clinical and administrative supervision to a team of clinicians and case managers. Reid says of her new position, "I was initially intrigued by Kurn Hattin's programming for children and the multitude of opportunities that are provided to enrich children's lives. It is a wonderful community that I am so happy to now be a part of."

We are thrilled to have Nancy and Christine join our Kurn Hattin family!



Celebrating 90 years young

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center celebrated local seniors who are 90 years young (and older) with a birthday party July 26. Guests enjoyed a roast pork supper, birthday cake, and catching up with dear friends. Left to right: Turk Aumand, Phyllis Anderson, Nina Nichy, Cora Fletcher, Evelyn Kingsbury, Gerry Harty, Doreen Eno, Mary Smith, Rose Waryas, and Dot Perry.

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Seniors still need to boogie

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - An extensive discussion on transportation concerns related to local seniors will be held Monday, Aug. 13 at 3 p.m. at the Rockingham Library. The main goals of this program are to identify existing transportation services, challenges, and opportunities.

Rebecca Gagnon, general manager of The Current, will provide in-

formation about their transportation services by bus and car. Local senior Mary Brandt will describe her recent experiences trying to get around town when she was unable to drive due to an eye injury. Dr. Walter Griffiths, a local geriatrician, will discuss the impact on seniors' lives who have no reliable transportation. State representative Carolyn Partridge, state senator Becca Balint, municipal manager Wendi Harrison, Joanne Erenhouse from Senior Solutions, and the new director of Parks Place Wendi Germain have all

been invited to attend. Take this opportunity to weigh in on transportation services for our seniors. Feel free to make comments and ask questions. Be sure to bring along a senior neighbor, friend, or family member who would not otherwise be able to attend. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the Rockingham Library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls.



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ELECTION

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the number one reason I am running. My desire is to stop the financial bleeding. In essence, I am running to save the money."

His platform emphasizes fiscal policies to eliminate excess state spending and high taxation. It also includes investing in technical schools for job creation, eliminating the state agency of education and returning responsibility to the local school boards, protecting the Second Amendment and the "fundamental right to defend ourselves," preserving Vermont's wildlife and way of life by repealing the Vermont Renewable mandate, developing term limits, affordable health care with a free-market solution, reforming the correctional system, and elim-

inating Common Core from schools. For more information on Keith Stern, go to www.vermontgetstern.org.

Early voting is open at your local town clerk's office, either in-person or by requesting a ballot be mailed to you. Requests can be made online at www.mvp.sec.state.vt.us. Your ballot must be returned to the town clerk's office by 7 p.m. on Election Day in order to be counted. If you are not registered to vote, you may register any day including the day of the election. Voters who will be turning 18 before the General Election Nov. 6 are eligible to vote in the Primary Election, Aug. 14.

For more information about your local polling place, contact your town clerk.

SHOP AT A LOCAL FARMERS MARKET

Greater Falls

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The market is on the lawn in the Hetty Green Park every Friday through September from 3-7 p.m. Local farmers, bakers, and crafters showcase their products including local produce, meat, cheese, and artworks. A project of the Sustainable Valley Group.

For details, email greaterfallsfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

Ludlow

LUDLOW, Vt. - The market opens every Friday from 4-7 p.m. on the Okemo Mountain School front lawn, 53 Main St. (Route 103), south of the village. There is live music, and a full array of vendors including produce, crafters, hot foods, and more.

For details, a list of vendors, and more, go to ludlowfarmersmarket.org.

Townshend

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - A wide variety of fresh products, wood fired pizza, and crafts at a reasonable price. The market runs 4 - 7 p.m. every Friday until Oct. 6 on the lawn of the historic West Townshend Country Store. Sponsored by The West River Community Project.

Email westtownshend.org, or call 802-874-4800.

West River

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - A vibrant community of farmers, gardeners, food producers, artisans, and craftspeople. The market is located at the junctions of Rt. 11 and 100, Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

For more information visit westriverfarmersmarket.com, call 802-875-5004, and follow them on Facebook @westriverfarmersmarket.

FACT-TV shoots "Strange Happenings" series

BY BILL LOCKWOOD
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - FACT-TV Channel 8, the public access TV station in Bellows Falls, is shooting the second year of episodes in its locally produced TV series "Strange Happenings at the Vilas Bridge." Four school-age adolescents collaborate to unravel the mystery of the demon Malthomas and the legend of the two lovers and the rope bridge among other unusual happenings.

The first series of episodes subtitled "Promise" aired last season and had a premier showing at the Bellows Falls Opera House last fall. Producer and director Ales Stradling says the episodes currently being shot will premier at the Opera House around Halloween, and they will air on the station and on social media after that.

The strange happenings refer to a curse on the town and unexplained phenomena at the closed downtown bridge that once connected downtown Bellows Falls to North Walpole. Stradling says that more than a horror type story with paranormal happenings, it is a coming-of-age drama involving the kids as they unravel the mystery of the curse.

The script is written by Stradling, Mike Smith, and Kevin O'Connor who plays Officer Dan, one of the



The Vilas Bridge, scene of the "Strange Happenings" in the TV series. PHOTO BY BILL LOCKWOOD

adult leads. Scenes have been shot all around town including the closed bridge, the Rockingham Public Library, Miss Bellows Falls Diner, the lobby of the Rockingham Medical Center, and various interiors and other outside shots. Five school age adolescents have major roles. They are Andrew Malshuk, Kara Lescord, Dan Gabry, Colin Kimbal, and Ian Gould. Malshuk, who has worked in various positions with the station says, "I definitely learned a lot more about all the specifics that go into it, like scouting locations and making sure we have all the shots we need." Adults in the scenes were recruited from the local community theater

groups. Stradling says it is hard to find people. He got his sister-in-law to play one of the small parts at the diner at the last moment. He also noted the dedication of "the kids" who cleaned out the results of long animal occupation in an old sugar shack used for one of the scenes. Stradling says, "It's hard to pull off horror effectively," but "Bellows Falls is such a great location to film in... you don't need a lot of set dressing" with locations such as the old diner. A third season will be shot next year. Contact Stradling at FACT-TV for more information at 802-463-1613.

Children's concert delights the young at heart

BY KAREN ENGDAHL
The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - A crowd of eager listeners from infants to octogenarians filled the grassy Common on the evening of July 31 to hear the Springfield Community Band perform works ranging from traditional marches to a classical masterpiece composed with kids in mind.

Band members wore colorful costumes to celebrate the occasion and included such characters as Harry Potter, a Holstein cow, a Teenage Mutant Ninja turtle, several members of the VonTrapp family of "Sound of Music" fame, and a beautiful butterfly. Led by Fritz Wendlandt (in full Leiderhosen), they kicked off the evening with the famous "Washington Post March."

Emcee Pat Ankuda informed the audience that the march had been composed to honor the winner of an 1889 essay contest held by the Washington Post newspaper. The band played the march with gusto and was able to reprise the piece a little later when Anku-



Bass player "Ninja Turtle" Tom Minnifun and flutist "Butterfly" Sherry Wilumitis. PHOTO BY KAREN ENGDAHL

da invited children forward to serve as guest "conductors."

Featured as soloist in a medley of "Sound of Music" hits was soprano Grace Thompson whose lovely voice captivated the audience. After the medley Ankuda helped quell any restlessness by inviting children of all ages to join in the "Hokey Pokey."

A highlight of the concert was the performance of Prokofiev's "Peter

and the Wolf." In 1936, Sergei Prokofiev was commissioned by Natalya Sats, the director of the Central Children's Theatre in Moscow, to write a musical symphony for children. The intent was to introduce children to the individual instruments of the orchestra by using a narrator to describe characters as musicians provided "illustrations." The work debuted at a children's concert in the main hall of the Moscow Conservatory with the Moscow Philharmonic May 2, 1936. The American premiere took place in March 1938, with Prokofiev himself conducting the Boston Symphony Orchestra at Symphony Hall with Richard Hale narrating.

Springfield's narrator, teenager Eleanor Konings, explained that she likes to think of herself as a "story-teller." Her flawless execution of the role brought the music to life. Konings has also performed the role with the Upper Valley Community Band.

The Springfield Community Band's final concert for the season was Tuesday, Aug. 7 at the Hartness House Inn in Springfield. More information about the band is available on their Facebook page.

Springfield Sidewalk Sales will be Saturday, Aug. 11

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce is collaborating with area businesses and retailers for a Springfield Sidewalk Sales event Saturday, Aug. 11. This is a community-wide event offering shoppers the opportunity to learn more about local products, try new things, and enjoy great savings. So mark your calendar and get ready for a fun day of exploring!

- Dark Mountain Games will be offering 10 to 30 percent discounts on a variety of games, expansions, and books.
- Edgar May Health & Recreation Center will be demoing Spin, TRX, and BOGA outside their Studio Momentum at 71 Main Street.
- Flying Crow Coffee Co. will be doing a sidewalk sale out front of their downtown location at 3 Main Street that includes free iced coffee, snacks, and some giveaways, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Gallery at the VAULT's Artful Flea takes places from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- H&R Block staff will be on site at their 31 Main Street location offering popcorn, lemonade, and cookies, and providing important information about the new tax law changes.

- Shannon's Upscale Resale offers trendy and fashionable apparel at affordable prices.
- The Springfield Farmer's Market at 280 Clinton Street will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- The Springfield Food Co-op at 335 River Street in North Springfield will be having a tent sale with all items including housewares, body care, and supplements reduced for clearance.
- The Springfield Town Library is doing a pop-up book sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Children can jump into free science and tech activities with Michelle Stinson.
- Tina's Hallmark will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be a savings of 65-75 percent off sale items.
- The United Methodist Church at 10 Valley St. is hosting a bake sale, silent auction, and offering roasted corn-on-the-cob from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Their Second Saturday Community Supper is at 5 p.m. with hot dogs, salads, beverages, and dessert.
- Woodbury Florist in North Springfield will be having a porch sale with up to 75 percent off select items.

You'll probably have worked up an appetite after all that exploring! Treat yourself to a nice meal at one of

our wonderful area restaurants - Sheri's Place, Black Rock Steakhouse, The Copper Fox, The Subway, and Hartness House will all be open that evening for your dining pleasure. Then maybe round out your day with a few games of bowling at Up Your Alley, or catch a movie at Springfield Cinemas!

The Springfield Regional Chamber is proud to represent the many wonderful businesses in our area, and we hope you'll enjoy this opportunity to check out some places during Springfield Sidewalk Sales.

Scholarship awarded by Hospital in nurse's memory

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The 13th annual Eileen Austin Neal R.N. Nursing Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to Hannah Harlow of Bellows Falls, Vt., to attend Salve Regina University. Hannah, who attended Bellows Falls Union High School, believes that "to be a nurse you have to be smart and quick thinking. However, nursing also taps into a person's ability to be kind and compassionate."

Eileen Austin Neal was a registered nurse at Springfield Hospital for 64 years, retiring in 2005. She was the first recipient of the Hospital's George F. Leland Community Health Award in 2003. In

2004, the hospital established the Eileen Austin Neal Spirit of Nursing Award, given to a staff nurse, in recognition of her many years of dedicated service. Upon her death in February 2006, at the request of Eileen's family, Springfield Hospital established the nursing scholarship fund in her name with gifts received in her memory.

"Springfield Hospital is a better place for Eileen having worked here," says Larry Kraft, director of Development. "This scholarship continues her positive influence on both nursing and our community."



Bob Austin, family member of the late Eileen Austin Neal R.N., presents the 2018 scholarship award to Hannah Harlow at Springfield Hospital. PHOTO PROVIDED

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Boys Next Door

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Join the Springfield Community Players as they bring a humorous set of vignettes to the stage. "The Boys Next Door" follows the lives of four men with mental disabilities. Show dates start Aug. 17, doors at 7 p.m. The performances will be hosted at the Springfield Community Players Studio located at 165 South Street in Springfield.

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MVP, Mamava, and Konrad Prefab donate first lactation pod

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - A freestanding lactation pod is now installed at Springfield Health Center, thanks to the generous contributions of MVP Health Care, Mamava, and Konrad Prefab.

The lactation pod provides women privacy, cleanliness, and a quiet space designed just for them to nurse an infant or use a breast pump. Its daily presence is also an ongoing reminder of the importance of breastfeeding and the good it does for the health of babies, women, and families.

The suite is a self-contained, mobile pod with comfortable benches, a fold-down table, an electrical outlet for plugging in a breast pump, and a door that can be locked for privacy. The 4-foot by 8-foot pod is meant for individual use, but can fit more than one person, as well as mothers with babies and other children. The Mamava suite at Springfield Health Center is located on the ground floor in the main lobby area.

"We are grateful for the generosity of MVP Health Care, Mamava, and Konrad Prefab whose collaborative efforts made it possible for SMCS to introduce the first Mamava lactation suite in a health center setting in VT," comments Larry Kraft, director of Development for Springfield Medical Care Systems. He continues, "We are pleased to support nursing mothers in the community, and at work."

The public is invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony in celebration of National Health Center Week and National Breastfeeding Month. The ceremony will take place Wednesday, Aug. 15 at 2 p.m. in the main lobby at Springfield Health Center, 100 River Street, Springfield, Vt. Light refreshments and tours will be offered.



Mamava pod, privacy for pumping and breastfeeding. PHOTO PROVIDED

New kind of book club, the Bookies at Phoenix Books

CHESTER, Vt. - On Aug. 9, 2018, from 5 to 7 p.m., Phoenix Books Misty Valley will host a new kind of book club.

Have you always loved to read? Do you have your favorite authors but always look for new books? Are you guilty of breaking up a book club - or two - due to your controversial opinions?

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Instead of meeting monthly to discuss a single book, we meet to talk about what we've been reading and maybe bring a book to recommend. Feel free to bring a title to share or a few ideas of what book has made you think, made you laugh, or made



Join the new adult book club, the Bookies.

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Indigenous tales, science, and music with Michael Caduto

WESTMINSTER WEST, Vt. - On Sunday, Aug. 12 at 2 p.m., award-winning environmentalist and master storyteller Michael Caduto is coming to the Westminster West Library. He will present a powerful, entertaining program about renewable energy explored through science and the arts. Storytelling, music, and participatory experiences of today's energy technologies will engage audiences with the process of transforming the forces of nature into energy for everyday living.

The program will feature kid-powered demonstrations of wind power, solar energy, and magnetic-electrical power; indigenous tales of sun and wind; Fun Energy Facts quiz show; music for all ages to sing along to; cool renewable-powered

toys and gadgets; and a demonstration of how to make your own personal power station.

Michael Caduto is known for his entertaining, dynamic presentations of science, storytelling, song, and stewardship. His popular books include the "Keepers of the Earth" series, co-authored with Joseph Bruchac, "Earth Tales from Around the World" and "Catch the Wind, Harness the Sun: 22 Super-Charged Science Projects for Kids." Caduto's most recent book is "The Garden of Wisdom: Earth Tales from the Middle East." In 1984 he founded PEACE - Programs for Environmental Awareness & Cultural Exchange - to promote Earth stewardship and cultural diversity. He has traveled throughout North America, Europe, and the Middle East presenting performances, workshops, and



Michael Caduto. PHOTO PROVIDED

keynotes to more than 500,000 people. This humorous program is full of facts, activities, and special effects that reveal simple ways to harness natural sources for energy and reduce global climate change. Please join us or feel free to contact the library for more information at 802-387-4682 or westminsterwestlibrary@gmail.com.

Author book discussions at Northshire

MANCHESTER, Vt. - Join Northshire Bookstore, located at 4869 Main Street in Manchester Center, for a series of author book discussions and events.

Jamie Heath, "Wishes Are Medicine"

On Friday, Aug. 10 at 11 a.m., join us for an extra special kids' event and story time!

Make-A-Wish Vermont released a children's book called "Wishes are Medicine! How Make-A-Wish Gave me Hope and Helped me Heal," based on the true story of Jamie Heath who survived two strokes and had to learn to walk and read again. This book, illustrated by Leonard Kenyon tells the story of when Jamie meets her Wish Granters and dreams up her

wish to swim with sea turtles.

Jamie is a Wish Ambassador for Make-A-Wish Vermont. She regularly gives speeches at Make-A-Wish events and has appeared in public service announcements for the organization. Jamie lives with her mother in Barre, Vt. And she really, really loves turtles. She will be in our store to read this book along with Make-A-Wish Vermont CEO James Hathaway.

Ezra Parzybok, "Cannabis Consulting"

On Friday, Aug. 10 at 6 p.m., join us for "Cannabis Consulting: Helping Patients, Parents, and Practitioners Understand Medical Marijuana." "Cannabis Consulting" is both a handbook and a report from the front lines of medical marijuana use.

Ezra Parzybok tells the often-inspiring stories of his practice, where he assists victims of chronic pain, terminal disease, and even conditions such as ADHD. This timely volume was written for patients and families, law enforcement, and health professionals who are trying to make decisions about cannabis during this critical era of transition. It is an honest, clear-eyed exploration of the marijuana debate that looks beyond the hype and disinformation on both sides to chart a new path toward rational and safe use of cannabis.

Ezra Parzybok is a sculptor, writer, and professional marijuana consultant. He advises people on medical marijuana use and runs the website www.ezrahelps.com.

Keith O'Brien, "Fly Girls"

On Aug. 11, join us for an evening with author Keith O'Brien presenting from his new book "Fly Girls" where he shares the untold story of women who fought to compete against men in the high-stakes national air races of the 1920s and 1930s - and won!

Between the World Wars, no sport was more popular, or more dangerous, than airplane racing. Female pilots were more often ridiculed than praised for what the press portrayed as silly efforts to horn in on a manly, and deadly, pursuit. "Fly Girls" recounts how a cadre of women banded together to break the original glass ceiling: the entrenched prejudice that conspired to keep them out of the sky. O'Brien weaves together the stories of five remarkable women. Together, they fought for the chance to race against the men - and in 1936 one of them would triumph in the toughest race of all.

Meghan Maclean Weir, "The Book of Essie"

Northshire is thrilled to present an event with Meghan Maclean Weir Wednesday, Aug. 15 at 6 p.m. Her debut novel "The Book of Essie" is causing a sensation and is a finalist for the 2018 New England Book Award.

A captivating novel of family, fame, and religion that tells the story of the 17-year-old daughter of an evangelical preacher, star of the family's hit reality show, and the secret pregnancy that threatens to blow their entire world apart.

Meghan Maclean Weir was raised in the rectory of her father's church in Southbridge, Mass., and later moved with her family to Buffalo, N.Y. She lives and work as a physician in the Boston area. This is her first novel.

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Brothers and sisters

Patricia 'Richards' Decatur's father, Edward N. Richards, wrote a manuscript titled, "Anecdotes of the Richards Family." Pat's father was born in 1905 and grew up in the Exeter, New Hampshire area as did Pat.

Below are five stories for those who grew up with brothers and sisters. Edward Richards was one of seven children, six boys and one girl.

Paint job

"The Maple Street house had been recently painted white and Mama and Papa were quite proud of its appearance. On going out to the clothesline one day, Mama was horrified to see that someone had drawn great gobs and lines of green paint over the back of the house. In the middle of all this was a large, shaky "PWR." This called for instant action, and in a moment Phil was being well paddled, screeching his innocence at the top of his lungs. This was not unusual, but when he continued to plead not guilty, Mama investigated further by questioning Don. 'Oh, yes,' said Don, 'I painted the house.' 'Well,' Asked Mama, sharply, 'why did you paint Phil's initials?' 'Because I thought he would get the blame for it,' said Don reasonably."

The Apple Picker

"Phil tells about the time he persuaded brother Frank that Mrs. Illsley said they could have all the apples they wanted from her back orchard.

"Frank scrambled into the tree, but Phil was cautious enough to stay on terra firma, near the fence. Filling his blouse with the fruit, Frank looked down in astonishment to see the old ogress, Mrs. Illsley, stumping out from the barn, and to see his brother Phil disappearing toward Maple Street. Frank's explanations were all in vain. Mrs. Illsley voiced her sentiments to Mother, by telephone, about those Richards boys, and poor Frank suffered the blame in a far from Christian spirit."

The Archer

"Someone gave Frank a beautiful bow and arrow set, gleaming in fine varnish, with gorgeous feathered arrows in an ornate holder. Frank guarded his treasure jealously, so much so that

he wouldn't even try it out.

"Lauris was intensely interested and pleaded with Frank for days to be allowed a shot. Reluctantly, under constant badgering, Frank agreed, and the pair took it out on the porch at Maple Street. Lauris adjusted the arrow and pulled back strongly on the bow.

"CRACK," the bow broke squarely in the middle.

"Frank's face was a study in mingled rage and astonished disbelief. How could such a calamity occur, when he hadn't even had a try himself?"

Minor illness

"Blessed with a sound constitution, Lauris was seldom ill, but he was susceptible to suggestion. One time, at Park Street, he had caught a slight cold and was confined to bed. Frank and I decided to enliven his stay.

"Posting ourselves at the foot of the stairs, we began discussing his symptoms in hoarse whispers. We agreed on the seriousness of his condition and from that point proceeded to a discussion of his estate and a probable division of his clothing. It was only when we began measuring the turn in the stair landing for the casket and our surprised welcome to Mr. Jenkins, the local undertaker, that we had Lauris bolt upright in bed, clutching the blankets, with a conviction of immediate dissolution. "Thoroughly exasperated, Mother spared few words about our idea of entertainment for our sick brother."

The Pest

"As Lauris, Frank and I were growing up, we found more activities in common and were inclined to exclude the younger members from our company.

"To our brother Phil this was a circumstance of extreme exasperation, and his determination to go where we went would have done more credit to a more worthy cause. For his uncanny ability to sense the ex-



Pat Richards dressed in her Highlands dancer garb when she was a teenager. PHOTO PROVIDED

act moment we planned an excursion, lawful or otherwise, he early earned the title of 'The Pest.' All he had to do generally was to rush shrieking to Mama, and we would find ourselves burdened with our little brother Phil.

"Many were the stratagems employed, but one of our most successful was a casual saunter toward the corner, a full cry of 'Ooyay, aryay, okay let's skip him,' and away we would break in different directions. This had the desired effect of confusing our brother satisfactorily and allowed us to go our various ways in peace."

A couple years ago I stopped to visit Lee and Pat. I was telling them about a Mr. Heald from Oregon who came to the historical society researching his Heald roots in Chester.

I finished by telling them we discovered I was related to Mr. Heald. Pat looked at me and said, "Is his nose as big as yours?" I still laugh when I think of that day.

Give me a call at 802-374-0119 if you have antiques to donate for Chester Historical Society's annual antiques sale in September.

Art expo rescheduled to Labor Day weekend

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - The Londonderry Arts and Historical Society has postponed the Local Artist Expo to Aug. 31 through Columbus Day at the Custer Sharp House, 2461 Middletown Road, Londonderry. This exhibit showcases the work of regional artists working in all mediums. There will be an artists' opening reception Aug. 31, 5 - 7 p.m.

If you would like to exhibit, please contact Garrison Buxton at 917-602-

2153 or email garrison@adhocart.org. Receiving dates for submissions are Wednesdays and Thursdays, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 26, 2 - 4 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 27, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Tuesday, Aug. 28, 1:30 - 7:30 p.m., and the last day to drop off is Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2 p.m.

Artists should provide paperwork with artist's name, email, phone number, address, and complete list of works. All art must contain information on

the back including artist's name, title, description of that work, and price. Art must be hangable, ready to install/sell.

The Custer Sharp House is the headquarters of the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society. It is the former home of artists Bernadine Custer and Jimmy Sharp.

Visit the LAHS website for more information on other events and programming at www.LAHSVT.org or on Facebook.

Springfield in 1913 and 1914

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Come and take a walk down memory lane with us! Bunni Putnam, president of the Springfield Art and Historical Society, will present "Springfield in 1913 and 1914," Aug. 18 at 2 p.m. at the Nolan Murray Center in Springfield. This program is in conjunction with Springfield Hospital's 105th anniversary.

June 29, 1913 was when the Brotherhood Bible Class of the Methodist Church conceived the idea of the first hospital. It opened on Mt. Vernon Street Feb. 26, 1914.

We have combed through various Springfield history books, Springfield Reporters, town and school photographs, and other artifacts in the Historical Society collection to give you a sense of what the town was like. By this time J&L (1888), Fellows (1895), and Bryants (1910) were open, but no Lovejoy (1917) yet.

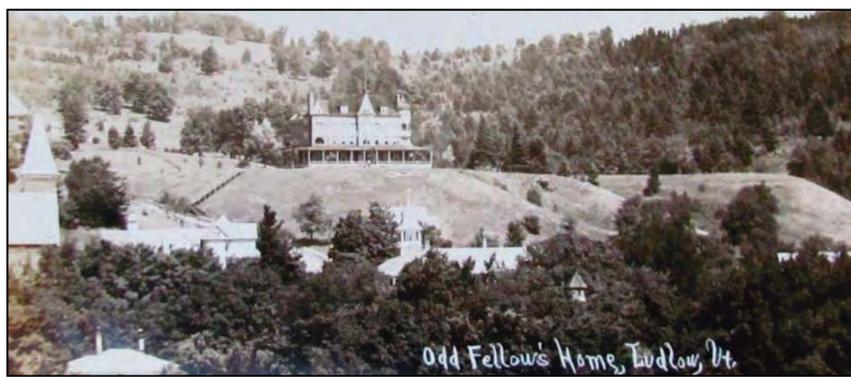


Paddock Road after the Flood of 1913.

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Included in this PowerPoint presentation will be the Flood of 1913, "The Great White Way" and electricity, schools, businesses, current fashions, transportation, and leisure activities. What did you do without TV? Social societies. But times were changing. This program is free and open to all. For more information, call 802-886-7935.

Remember when... Gill Odd Fellows Home



LUDLOW, Vt. - Do you remember the Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow? It was used to care for their Odd Fellows. The building was demolished around the '80s, and the Gill Odd Fellows Home was built in its current location on Gill Terrace.

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opinion

Op-Ed: Remember to vote in the Aug. 14 Primary Election

The Aug. 14 Vermont Primary Election is just two weeks away. While there has been some indication of lower voter turnout, I hope that as Vermonters, we can make sure that's not the case in our state.

Voting is the foundation of our democracy. When you go to the polls on Primary Day and Election Day, you're helping shape the future of our towns, our state, and our country. Mark your calendars today – Aug. 14 and Nov. 6 – and be sure to vote!

Early voting is also a great way to increase voter participation. You can vote early for the Aug. 14 Primary right now, either in-person at your local town clerk's office, or by requesting a ballot be mailed to you. Requests can be made by phone, email, walk-in, or online at www.mvp.sec.state.vt.us.

Reminder, your ballot must be returned to your municipal clerk by 7 p.m. on Election Day to ensure it's counted. Don't wait until the last minute!

It is unfortunate that in many parts of the country, there are attempts to enact laws that would

make it harder for legitimate voters to register and vote – in essence, to challenge or deny access to certain citizens to vote. That's not the case in Vermont!

As Secretary of State, I'm pleased to report that we've done many things in Vermont to ensure access to the ballot box for eligible voters. From same-day voter registration to automatic voter registration, we're working hard to eliminate any barriers to voting for Vermonters. We're also in the process of implementing a new, accessible voting system. This will allow individuals with disabilities to vote privately and independently, both at the polls and from home during the early voting period.

The issue of election cyber-security has been in the spotlight since fall 2016 when the news broke that Russian intelligence-service hackers targeted 21 states. Vermont was not one of the states targeted. Fortunately, of the states targeted, 20 successfully defended against the attacks, and our federal partners found no evidence that any votes being altered. Yet, we do know hack-

ers will continue to try to breach and disrupt our voting systems.

Cyber-security is a top priority for my office. In Vermont, we have taken many steps to protect our election system against cyber-attacks, including:

- Paper ballots for every vote cast in Vermont
- Random audits following the General Election
- Decentralized elections management, where vote tabulators are not connected to the internet, to each other, or to any external device either by Wi-Fi or hardwire

- Daily backup of our voter registration rolls

- Blacklisting known problem IP addresses

- Installation of a real-time monitor which constantly examines our system and reports on suspicious activity

- Periodic penetration testing

- Weekly Department of Homeland Security cyber-hygiene scans
- Trainings with municipal clerks, who are the front lines of our election system

- Implementation of two-factor authentication for any user who has

access to our voter registration and election management system

All 50 states need dedicated funding to ensure the integrity of elections now and into the future. We were successful in March, with the support of Sen. Patrick Leahy and others in Congress, in securing \$380 million (\$3 million for Vermont) in Help America Vote Act funds to be used for election cyber-security and election infrastructure upgrades in states.

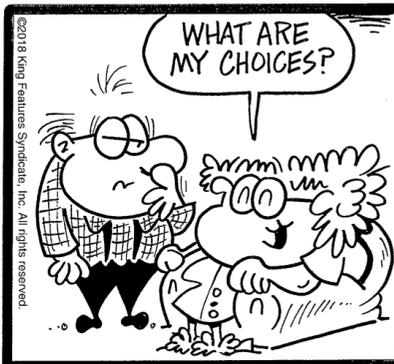
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us to stay updated. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us either on these accounts or my office. You can find contact information for my office at www.sec.state.vt.us. To find us on Facebook go to www.facebook.com/SecretaryOfStateJimCondos, and we're @VermontSOS on Twitter.

Please be sure to vote Aug. 14 and Nov. 6. Your vote is your voice! See you at the polls!

Written by Secretary of State Jim Condos.

The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As the election season nears, it is vital that we vet the candidates running for governor to determine who has the best plan to restore economic prosperity to the Vermont we so dearly love.

We are in desperate need of change.

We can no longer continue down the current path of government mismanagement for which we pay the price with ever-increasing taxes.

We need a leader who makes our state's economic recovery his actual top priority. We need a governor

who will not violate his oath of office for personal political gain. We need a leader we can trust.

I am supporting Keith Stern for governor in the Aug. 14 primary because he is not running to secure a political legacy. He is running to

rightfully return power to the people. I hope you will join me in giving your vote to Stern.

Sincerely,
Michele Mauti Lindberg
Cavendish, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I would like to announce that I am seeking reelection for the 2019/2020 legislative term as a Democrat for the Vermont House of Representatives for Windsor 3-1 District representing Andover, Baltimore, Chester, and parts of North Springfield.

It has been an honor to serve as your representative in Montpelier during the past two years, and I hope that the community will entrust me with that responsibility again in the

forthcoming legislative session.

I am proud of the work done in the last session serving on the Agriculture & Forestry Committee and as an active member of the Rural Economic Development Caucus, as well as supporting passage of gun safety legislation and a balanced budget.

We want a Vermont that works for all of us. My support of initiatives that provide the resources to make our state an attractive place to live

and work will continue to be a priority for me. I will work hard on improving the lives of Vermont's working families, cleaning up our waters, and helping rural economies and communities thrive.

I would love to have your support for another term to ensure that every Vermonter has the opportunity to earn a livable wage, receive a high-quality education and affordable health care, and to retire with secu-

rity.

I ask for your vote in the upcoming Democratic Primary Aug. 14, 2018.

Please feel free to contact me at 802-875-2222 or by email at tbock@leg.state.vt.us or tmbock@vermontel.net with your questions and concerns.

Sincerely,
Tom Bock
Chester, Vt.

Dear Editor,

In the recent Vermont Public Radio political poll, 47 percent of Vermonters polled approved of Peter Welch's job performance as Vermont's sole representative in Congress. Also, 47 percent of those polled know someone personally affected by the opiate epidemic. I wonder how many Vermonters would approve of Peter Welch's job per-

formance if they knew he was both heavily invested in companies selling opiates in Vermont as well as taking campaign contributions from these companies? (Source: www.vnews.com/Welch-Owens-Pharmaceutical-Stocks-17664313).

Gov. Phil Scott also takes campaign contributions from big pharma and specifically, Johnson

and especially Bernie Sanders more recently. Things have changed.

In the Vermont Democratic Primary, I am voting for Daniel Freilich who is challenging Peter Welch for U.S. Congress. Dr. Dan pledges to "reclaim Democratic Heart and Soul!" He is eminently qualified despite the fact that our local Vermont Democratic Party leadership has denied Dr. Dan the voter list. Who do they serve?

off the hardship of their constituents. The Primary Election is Tuesday Aug. 14. Vermonters have another opportunity to reestablish their relationship with their state and federal government. Please vote wisely.

Sincerely,
Stu Lindberg
Cavendish, Vt.

Dear Editor,

In looking at our current political leadership, many of us have been asking a fundamental question: who do you serve? Are there any signs of human compassion or acts of true presidential leadership coming from the White House?

I am particularly disappointed in our Congressman Peter Welch who has succumbed to taking PAC money from the pharmaceutical compa-

nies. He cosponsored HR.471, which streamlined how opioids are dispensed. A CBS "60 Minutes" documentary referred to the "sponsors of the bill as 'blood money' because many Americans may have died consequently."

So I ask Congressman Welch, who do you serve? I have always been supportive and proud of our Vermont Democratic leadership in Washing-

ton, and especially Bernie Sanders

and develop policy. Vermont politics has no room for divisiveness, name-calling, or lies. Christine Hallquist gets my vote for sure.

Your voice is your vote. Please vote for Christine Hallquist for Democratic nominee for governor Aug. 14.

Not only am I voting Aug. 14 on my Democratic ballot for Dr. Dan, I am actively working for him. I am hearing so much concern, so many questions, and a sense that these are times when one can no longer be silent and not act.

Sincerely,
Lew Watters
Chester, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I have done an exhaustive amount of research into the Democratic gubernatorial candidates. My research included online searches, library visits, attending or listening to forums, and talking to legislators and folks in the energy/conservation communities who have experiences with some of the candidates. My conclusion is that Christine Hallquist is the best Democratic candidate for governor.

I base this endorsement on a number of factors: relevant experience, management style, leadership qualities, the ability to bring people together, and the ability to think through policy. Hallquist has it all and walks the talk. As CEO of the Vermont Electric Coop, she used a collaborative management style to turn the company around. VEC now has top-notch credit ratings, provides excellent service, has a 96

percent renewable energy portfolio, and rates that remained the same four years in a row.

On the campaign trail, the other candidates talk about supporting union workers, but Hallquist as a CEO worked collaboratively with the union folks at VEC and received the same benefits as the union workers. Hallquist's campaign is the first campaign in Vermont to be staffed with union workers. She lives and does what the other candidates talk about. When she answers questions, she provides details on how she will accomplish things, and doesn't just go on and on about Vermont values. Hallquist has substance and values.

The most important thing to me in the world of politics today is to have a governor that is accessible, respectful, will bring people together, and who has the know-how to lead

and develop policy. Vermont politics has no room for divisiveness, name-calling, or lies. Christine Hallquist gets my vote for sure.

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Democratic nominee for governor Aug. 14.

Sincerely,
Char Osterlund
Springfield, Vt.

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Sunday services at the Landgrove Meeting House feature fellowship, music, lifted voices, and inspirational words. Set in a classic 160-year-old building in a pastoral Vermont landscape, services are held Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Through Aug. 26.

Richard Farren, 1956 – 2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Richard Farren, 61, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Springfield Friday, Aug. 3, 2018. He was born Sept. 30, 1956 in Bristol, Conn., the son of James and Helen (Hall) Farren. He graduated from Green Mountain High School class of 1974.

Richard worked as a carpenter in the area for many years, both self-employed and with various contractors in the area including Green Mountain Log Cabins and Gilchrist Enterprises.

He enjoyed camping, technical drawing, puzzles, and building models of all kinds. He was also an avid Red Sox and Patriots fan.

He is survived by his daughter Ashley Weyant of Windsor, Vt.; son Thailand Farren of Keene, N.H.; four

grandchildren Makayla Longtin, Makenna Weyant, Grace Farren, and Emmett Farren; brother Patrick Farren; three sisters Teri Pecor, Joanne Farren, and Victoria Farren; and also by several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by one brother Timothy Farren.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018 in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Proctorsville, Vt. The date for a celebration of life service will be announced at the cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to David's House at 461 Mt. Support Road, Lebanon, NH 03766.

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

Alston L. Springer, 1949 – 2018

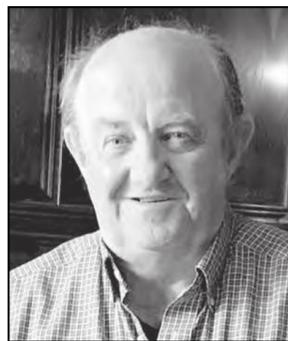
LUDLOW, Vt. - Alston L. Springer, 69, passed away July 26, 2018 at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. after a brief illness. He was born April 20, 1949 in Stamford, Conn., the son of Nelson F. Sr. and Florence (Layman) Springer. He attended schools in Stamford and graduated from Stamford Catholic High School and later graduated from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn.

He was married to Regina C. Tarnelli July 15, 1972 in Bridgeport, Conn. He owned and operated Al's Landscaping in Stamford, Conn. for 40 years. After retiring from landscaping, he moved to Vermont where he owned and operated Al's Antiques, which he loved doing for the past 16 years. He also sold Christmas trees in Ludlow for 16 years.

Al was known for his dry wit and fantastic laugh.

He is survived by his wife Reggie of Ludlow, one nephew Michael Springer, and two nieces Lynn Ann Huber and Laura Degling.

He was predeceased by his parents



Alston L. Springer, 1949 – 2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

and his brother Nelson F. Springer Jr. A memorial service will be held at a later date and will be announced at that time. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

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

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SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.

On Aug. 12, join us for "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor" at 10 a.m. with Rev. Mellen Kennedy. The service is intergenerational so children will stay in the service. From noon to 1 p.m., join us after coffee hour for "Bread and Roses, Too" discussion group on the book by Vermont author, Katherine Paterson. Call 802-885-3327 or go to www.uuspringfieldvt.org.

United Methodist Church, 10 Valley St.

Sunday worship is 9:30 a.m. Come and praise God through music, scripture, and prayer. Christian education and child care available during worship hour. Communion available weekly for those who wish to receive. Fellowship and refreshments after service. Service by the Rev. Gerry Piper. For more information, call 802-885-3456.

WESTMINSTER, VT.

Christian Family Circle Chapel, 1512 Back Westminister Rd.

Sunday song service begins at 10 a.m., Sunday school at 10:30 a.m. Fellowship lunch on first Sunday of each month. Non-denominational. Visit

Linda E. Davison, 1942 - 2018

CHESTER, Vt. - Linda Elaine Croteau Davison, 75, passed away at her home in Chester, Vt., July 30, 2018 after a long illness.

Linda was born in Keene, N.H. Aug. 20, 1942 to Leon and Shirley (Lang) Croteau of Marlboro, N.H. She graduated from Marlboro High School and moved to Washington, D.C. where she worked for the U.S. Government for a period of time. She met the love of her life, Carl Davison Sr. of Chester, while working as a secretary at the Keene Dodge-Plymouth car dealership. They were married Dec. 9, 1972 in Chester. After settling at their home in Chester, she worked at Readex (Newsbank) for several years where she made many lifelong friends.

Linda cared deeply for Carl's two children, Carl Jr. and Andrea, as well as her great-nieces Maya and Corinne Lindberg, always taking care of them when needed. She was an outgoing and friendly person who, with her sharp mind and attention to detail, could speak to any subject that came up, and always kept in touch with her neighbors, relatives, and friends in the community. Linda loved attending the St. Johnsbury Trucking Company annual picnics and camping with friends. She loved animals, especially cats. Her cat Sammy will be lost without her but will be a great comfort to Carl.

Linda is survived by her loving husband Carl Sr. of 46 years;



Linda E. Davison, 1942 - 2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

two brothers Douglas (Deborah) of Keene, N.H. and Wesley (Karen) of Venice, Fla.; their children stepson Carl Davison Jr. (Julia) of Melbourne, Fla., stepdaughter Andrea Greene (Albert) of Fair Haven, Vt.; grandchildren Joseph, Cody, Jeremy, and Sasha; two great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Wanda Mauti (Hank) of Andover; and nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her parents Leon and Shirley Croteau.

There will be no visiting hours. If friends desire, memorial gifts in Linda's memory may be made to the Springfield Humane Society, Skitchewaug Trail, Springfield, VT 05156. A private service will be held at a later date.

Alta J. Nestervich, 1928 - 2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Alta Jane Nestervich, 90, passed away Monday, July 30 at the Springfield Health & Rehab. Center surrounded by her loving family. She was born March 16, 1928 in Goffstown, N.H., the daughter of Elphege L. and Hattie J. (Chambers) Olivier. She attended schools in Manchester and Mediva, N.Y.

On March 4, 1949, she was married to Alexander Nestervich in Claremont, N.H. He predeceased her June 1, 2001.

She made her home in Claremont, N.H. for a short time before moving to Springfield, Vt. in 1954 where she has resided since.

She enjoyed cooking and gardening, loved animals and her dog Frosty, but most of all enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by two sons Joseph Cantasano of Lockport, N.Y. and Alexander P. Nestervich of Springfield,

Vt.; one daughter Valerie K. Matulonis of Springfield, Vt.; one brother Leon Olivier; two sisters Eva Trump and Gertrude Anderson; seven grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband Alexander, two brothers Frederick Olivier and Louis Olivier, and one sister Madeline Eckard.

Friends called at the Davis Memorial Chapel Monday evening, Aug. 6.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family with burial in the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Springfield Health & Rehab. Activities Fund, 105 Chester Road, Springfield, VT 05156 or to Bayada Hospice, 1222 Putney Road, Suite 203, Brattleboro, VT 05301.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel.

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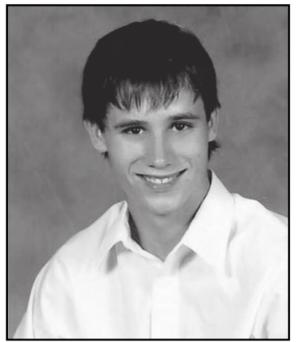
The First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Route 5

Regular Sunday worship is at 10 a.m. All are welcome! The church has a ramp and lift for wheelchair access and a handicapped bathroom. For more information, call 802-772-4148.

Joshua E. Bates, 1984 - 2018

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Joshua Eric Bates, 34, of Charlestown, N.H., died unexpectedly Monday, July 23, 2018 in Springfield, Vt. He was born in Hanover, N.H. July 19, 1984, the son of Arthur S. and Tamra L. (Snide) Bates. Joshua graduated with his high school diploma in 2003. Joshua worked in maintenance for 100 River Street LLC in Springfield, Vt. the past two years. Previously, he was a painter in the area for several years. Joshua had a passion for BMX bikes and riding, and loved Mustangs. He also enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family.

Besides his parents, with whom he lived in Charlestown, N.H., he leaves two daughters Kristin and Kyleigh Bates of Somersworth, N.H.; his sister Christina Bates of Claremont, N.H.; his maternal grandparents Edward Snide of Guilford, Maine and Katherine Gault of Lake Alfred, Fla.; his paternal grandmother Jean Bates of Charlestown, N.H.; and aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was predeceased by his paternal grandfather Arthur W. Bates.



Joshua E. Bates, 1984 - 2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

At Joshua's request, no services are planned. Donations in Joshua's memory may be made to a charity of one's choice.

"Joshua may be gone but will never be forgotten." Love, Dad, Mom, Christina, family, and friends.

Davis Memorial Chapel of Springfield is assisting the family with arrangements.

Bonnie L. Blake, 1948 - 2018

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. - Bonnie L. Blake formally of Weathersfield, Vt., passed away July 2, 2018. She was born April 20, 1948 in Springfield, Vt., and was the daughter of the late Urban M. Harvey and his wife Arlene Harvey. She was a graduate of Springfield High School. Upon graduating from high school, Bonnie worked at Fellows Gear Shaper. She spent most of her career employed by TD Bank Bellows Falls and retired as vice president.

She was an active member in her community and enjoyed the work she did as a member of the Springfield Garden Club. She loved her travels to Maine and particularly enjoyed time spent during the summers in York Beach strolling Long Sands. Golf and shopping were additional favorite past times. She loved the Christmas holiday and spreading that joy to others. She always cherished time spent with her friends. Bonnie would always take the extra time going above and beyond helping her customers at the bank and enjoyed catching up with each of them. Her greatest joy in life was the moments spent with her two grandchildren - reading to them, coloring with them, or taking part in their interests.



Bonnie L. Blake, 1948 - 2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

She is survived by her brother Bernard Harvey, stepbrother Richard King, her daughter Tanya Jones and her husband Chris, and her grandchildren Brady and Hannah.

A Celebration of Life will be held Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018 at The Inn at Weathersfield, 1342 VT Route 106, Perkinsville from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in remembrance of Bonnie may be made to the North Springfield Baptist Church - Santa Claus Club at 69 Main Street, North Springfield, VT 05150.

Louis Lasonde, 1931 - 2018

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Louis Lasonde, 87, of Leland Avenue died early Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018 at Hanover Terrace. Louis was born in Readsboro, Vt. Jan. 12, 1931, the son of Henry and Ella (Reed) Lasonde. He was a graduate of Bellows Falls High School, served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict and worked at Fellows Gear Shaper for 30 years.

On May 1, 1959 in Charlestown, N.H., he married Norma Patch who

survives. Also surviving is his daughter Luann Preddy of Barre, Vt.; and his grandchildren Jake and Lauren Preddy. He is predeceased by his parents and his brothers Lawrence, Bernard, Burton, and Edward Fairbrother, and his sister Marion Fairbrother.

Per Loui's wishes, there will be no services. Memorial donations in Loui's name may be made to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaug Trail, Springfield, VT 05156.



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BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

The Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl game took a step forward last Saturday. Vermont won for the third straight year, but most importantly, the game was more competitive. The Shrine Committee, which sets the parameters for the game, has worked for years to make competition be the next most important thing to the children whom the game benefits. That's probably the biggest reason the playing field for the game changed drastically four years ago.

You see the game had basically turned into a New Hampshire rout. Those who were interested in the contest for the rivalry between the two states had clearly lost interest. David can only defeat Goliath when several conditions line up perfectly.

I spoke to Shrine general chairman Kristi Morris last week, and he was pulling for a closer outcome. The final score was 24-13 Vermont, and the winners had to come from behind after halftime. The final count of 24-13 isn't perfect, but it is a step in the right direction.

Morris told me this week, "We were very pleased competition-wise. We did expect even a closer game. We knew New Hampshire would be bigger size-wise, but that Vermont interception for a score in the first half gave Vermont the advantage they needed."

There are formulas for the game. New Hampshire can select 12 representatives from each of their three divisions, while the Vermont formula is 8 players from Division I, 12 from Division II, and six from Division III. There will have to be some kind of change this year because New Hampshire is sporting four divisions again.

The current formula - which is also tagged with the stipulation that New



From left to right: Bellows Falls' Shane Clark, Logan Cota, and Jared Zobkiw and Fall Mountain's Chris Bashaw.

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Hampshire players can no longer play in both the New Hampshire CHAD East-West Game and the Shrine Game - will be reviewed again by the committee.

Formulas are necessary because New Hampshire has more teams, bigger schools, and more powerful programs in the top ranks than Vermont. That is why the dominance of the annual get together became so one-sided in the first place. In addition, the New Hampshire players playing in the East-West game were already in tip-top shape by the time July arrived because their game is in late June, and New Hampshire had even more of an advantage at one time because of that.

I'm sure the powers that run the game aren't interested, but my next move would be to keep the Vermont numbers exactly the same but change the New Hampshire numbers to 12 Division I, 10 Division II, 10 Division III, and four Division IV. The general understanding with the numbers is that the concern is with Division I specifically. Sometimes New Hampshire and Vermont can have more Division III players, and no one cares.

The other change I would make currently would be New Hampshire could have six players who actually played in the CHAD Game. Lately, the scales have definitely been tipped towards Vermont, and this allowance could help even things up even more.

And now the best news of all, 5,229 fans attended the game - the largest

crowd in some time - meaning the children at the Shriners Hospitals benefited from the fans' generosity.

In case you didn't hear, the bad news was that kick-off was delayed one hour and 25 minutes by thunderstorms. That may have put a damper on all, but once things started, the action was the closest outcome in three years.

Area football begins

All three area football teams begin practice next Monday. Side-by-side states are easy to make comparisons with, and usually when we make these comparisons, Vermont gets the edge, but this time I give the nod to New Hampshire.

Both states commence workouts the same day, but New Hampshire has a three-week preseason while Vermont only allows two. I prefer the third full week with scrimmages on consecutive Saturdays the final two weeks. In Vermont, since they have been limited to two weeks, many try to scrimmage twice during that second week.

Bellows Falls Bob Lockerby cut back to one scrimmage beginning last year choosing not to sacrifice skill time for the tune up tests. Lockerby does see a positive to the one scrimmage scenario. He tells me, "I have even got away from a lot of contact in practice. I know you can't scrimmage twice in four or five days in the preseason and expect to keep your team relatively healthy." Bellows Falls' only scrimmage will be Saturday, Aug. 25 at 10 a.m. in Windsor. The Terriers open the regular season at home Labor Day weekend, Friday, Aug. 31 versus Spaulding at 7 p.m. They compete in Division II.

Both Springfield and Fall Mountain will scrimmage twice including once against each other. The two teams will pop the pads at Fall Mountain Tuesday, Aug. 21 at 4 p.m. in Langdon. The Cosmos will also take part in a four-team affair in White River Junction Aug. 25. They will see action versus Hartford, Woodstock, and Burr & Burton. In a very strange scheduling twist, the Cosmos don't face Woodstock, a division opponent nearby. If the schedule makers did this to help Springfield play a more competitive schedule to their program, I salute the move. I certainly can't think of any other common sense reason. Springfield opens their season at home the same night Bellows Falls does, Friday, Aug. 31, hosting Bellows Free Academy of Fairfax at 7 p.m.

Fall Mountain has that extra week before beginning regular season play Saturday, Sept. 8 on the road at Raymond in a 1:30 p.m. contest. The Wildcats hope to stage a second scrimmage against Newport, but no date had been set as of Tuesday.

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



Shane Clark carried the ball for 20 yards in the Shrine game. Clark reports to Westfield State on Friday to begin his freshman year of practice in the sport.

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Logan Cota, a quarterback and a running back for the Terriers, played different roles in the Shrine game. He makes a tackle playing as a special teamer. He also saw time at tight end.

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Fall Mountain's Chris Bashaw (52) is trying to make some progress here against a Vermont line. Bashaw had two tackles for New Hampshire on the day.

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The Vermont offensive line was one of the keys to the Shrine Game victory. The nearest blocker in white is Jared Zobkiw doing his job, which many graded him highly on his play.

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Black River BioBlitz nets nature lovers

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - From mushrooms to mussels, wood turtles to warblers, bass to bugs, and milfoil to maple trees, visitors to the first Black River BioBlitz were treated to a little bit of everything. Adventuring from Muckross State Park to Hoyt's Landing, BioBlitz participants of all ages explored the woods and water all day and past dark. Their goal? To capture images on their phones and cameras of as many organisms as possible in one day, uploading them to the "2018 Black River BioBlitz" project page at www.iNaturalist.org. The images will serve to build the Vermont Atlas of Life as well as to help the State of Vermont inventory the flora and fauna of Muckross State Park.

A free shuttle bus ran between the sites all day, courtesy of Butler's Bus Service. While the BioBlitz was a free, family-friendly event, participants who donated were offered a commemorative button and a cinch sack provided by Clever Cow Designs of Springfield. Complimentary issues of Northern Woodlands magazine were distributed, courtesy of the publisher.

In addition to an early-bird walk with the Ascutney Mountain Audubon Society, participants were treated to exhibits and tours by experts and hobbyists including the Oriante Society; the State of Vermont's Fish & Wildlife Department; a fascinating "mushroom meander" into the woods of Muckross State Park; a paddle excursion with aquatic plant expert Laurie Callahan; an aquatic insect zoo with Billy Ernest; tree tours and discussions about forest pests and problems with Bob Little Tree and Barb Schultz. Lauren Griswold was also on hand at Muckross State Park, sharing information about the ValleyQuest program; and the State of Vermont sent Caleb Basa to man a portable, high-tech boat-rinsing device down at Hoyt's Landing, discussing the threats posed by aquatic invasive species with boaters at the Blitz and those just visiting the public access for the day.

When dusk descended on Hoyt's Landing, so did moth enthusiast



Young BioBlitzer meets largemouth bass.

PHOTO BY KELLY STETTNER

JoAnne Russo. Russo brought a full setup with a white cloth strung on a frame, a lantern, and various ultraviolet lights - all to seek out nocturnal insects! There were moths galore, caterpillars and small spiders all "hiding" in plain sight.

The event garnered over 130 individual observations on iNaturalist, with more on the way. BioBlitz was organized and run by the Black River

Action Team, and supported by a crew of several young adults with the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps who are camping nearby and seeking volunteer opportunities in the area for the rest of the summer. AmeriCorps NCCC members address critical needs related to natural and other disasters, infrastructure improvement, environmental stewardship and conservation, and urban and rural development. For more information, visit www.nationalservice.gov.

To learn more about the Black River Action Team's BioBlitz, check out the project page at www.inaturalist.org and search for "2018 Black River BioBlitz." For more information about BRAT, go to www.BlackRiverActionTeam.org or by contacting Kelly Stettner at blackrivercleanup@gmail.com. Voice messages may be left at 802-738-0456. Get in touch to find out how you can participate in the next BioBlitz!



Pierce Lawton banquet

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Bellows Falls Pierce Lawton Post 37 had their season-ending baseball banquet last week at the Bellows Falls Legion Hall. Jacob Streeter was presented the Louis Largess Most Valuable Player award for the season. From left to right: Head Coach Bill Lockerby, Streeter, Assistant Coach Shawn Burke, and Team General Manager Kevin Vancor.

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Hunting seminars starting Aug. 22

REGION - The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department will be hosting seven free hunting seminars that will be helpful for hunters who have some experience as well as for beginners.

The seminars will be taught by Vermont Fish & Wildlife staff and hunter education volunteers. "Both experienced and first-time hunters stand to benefit from these seminars," said John Pellegrini, Hunter Education Training coordinator with Vermont Fish & Wildlife.

Participants are urged to bring a lunch for the daylong seminars and dress for the weather as these seminars have an outdoor portion to them and will be held rain or shine.

Space is limited, and they fill up quickly, so sign up as early as possible

at www.vtfishandwildlife.com and clicking on the seminar portion of the Hunter Education page. For more information, call John Pellegrini at 802-793-1894.

- "Predator Hunting," Aug. 22 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Pelkey's Archery Shop, 275 Nason St., Saint Albans, Vt.
- "Hunting Vermont Black Bears," Aug. 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Linwood Smith's Archery Shop, 281 Old Bradley Road, St. Johnsbury, Vt.
- "Introduction to Bow Hunting," Sept. 5 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Linwood Smith's Archery Shop, 281 Old Bradley Road, St. Johnsbury, Vt.
- "Hunting with Primitive Firearms," Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Precision Valley Fish and Game Club, 2879 Route 106, Perkinsville, Vt.

• "Deer Processing," Sept. 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Mountain Deer Taxidermy, Northfield, Vt.

• "Squirrel Hunting," Sept. 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hale Mountain Fish and Game Club.

• "Deer Tracking," Oct. 17 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Mountain Deer Taxidermy, Northfield, Vt.

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. Please include a description of the accommodation you will need and contact information. Please send an email to Catherine.Gjessing@Vermont.Gov or call the office staff at 802-828-1000 (voice), 1-800-253-0191 (TTY).

A more detailed list can be found at www.vermontjournal.com.

Moose hunting permits for Veterans

REGION - The five winners of Vermont 2018 moose hunting permits for resident military veterans were determined in a randomized computer lottery drawing Aug. 1 at the Fish & Wildlife office in Montpelier. The five permit winners were among 100 military veteran applicants who applied at no cost by a July 6 deadline. The winners' names are posted on Vermont Fish & Wildlife's website at www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

No regular public lottery was held because only 13 moose hunting permits were authorized this year. If any public lottery permits had been offered, all those with bonus points from past seasons

would have had to apply or lose those points, as required by statute. By law, five permits were available to Vermont resident military veterans and up to three permits are available for "Special Opportunity" recipients with life-threatening illnesses. Also required by law, the remaining five permits will be auctioned with proceeds going to Fish & Wildlife conservation education programs.

Veteran applicants who did not receive a permit were awarded a veteran bonus point to improve their chances in any future moose permit lotteries.

Non-veteran applicants who have moose hunting bonus points from previous years will have those points "frozen" so that they may be

used in future years.

The permits may be used to take bull moose during Vermont's Oct. 20-25 regular moose season. Hunting will only be allowed in Wildlife Management Units E1 and E2 in the northeastern corner of the state where Fish & Wildlife recommends the moose population be maintained at its current level to reduce the effects of winter ticks.

As required by law, an auction for five moose hunting permits is open until Aug. 14. Sealed bids must be received by Vermont Fish & Wildlife by 4:30 p.m. that day. Contact the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department to receive a moose permit bid kit. Telephone 802-828-1190 or email cheri.waters@vermont.gov.

arts & entertainment

It's almost Palooza time

BELMONT, Vt. - On Saturday, Aug. 18 at the ODD Fellows Hall beside Star Lake in Belmont the fun commences. Starting off at 3 p.m. it's games, games, games, and lots of prizes. Plus DJ Brett Myhre keeps the fun moving with lots of music leading up to our live music event with Jenny Porter and Jeb Porter and Friends.

With less than a month to go, Rainbow Riding Center is busy gearing up for their second annual Summer Palooza! Have you started getting your boat ready for the Cardboard Regatta? It's a whole lotta fun - and sometimes a little wet.

Families and businesses, why not get a team or two together and challenge your friends, neighbors, or anyone else you can think of and see who can build the best and most floatable boat out of duct tape and cardboard. Trophies and bragging rights are at stake here.

At the lake, you will find fun for the whole family. Everyone can take part in the games, especially the traditional tug-of-war, and there will be a face painting table, raffle table, tie-dye shirt table, and a table of those fabulous desserts and cookies made by Gloria's Pantry. Who cares if you indulge before the barbecue at 5 p.m. You can always go back for more...if it's not all gone.

At 5 p.m., along with the barbecue, the live music starts. This year we are pleased to have Jenny Porter as our headliner along with Jeb Porter and Friends. The music continues until 8 p.m.

While you're here, don't forget to visit our silent auction tables in the



Regatta boat.

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ODD Fellows Hall where you will find donations and gift certificates from local businesses and restaurants from Killington to Manchester and most of the valleys in between. A \$50 gift certificate from the Pet Cage in Rutland plus a few surprises like a signed baseball by Red Sox Catcher Sandy Leon, two \$100 gift certificates for New Balance shoes, tickets for the activities at the Adventure Zone at Okemo's Jackson Gore, Weston Playhouse tickets, Montshire Museum passes, four tickets for a UVM Lady Cats Basketball game, special rates from Okemo Valley Golf Club, a bike tune-up by Mt. Cycology, Five Elements Salon gift certificates, specialty baskets and more and more coming in every day. Bidding begins at 3 p.m. and closes at 7 p.m. Winners can pick up their items from

7:30-8 p.m. Funds raised from Summer Palooza support Rainbow Riding Center's therapeutic horsemanship program, an important tool for improving the mental and physical well being of children and adults. The funds raised are used to support the program and also provide financial assistance to those that need our help but may not be able to afford it. We would like to thank our sponsors Rutland Regional Medical Center and GE Aviation, Cassellas, Ludlow Rotary, and Rutland Veterinary Clinic and Surgical Center for their generous donations. So mark your calendars, get your boats ready, and come celebrate summer with us Aug. 18, 3-8 p.m. For more information and regatta rules, go to www.reinbowriding-center.org.

Sounds of Sensible Shoes

CAVENDISH, Vt. - The Town of Cavendish and the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association invite everyone to spend an evening listening to the sounds of Sensible Shoes on the Proctorsville Green Wednesday, Aug. 15 at 6 p.m.

Sensible Shoes is a returning regular to the Proctorsville Green and is always warmly welcomed to the gazebo. The four members are drummer and singer Steve Dreber, lead guitarist and singer Tim

Utt, bass guitar and vocalist Pooch Sprague, and Barbara Blaisdell on keyboard.

This will be the last of this year's regularly scheduled concerts that are held on consecutive Wednesday nights in July and August, and will be sponsored by Outer Limits Brewery in Proctorsville.

However, due to previous rain postponements, there will be more concerts in August this year. Watch for date announcements.

Cavendish encourages all area resi-

dents and visitors to join their friends and neighbors in front of the gazebo on the green. Bring a blanket or a comfortable chair, have a picnic, or just lie back and relax on the grass. It's a fun way to enjoy the summer weather and either reconnect with old friends or make new ones.

As always, the concerts are free and open to all. For more information, please call Robin at 802-226-7736. In the event of rain, postponement information will be reflected on the Cavendish Facebook page.

Black River Academy Museum chair caning class

LUDLOW, Vt. - Do you have a favorite chair that needs some repairs and you are not sure what to do with it? Well, join us at the museum Saturday, Aug. 11 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. All supplies will be included with the participation fee. Participants are asked to bring a bag lunch.

We would like to see your chair before Aug. 6, so that the correct supplies will be ready for your use. You can email the photos to Georgia Brehm, museum director, at gibrehm@tds.net. See you there with your chair.



Repair one of your old chairs.

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Saxtons River Art Guild exhibits

REGION - Janet Moore of West Chesterfield, N.H., is exhibiting her watercolor and oil paintings at the River Valley Credit Union in Townshend, Vt. Artwork by Jonathan Otto of Sarasota, Fla., is on exhibit at People's United Bank in Chester. Deedee Jones, Pat McPike, and Maggie Smith

along with Carol Stephens are showing their work at the Horizon Dental Clinic on Putney Road in Brattleboro, Vt. Watercolors by Alstead, N.H. artist Donna Lund will be on display on the solo wall of Rockingham Medical Group in Bellows Falls, Vt.

The exhibits are free of charge and

may be seen during regular business hours from August until November. All exhibits are sponsored by Saxtons River Art Guild, a nonprofit organization devoted to the advancement and encouragement of the fine arts. The group includes members throughout the Connecticut River Valley.

Stone Hearth Inn 7th annual Hot Dog Cook-Off

CHESTER, Vt. - On Sunday afternoon, Aug. 12, the Stone Hearth Inn will host the 7th annual Hot Dog Cook-Off. This family-friendly community fundraiser benefits the Chester-Andover Family Center and local youth athletic organizations. The event takes place from 1 to 4 p.m. and features music, prizes and the famous Chester-Andover Family Center Silent Auction and Basket Raffle. The best part, however, is the rivalry among the "hot dog" chefs. Eleven chefs have entered the competition and will be cooking "dogs" during the cook-off.

The price of admission entitles you to all the hot dogs you can eat and a chance to vote for your favorite dog. Last year, Billy won the "Best Dog in

Show" with his spectacular New Orleans style "Big Easy." Will he retain his title? Join us at the Stone Hearth Inn from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12 and vote for your favorite dog.

Your participation will support the Chester-Andover Family Center Food Shelf and financial assistance program helping local residents struggling to make ends meet and provides funding for local youth athletic programs.



Join in the hot dog cook-off!

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The Stone Hearth is located at 698 Route 11 W in Chester. Call the Stone Hearth at 802-875-2525 or CAFC at 802-875-3236 for more information.

A zombie musical

CLAREMONT, N.H. - The Repertory Theatre Company at Claremont Opera House will perform "Last Dance...The Zombie Musical" at 7 p.m., Aug. 10 and 11 on the Claremont Opera House stage. This original tale set in a town called Clamrot, written by Larissa Cahill, is based on a concept by the REP about undead dating with a happily-ever-after life.

Can a reanimated corpse fall in love? This hilarious zombie dating parody proves you can. Even for the undead, dating can be a nightmare. Not even fowl breath, bad hair, and missing appendages will stop the prowl for soulmates.

There are some strange stirrings at the local Clamrot cemetery. This production is a parody tribute to "Night of the Living Dead" meets "Disco Inferno" with a unique nod to "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." An unusual space/time anomaly has allowed this group of zombies to roam the earth for one more evening of fun and to see if a zombie can find true love with the living. Will zombie lips fall off on that first kiss? Director Larissa Cahill said, "Last Dance is a tribute to my mom who is a total disco queen. I grew up listening to this music on the radio and her records so my hope is that the audience enjoys this retrospective as much as I've had fun writing it because who doesn't like Donna Somers, The Bee Gees, and of course Barry Manilow."

General admission tickets can be purchased by phone, in person, night of show, or at www.claremontoperahouse.org where you can print at home or order will call tickets.

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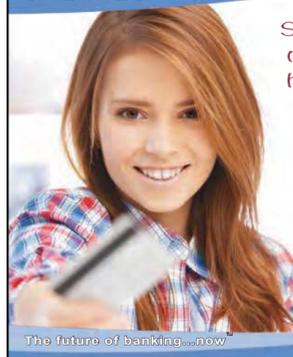
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arts & entertainment

The 27th annual Late Summer Arts and Craft Festival

LUDLOW, Vt. - If you missed our July 7 Arts and Craft Festival, you'll certainly want to attend our second special event of this summer, featuring quality artisans. The Society of Vermont Artists and Craftsmen's 27th annual Late Summer Arts and Craft Festival will be held Saturday, Aug. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine, at the Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts, located on Route 103 south of Ludlow, Vt. This year we are pleased to combine our event with the Ludlow Chamber Chrome Show.

Juried crafts will feature water and oil paintings, folk art, primitives, jewelry, woodworking, photography, fabric products, pottery, handmade soaps, maple syrup, party dips and herbal products, hand woven items, and much, much more. There will be many of your favorite artisans returning for the August festival, as well as a variety of designs and products of new participants.

Demonstrations by instructors at the Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts will take place throughout the day. Charles Dion will demonstrate the art of chainsaw carving. Food concessions will offer a variety of items, which will tempt your appetite for lunch. The Lazy Cow will offer delicious ice cream. Raffles and a silent auction will benefit the Fletcher Farm School.

The Society Craft and Gift Shoppe is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The society is also having a fabric sale.

We hope you and your family will join us for another special festival. Mark the date on your calendar; come and enjoy the Chrome and Craft Festival Saturday, Aug. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Vermont State Fair returns for 173rd year

RUTLAND, Vt. - Vermont State Fair returns for its 173rd year Tuesday, Aug. 14. The gates open at 1 p.m. and the Midway opens at 5 p.m. with admission fee and free parking.

The Vermont State Fair is an agricultural fair that first took place in 1846, originally named the Rutland Fair. It is one of the oldest state fairs in the United States. Renamed the Vermont State Fair in 1972, the fair is now located at 175 South Main Street in Rutland and is held by the Rutland County Agricultural Society.

This year's fair features fun for the whole family, from the Midway rides provided by Amusements of America to the Woodbooger Demolition Derbies at the Springfield Buick GMC grandstand. The Vermont State Fair runs from Tuesday, Aug. 14 to Saturday, Aug. 18 with many exciting events each day.

The Barnyard Cackle Review will run every half hour, from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Rocky Da' Roosta and his cackling hens will entertain guests with their funny family-friendly



The Vermont State Fair, originally called Rutland Fair, returns for the 173rd year. PHOTO PROVIDED

jokes. Rosaire's Royal Racers - racing pigs - will also return each day at 2, 4, 6, and 8:30 p.m. to race around a 180-foot-long track. Cheer for your favorite pig. Win prizes if your pig wins!

Woodbooger Demolition Derbies will be in front of the Springfield Buick GMC grandstand twice this year: Wednesday, Aug. 15 and Saturday, Aug. 18. On Thursday, Aug.

16 you can register to "run what you bring" on the drag racing track. On Friday, Aug. 17, don't miss Grammy Award-winner Dan Tyminski, who sang "Man of Constant Sorrows" for the movie "O Brother Where Art Thou."

For more information, contact the Fair Office at 802-775-5200 or go to www.vermontstatefair.org to purchase tickets online.

Twilight On The Tavern Lawn presents M.O.D.

PUTNEY, Vt. - Twilight Music continues its 16th annual Twilight On The Tavern Lawn series of summer concerts Sunday, Aug. 12 with M.O.D. - Molly Steinmark's funk, soul-jazz, hip-hop and R&B band. The seven concert series continues every other Sunday through Aug. 26. All concerts begin at 6 p.m. in downtown Putney on the Putney Tavern lawn or at Next Stage at 15 Kimball Hill in case of rain. The series is sponsored by the Town of Putney, Green Mountain Well, Soundview Paper Company, The Putney Food Co-op, The Stockwell Brothers, and many other Putney area businesses and organizations. The concerts are free to the public and food will be available. For more information, call 802-387-5772 or visit www.twilightmusic.org.



Molly Steinmark.

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Steinmark blends the sounds of jazz, hip-hop, funk, and soul music, backed by a rotating cast of the area's finest musicians. The former singer and percussionist of the bands Groove Shoes, Mo Ambesa, and Dr. Reputation, Molly is now

working as a freelance musician while putting together her debut solo album.

Besides providing the basic

Fletcher Farm School more classes

LUDLOW, Vt. - The picturesque Fletcher Farm campus lies along Route 103 in Vermont's Black River Valley between Ludlow and Proctorsville. Since its inception, the Fletcher Farm School has offered thousands of classes in traditional and emerging arts and crafts, many led by world-class artists. Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts celebrates its 71st anniversary this summer.

Besides providing the basic

skills in the arts and crafts taught there, instructors provide historical background and strive to link that background to contemporary culture. Students are invited to explore their creativity and are given support in this endeavor by nationally renowned instructors.

Following is a list of the classes the school will be offering in August:

- Steps to Outdoor Painting in Oils with Lynn VanNetta, Aug. 17-19
- Useful Baskets with Dona Nazarenko, Aug. 18-19
- Using Technology to Make Art (ages 8-17) with Janalyn Peepel, Aug. 21

- Landscape Painting in Watercolor with Robert O'Brien, Aug. 22-24
- Basics of 3D Digital Design with Janalyn Peepel, Aug. 22-24
- Let's Explore Basketry II with Dona Nazarenko, Aug. 25-26
- The Art of Fly Casting with Susan Damone Balch, Aug. 25
- Introduction to Fly Tying with Peggy Brenner, Aug. 26

Class and material fees vary, but advance registration is required for all classes. Most classes fill quickly, so please register early to ensure your place. Further information and online registration is available on the school's website at www.fletcherfarm.org.

Tommy Bones and the Thunderous Tones to perform in Jamaica

JAMAICA, Vt. - The Jamaica Community Arts continues their summer concert series at the historic Jamaica Town Hall Thursday, Aug. 16 with a performance of traditional Irish music by Tommy Bones and the Thunderous Tones.

The group formed roughly 15 years ago from sharing their love of playing Irish music at the Red Fox Inn of Winhall, Vt. Many of the band members have even traveled together in Ireland; Tom Logan of the Red Fox, but also Jill Newton

and Laurie Indenbaum who both play the fiddle and Thomas Logan who plays the bass. The group also includes Allen Partridge on guitar and Jake Geppert on vocals, banjo, and mandolin. They are all very excited to play a second season in the historic hall with its renowned acoustics.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall located at 3735 VT Route 30. For more information on this and other events, go to www.jamaicacommunityarts.org.

The Artful Flea returns to Gallery at the VAULT, part of the Sidewalk Sale

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Gallery at the VAULT's Artful Flea returns Aug. 11 as a fun part of Springfield's Sidewalk Sale. It's been a few years since we've held this flea market event that offers artful finds or finds that can be used artfully. Perhaps you'll discover artist or craft supplies, jewelry, art books, or other interesting items to spark your creativity.

Items to donate may be brought to Gallery at VAULT on 68 Main St. in Springfield, open from 11:30

a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday to Saturday. Our storage space is limited so we are not able to take large items and please no electronics.

Artful Flea benefits VAULT programs, which include exhibits and workshops for students and adults. VAULT, a Vermont State Craft Center, sells the work of 160 artists and is delighted to be next door to the new Copper Fox restaurant and part of Springfield's historic downtown in a 1907 bank.

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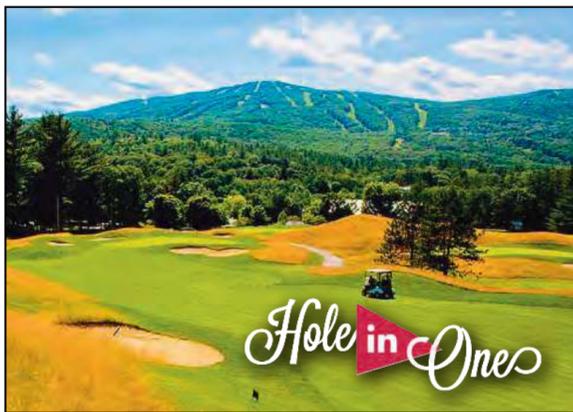
Two senior championship players score aces

LUDLOW, Vt. - Two golf professionals made holes-in-one at Okemo Valley Golf Club during the NEPGA Senior Championship Monday, July 30.

Chris Bohac, a golf professional at Kirkbrae Country Club, in Lincoln, R.I., aced the eighth hole. Bohac made the 173-yard hole-in-one using an 8 iron. Paul Politano and Fred Auletto witnessed the amazing feat.

John Paesani, a golf professional at The Bay Club at Mattapoisett, in Mattapoisett, Mass., made a hole-in-one on the fourth hole. The 150-yard ace was witnessed by John Hickson and Greg Farland.

Okemo Valley Golf Club is Vermont's first heathland-style golf course and was designed according to the traditions of the game. The championship 18-hole golf course features a full-service clubhouse, indoor practice facility, 18-acre outdoor training center, fully stocked pro shop and fleet of electric carts. The layout is a par 70 that measures 6,400 yards in length and features bent grass greens, tees and fairways with multiple tee areas on each hole,



Two holes-in-one scored at Okemo Valley Golf Club.

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ensuring playability and challenge for all ability levels. Rolling hills, moderate elevation changes and wide fairways with well-placed hazards enhance the heathland layout.

For more information about Okemo Valley Golf Club, please call

802-228-1396 or visit www.golf.okemo.com.

OVGC Men's League

LUDLOW, Vt. - The final two weeks of Okemo Valley Golf Club's Men's League are shaping up to be a race of historic proportions. There are five teams that could win it all, and eight teams that could come in the money. Winning the night, July 31, and moving into third place overall, was Engel & Volkers. Chris Garvey, Austin Danyew, Larry Plumb, and Fra Devine combined to win a whopping 26.5 holes. Finishing in second place for the night, and remaining in the top four in overall standings, was Knight Tubs. Clemente Delarosa, Mark Montgela, Jake Pierce, and Ken Guy combined to win 21 holes. Finishing third and staying relevant in the overall race, was Diamond Realty, as Roger Danyew, Mark Griffin, Bob Ahlers, and Craig Peters combined to win 19 holes. Closest to the pin winners were Clemente Delarosa on the eighth hole and Charlie Howard

on the fourth.

Weekly results:

- 1st Engel & Volkers - 26/13
- 2nd Knight Tubs - 21/13
- 3rd Diamond Realty - 19/11
- 4th Benson's Chevrolet - 19/10
- 5th Built Rite MFG. - 19/9
- 6th Huntley's Wealth Management - 17/8
- 7th Stryhas Builders - 17/7
- 8th Skygate Financial - 17/6
- 9th Honey Dew Man - 15/5
- 10th Green Mountain Appraisals - 9.5/4

Season standings:

- 1st Stryhas Builders - 117
- Tie Benson's Chevrolet - 117
- 3rd Engel & Volkers - 113
- 4th Knight Tubs - 102
- 5th Honey Dew Man - 98
- 6th Huntley's Wealth Management - 96
- 7th Diamond Realty - 92
- 8th Skygate Financial - 90
- 9th Built Rite MFG. - 73
- 10th Green Mountain Appraisals - 70

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Vermont Mid-Amateur Championship at Sugarbush

WARREN, Vt. - The greens have fully recovered from last month's aeration. Thanks to a bit of rain, the course is lush and in immaculate condition. Make your next outing easier by setting up your tee time online.

This month brings the Vermont Mid-Amateur Championship. If you're a Vermont golfer age 25 and above, don't forget to sign up for this great event at www.vtga.org.

The championship takes place Thursday, Aug. 16 and is limited to 78 players. It consists of an 18-hole stroke play qualifier Thursday. The field cut will be 32 on Friday. The final



Sugarbush Mid-Amateur Championship golf.

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match will culminate Sunday, Aug. 19. Entry deadline is Aug. 10, 2018. Active, valid GHIN handicap is required for all participants. Infor-

mation on practice rounds and other information will be emailed to all participants and posted on the website as soon as it becomes available.

Pairings for the stroke play qualifying round to be held Thursday, Aug. 16 at the Sugarbush Resort Golf Club. They will be available on the VTGA website and emailed to participants upon the close of entries.

For more information, go to www.vtga.org or www.sugarbush.com or call 800-537-8427. Sugarbush Resort Golf Club is located at 102 Forest Drive, Warren, Vt.

Bellows Falls Gentlemen's League

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Country Club Gentlemen's League went into their 11th week Thursday, July 26.

Their season results are:

- Terry Keefe - 40
- Don Garrow - 40
- Bob Smith - 34
- Fran Stewart - 34
- Jim Houghton - 28
- John Williams - 27
- Mike Kangas - 24
- Jim MacMahan - 23
- David Westover - 23
- Larry Bolaski - 22

- Rich Demuzio - 20
- Ken Kinson - 18
- Butch Stearns - 14
- Gerry McAuliffe - 12
- Hardy Merrill - 12
- Steve Bouch - 11
- Norm Bartlett - 11
- Carl Snide - 9
- Don Beers - 6
- Henry Abbott - 5

For more information about the Bellows Falls Country Club, please call the clubhouse at 802-463-9809 or visit www.bellowsfallscountryclub.com.

Tater Hill Men's League

WINDSOR, Vt. - We have come to the end of league play. East Easy Riders will battle the Chester Boyz for the crown of the Mountain Division, while LaSalle will take on Dam Diner in the Valley Division Aug. 9. The winners will play for the overall League Cham-

ionship Thursday, Aug. 16. Congratulations to all.

Mountain Division

- East Easy Riders - 59
- Chester Boyz - 58
- Lisa's - 54
- Shack Attack - 54
- TK Trucking - 45
- Stoneman - 44
- Camp Holly - 43
- Eagle Hunters - 43
- Green Door - 33
- Ovitt - 28
- Powerglide - 24

Valley Division

- LaSalle - 64
- Dam Diner - 58
- Jake's - 54
- Coleman's - 53
- Piper Hill - 50
- Members - 45
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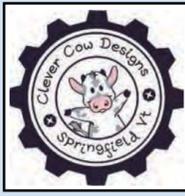
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Kathy and Conrad McCroy opened Clever Cow Designs in May of 2016 in Springfield, Vt., offering quality custom designs at fair prices, "strengthening the relationship between entrepreneurs and their community through promotional products." They offer designs for apparel, banners, window and sign vinyl, game mats, dice bags, hats, stickers, and more. Most of their work has been signage and branding for local businesses, but other custom designs are available such as window decals, bags, and clothing for personal use.

Clever Cow Designs is a family-owned business, operated by Kathy and Conrad, and occasionally their son Clark. "At first we came to support our friends opening their new business, Dark Mountain Games," a game store that made its own start in Springfield, where the McCroy's now share their workspace for their design shop. "Then we met other small business owners, and their customers," Kathy explained, and the McCroys decided to help promote local businesses by creating their new brands and designs, while also supporting the community by getting individuals to shop local.

"We commonly fall under the direct sales model," Kathy explained. Custom designs are mainly ordered off their website, and since they have a shared workspace, personal visits are held in their Springfield location by appointment only. They also "host online stores for different local businesses," included Springfield Humane Society, Springfield Wrestling, and Dark Mountain Games. They are hoping to soon work with Black River Action Team to do an online store for them as well.

To the McCroy's, Clever Cow Designs is all about the quality of their designs and products, as well as the satisfaction of their local customers, both commercial and individual. "We don't want you to buy something just so we make money. We want you to buy something because it supports you, your cause, your family, or our community," Kathy said. "That is what shopping local is about."



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Berglund at 603-352-7398 for additional information, or to register for the workshop.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 22 - PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Take a Batch Cooking Class at DG Bodyworks in Proctorsville Wednesday, Aug. 22 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. There will be demonstrations, recipes, and instructions for healthy snacks, lunches, dinners, and a special ketogenic dessert! This is a great class for those with a busy lifestyle who still want to eat healthy and want quick access to convenient foods. Food tastings will be served. Space is limited and there is a fee so reserve your spot by calling 603-401-8123.

MONDAY AND THURSDAYS - 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. through Thursday, Aug. 23. Anyone who wishes to join us for a healthy exercise program please call so that paperwork and weights are ready for you. The program is free and all are welcome. Contact Judy Nevin 802-259-2443 to sign up.

MONDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center Knit and Stitch group meets Mondays at 9 a.m. They

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

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

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

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Sit and Knit workshop every Wednesday from 7 – 9 p.m. at the South Londonderry Free Library in the Janeway Wing, located at 15 Old School Road, South Londonderry, Vt.

THURSDAYS – CAVENDISH, Vt. – From 7 to 8 p.m., join a Tai Chi beginners' class at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Cavendish/Proctorsville, Vt., next to the Post Office at the corner of Rt. 131 and Depot St. There is a monthly tuition cost. To learn more about the classes, please contact Djemila at 802-490-0225, by email: djem.translator@gmail.

com or check for updates on Facebook: www.facebook.com/gemstaichi/. TFN

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

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

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

WEEKLY – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Youth and adult swim lessons are available at Edgar May Heath and Recreation throughout the year. Check their website for days, times and details at www.myreccenter.org or for an appointment call 802-885-2568. TFN

REGION - Bone Builders to combat osteoporosis. Free and open to 55+. Call 802-674-4547. Mondays and Wednesdays classes are held at Martin Memorial Hall in Acutney from 10 - 11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday classes are held at Cavendish Baptist Church from 10 - 11:30 a.m. or at Andover Community Church from 3 – 4 p.m. TFN

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Adult Learning offers on-going classes to earn your high school diploma. Anyone interested contact 802-546-0879 or visit Vermont Adult Learning at 363 River St. in North Springfield. TFN

View the weekly Calendar online!

www.VermontJournal.com

2018-2019 Bus Routes

Green Mountain Unified School District

GREEN MOUNTAIN UNION HIGH SCHOOL - CHESTER ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAVENDISH TOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

716 VT RTE 103 SOUTH, CHESTER, VT. 05143 - 802-875-2146

Director of Maintenance and Transportation: Todd Parah, Phone 875-4246 Fax 875-3183

Green Mountain Union High School announces the following bus schedule for the 2018/19 school year.

Bus routes will begin running on Monday August 27 for 7th grade orientation, and then for all students starting on Wednesday August 29th.

Bus questions should be directed to Todd Parah, the transportation supervisor at 875-4246. Please note that the a.m. and p.m. routes may not be the same. Green Mountain's bus drivers make every effort to provide a safe and comfortable ride to and from school. Parents should review expectations for good bus behavior with their children. Please remember that times are approximate. Please have your student at the bus stop 5-10 minutes early during the first week of school.

ROUTE 1 BALTIMORE

6:15am Baltimore Rd bus will be going in from Rt. 106 to Baltimore Rd
6:20-6:25 Ivek
6:30 Gould Rd
6:35 Amsden Hill Rd and turn around at the top
6:40 Mineral Springs
6:42 Back out to Rt 10
6:43 1626 RT 10
6:44 1337 Rt 10
6:45 Chandler Rd
6:45 Left on Mattson
6:50 Pick up at Graham Rd and turn around go to Tarbell
7:00 3713
7:01 3559
7:03 Pick up at end of Crow Hill
Turn Right onto Flamstead
7:10 Turn Right onto Flamstead
Proceed to Green Mountain then CAES.

ROUTE 2 Cavendish to GM

6:00 am Depart GM to Cavendish
6:25 Start end of Knapp Pond Rd
Right on Tarbell Hill and pick up to Greenbush
6:30 Greenbush to Stevens Rd to Green Bush to East Rd
Pick ups along the way.
6:35 Chambers and East Rd Turn around back to East Rd and Tarbell Hill
6:40 Down Tarbell Hill to 131
6:45 131 and Brook Rd
6:50 Right at Williams Store to Davis Rd and turn around
Pick up along 131 to CTES
Return to Green Mountain and CAES

ROUTE 3

6:00 am Depart GM
6:20 Pick up on 20 mile Stream in Cavendish
6:30 Greven Ext.
6:32 Cross over 103 pick up and back to 103
6:40 Taxidermy Shop on 103
6:40-6:50 pick up thru the Gulf to Cavendish Gulf Rd
Left on Rt 10
6:55 Turn around at Cummings Garage make pick ups back to 103
7:00 Wymans Falls Rd
7:05 Church St pick ups
7:10 Marcs Drive and back to Church St and turn Right on Church St
And go to Rt 11
Rt.11 to 103
7:25 Beth Goulds and Town Hall Pickups
Return to Green Mountain and CAES

ROUTE 4 Andover

Depart GM 6:00am
6:15 Potash Brook Rd and turn around at new bridge
Back to Andover Rd
6:22 Andover Town Hall
Right on North Hill Rd
Turn around at 561 and back to Andover Rd at 6:35
Travel to Andover Ridge Rd and turn around at 6:40
Andover Ridge Rd to Middletown Rd and turn Right to rt 11 at 6:45
Making pick ups from Andover Ridge
Rt.11 to Magic Mountain turn around 6:50
6:55 Castaldo Rd
1280 Rt 11
7:00 1926 Rt. 11
Pick up along Rt. 11 to Chester and in town on rt. 11 to RT.35 intersection.
Return to GM then CAES.

ROUTE 5 Chester

6:05 Depart GM
Pick up Popple Dungeon and Ethan Allen Rd at 6:30
Pleasant Brook Apts 6:42
6:45 1780 Rt.11
6:48 Fletcher Hill
6:50 Kenyan Rd
6:52 Logan Dr
6:54 2447 Rt 11
6:55 1592 Rt 11
7:00 Jacks Diner
7:02 A&B Rt 103
7:05 GM
7:08 Mountain View
7:10 Marshal Rd and Kavatas Circle
7:15 Gingerbread Apts
7:17 269 S Main
7:25 CAES
7:30 GM

ROUTE 6 CAVENDISH TOWN ELEMENTARY

6:40 CTES
131 to Tarbell Hill
Tarbell Hill to Chambers Rd turn Left
Chambers Rd and East Rd
6:56 East Rd and Kingsbury
Canton Camp ground
Go to Tarbell Hill
7:00 Knapp Pond
Turn around at Pond
7:05 Laplante Rd and Knapp Pond
7:10 Knapp Pond to Tarbell Hill
Tarbell Hill to 131
Turn Right on Whitesville
7:20 Turn around at 4 way making pick ups before turn around
Back down Whitesville to 131
Left onto Cavendish Gulf before Mack Molding
7:35 Cavendish Gulf Rd and Dean Rd making pick ups along the way.
7:37 Cavendish Gulf and Densmore Rd
7:42 Cavendish Gulf and 131
7:43 131 and Post Office
7:44 131 and Bonts Hill
7:45 Shelias Day Care
CTES
103 to the Winery turn around and Depot St back to CTES

PM Run

CTES bus: Stars with 131 to 103, as necessary to Stepping Stones, and Greven Ext , back to CTES, pick up high school kids. Twenty Mile Stream, Johnson Rd, carleton Rd, Heald Rd, Reading Rd, Brook Rd, Center Rd, Hoey Rd, East Rd, Corner of Old County Rd, Chambers Rd, lower Tarbell Rd, Rt 131, Cavendish Gulf Rd.
PM GM bus:
Travel 131, Corner of Brook rd and 131, Tarbell Hill, Knapp Pond, Tarbell Hill, East Rd, Chambers Rd, Tarbell Hill back to school.
PM routes will be the same as the morning routes. Please be patient with bus times as we have some new drivers and some routes have changed. The buses will make pick ups along all routes even if your address was not listed.

Late Bus Schedule

Pick up GM then to CAES at the 4- 4:15 tentative.

Andover

Hardware Store 4:17
Pot Ash Brook Rd 4:25
North Hill Rd 4:35
Andover Ridge Rd 4:40
Magic Mountain 4:55
Return to GM

Chester/Baltimore

Intersection of 103 and Rt 10 4:30
Baltimore Rd 4:45

Cavendish

CTES 4:40
Williams store 4:45
Intersection Green Bush and Tarbell Hill 5:00

Any children along any of the late bus routes will be dropped off at the bottom of the road and along the late bus routes. Late bus departure times may vary due to weather and traffic.

In Town

Popple Dungeon 4:30
103 South 4:45
South end of GMT 4:50
Rt.11 Fletcher Hill Rd 5:00

Late bus stops may change depending on number of students riding and time the busses get onto the route.

Black River High School/Middle School

COACHES NEEDED for upcoming 2018 Fall

Co-Ed Middle School Soccer Coach
Middle School Boys Basketball Coach

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Management and Coaching of the Teams
- Program development
- Experience is preferred but not required.

Background Checks Required

Please forward a letter of interest and references to:

Joe Gurdak
Athletic Director
Black River High School/Middle School
43 Main Street
Ludlow, VT 05149

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Green Mountain Unified School District

JV and MS Soccer Coaches Needed for upcoming 2018 Fall Season at Green Mountain Union High School

Green Mountain Union High School is looking for Soccer Coaches for JV Boys and Girls and Middle School Boys and Girls.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Management and Coaching of the Soccer Teams
- Program development
- Experience is preferred but not required.

Background Checks Required

Please forward a letter of interest and references to:

Todd Parah
Transportation Supervisor/Athletic Director
Green Mountain Union High School
716 VT Route 103 South
Chester, VT 05143
802-875-2146

EOE

6/2018

Notification of Management Plan Availability

Date: Aug. 4, 2018
To: Parents, teachers, employees, other personnel or their guardians.
From: Two Rivers Supervisory Union (LEA/Supervisory Union)
TODD PARAH (Designated Person)
716 VT Rt. 1035 (Address)
Chester, VT (City & State)
1-802-875-2146 (Phone number)

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) 40 CFR 763.93 [g] [4] requires that written notification be given that the following schools/buildings have Asbestos Management Plans for the safe control and maintenance of asbestos containing materials found in their buildings. These Management Plans are available and accessible to the public at the administrative office of each facility listed below.

School/Building	Address	Phone #
1. Green Mountain UHS	716 VT Rt 1035 Chester, VT	875-2146
2. Chester Andover Elementary	72 Main St. Chester, VT	875-2108
3. Cavendish Elementary	573 Main St. Proctorsville, VT	226-9758
4.		

Todd Parah
(Signature of the Designated Person)

LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

calendar

CLUBS

SATURDAY, AUG. 11 - MANCHESTER, Vt. - Join local Green Mountain Club sections throughout Vermont for Long Trail Day Saturday, Aug. 11 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Celebrate the Long Trail with guided hikes and visits to some of the state's most spectacular places. Or register to hike a piece of the Long Trail to celebrate the trail on your own. Then continue the fun at local breweries, which will host hikers after their day on the Long Trail. Visit www.greenmountainclub.org/longtrailday for more information.

MONDAYS - QUECHEE, Vt. - Valley Stamp Club meets second Mondays at the Quechee library AT 7 p.m. located at 1957 Main St. For more information contact John Lutz at 802-728-6212. TFN

CHESTER, Vt. - Please join the Chester Senior Citizens Club for their monthly luncheon meeting, third Mondays at 11:30 a.m. at the Chester Congregational Church on Main Street. Enjoy lunch, jokes and funny stories, and possibly Bingo. Just bring your place setting, if possible a dish to share, and a friend. If you need a ride, just call Georgia 802-875-6242. TFN

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

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

RUTLAND, Vt. - Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club meets from 7-10:30 p.m. at the Godnick Center in Rutland, Vt. Snacks provided. Come join for a fun evening. For more

information call 802-228-6276. TFN

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

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

COMMUNITY MEALS

FRIDAY, AUG. 10 - ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Join us for the Bartonville Grange Dinner Friday, Aug. 10, from 5 - 7 p.m. at 116 Upper Bartonville Road, Rockingham (across from the old State Police Barracks) Menu includes Shake n' Bake Chicken with all the fixings and a variety of desserts. Children under the age of 5 are free. If you have any questions, please call 802-376-5504.

SATURDAY, AUG. 11 - WESTMINSTER, Vt. - The

First Congregational Church in Westminster will hold A Summer Salad Supper Saturday, Aug. 11 from 5 - 7 p.m. Dinner will be buffet style with many different cool summer salads to choose from. This is the same concept as our crockpot supper only cool salads for the hot days of summer. Finish off your meal with a great dessert. Takeout available.

BELMONT, Vt. - The members of Colfax Lodge in Belmont will hold a pork dinner at the Hall starting at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11. Call 802-259-2460.

SUNDAY, AUG. 12 - CHESTER, Vt. - Join us at Stone Hearth Inn & Tavern in Chester for our 7th annual Hot Dog Cook-Off Sunday, Aug. 12 from 1 - 4 p.m. There will be hot dog tastings, music, a silent auction, games for children, a basket raffle, and face painting to keep the fun going all afternoon. There is an admission fee. This event is in support of the Chester-Andover Family Center. If you are interested in participating in the competition, please give our inn a call.

WALPOLE, N.H. - Chicken barbecue at First Congregational Church in Walpole Sunday, Aug. 12 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Purchase either full dinners or half-chicken only.

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

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - Blue Door Kids' Free Lunch program at Christ's Church on Main Street continues. Through the blue door at the back of the church on River St., kids, along with families and other adults, will find a simple lunch every weekday at noon throughout the summer vacation. The menu is simple: kid-friendly sandwiches, lots of fresh fruit, cookies, and a drink. On certain days of the week, there are specials: mac 'n cheese, grilled cheese sandwiches, ice cream cones, and pizza. Seconds are available.

EVENTS

FRIDAY, AUG. 10 - MANCHESTER, Vt. - Visit the Northshire Bookstore Friday, Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. to meet Ezra Parzybok, writer of "Cannabis Consulting: Helping Patients, Parents, and Practitioners" Understand Medical Marijuana." Writing from the perspective of a parent and veteran schoolteacher turned professional cannabis consultant, Ezra Parzybok tells

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Full time general Maintenance Position for Winterplace Condo Association on Okemo Mountain

Must be able to work all weekends during ski season. Competitive wage and benefits offered.

Call 802-228-4934 for an application.

Invitation to Bid The Town of Andover is seeking Winter Sand Bids for the 2019/19 season

Submit bids for 1,500 yards of winter sand both FOB your pit and delivered. The sand must be available for our trucks to haul now and meet town quality specifications.

Bids will be received until August 13, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. and will be opened at the Selectboard Meeting on August 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Andover Town Office.

Please send bids to: Andover Town Office - Winter Sand 953 Weston Andover Road Andover, Vermont 05143

The Town of Andover reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated at Andover, VT this 24th day of July, 2018. Jeanette Haight, Clerk

Town of Mount Holly Notice of Public Hearing August 23, 2018 6 P.M. Mount Holly Elementary School Town Plan

Pursuant to Title 24[4382 V.S.A., Chapter 117] The Mount Holly, Vermont Planning Commission invites the public to a hearing to provide input on Mount Holly's Town Plan. The plan can be obtained through the unofficial Mount Holly VT website, at the town office or at the public hearing. The public is encouraged to submit written comments to the Planning Commission at mounthollyvc@gmail.com.

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

The Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit at 5:25pm and a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 27th 2018 at the Town Hall, for a Conditional Use Review application (# 528)

PROPERTY OWNERS: Dennis Allard / DCA LLC
APPLICANT: Dennis Allard
LOCATION: 1016 Rte. 103 South
DISTRICT: Residential Commercial (RC) / R120

ACTION REQUESTED: Renovate existing structure and 4 adjoining lots to accommodate mixed uses such as not limited to vehicle service, commercial storage units, heavy construction trades, light industry, retail sales and a portable sawmill operation.

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

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

The Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit at 4:45 pm and a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 27, 2018 at the Town Hall, for a Preliminary Plat Review of a Minor Sub-Division application (#529)

PROPERTY OWNERS: Jeff Baldwin
APPLICANT: Jeff Baldwin
LOCATION: 3215 Trebo Hill Rd.
DISTRICT Residential 3 acres (R120)

ACTION REQUESTED: Subdivide 1 lot into 2 lots

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
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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 Tuesday, September 4, 2018 to consider the following:

Application #19-05 Application #19-05 (Jonathan Whitman) - property located at 18 Metcalf Drive. The Applicant is requesting a Home Business (tattoo & art studio). This Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 445 Village District Zone; Section 613 (C) Home Business; and Article X Historic Preservation Overlay District of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Application #19-09 Application #19-09 (Rodney Dupuis) is requesting a "Minor Subdivision" located at 1505 Davidson Hill Road. This Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 447 Rural Residential Zoning District; and Article VIII Subdivision of Land as it pertains to the 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.

TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦
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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

ACROSS

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- 5 Listener
- 8 Stocking feature
- 12 Fat
- 13 "Born in the -"
- 14 Big brass instrument
- 15 Surrounded by
- 16 Place to get a slice
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- 11 "Serpico" author Peter
- 17 Last letter
- 19 Coaster
- 22 Journal with a
- 24 Therefore
- 29 French friend
- 30 Sheep's call
- 33 Remain
- 36 Group of five
- 38 Winter weasel
- 40 High card
- 42 Sound of spinning
- 43 Jekyll's bad side
- 44 Therefore
- 46 Entreaty
- 47 Snake's sound
- 48 Fully fill
- 50 Charged bit

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Impatience with those who don't keep up with you can cause resistance, which, in turn, can lead to more delays. Best to be helpful and supportive if you want results.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A surprise announcement from a colleague could put you on the defensive. Gather your facts and respond. You'll soon find the situation shifting in your favor.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Time spent away from a project pays off with a new awareness of options you hadn't considered before. Weigh them carefully before deciding which to choose.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Consider confronting that personal conflict while there's still time to work things out. A delay can cause more problems. A longtime colleague might offer to mediate.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some emerging matters could impede the Lion's progress in completing an important project. Best advice: Deal with them now, before they can create costly delays.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your aspect continues to favor an expanding vista. This could be a good time to make a career move, and taking an out-of-town job could be a good way to do it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Disruptive family disputes need to be settled so that everyone can move on. Avoid assuming this burden alone, though. Ask for — no, demand — help with this problem.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Patience is called for as you await word on an important workplace situation. A personal circumstance, however, could benefit by your taking immediate action.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Don't lose confidence in yourself. Those doubters are likely to back off if you demand they show solid proof why they think your ideas won't work.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A temporary setback might cause the usually sure-footed Goat some unsettling moments. But keep going. The path ahead gets easier as you move forward.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) There's welcome news from the workplace. There also could be good news involving a relationship that has long held a special meaning for you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might still need to cut some lingering ties to a situation that no longer has the appeal it once held. In the meantime, you can start to explore other opportunities.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your sense of what's right can inspire others if you remember not to push too hard to make your case. Moderation works best for you.

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EVENTS CONT.

FRI., AUG. 10 CONT. - the often-inspiring stories of his practice, where he assists victims of chronic pain, terminal disease, and even conditions such as ADHD. For more information call 802-362-2200 or visit the Northshire Bookstore website at www.northshire.com.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - "Cruizin'" will perform a free concert, rain or shine, Friday, Aug. 10 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the Charlestown Senior Center in Charlestown. Burgers, hot dogs, chips, and cold beverages will be on sale. Please bring a lawn chair and enjoy our entertainment.

SATURDAY, AUG. 11 - CHESTER, Vt. - The Yankee Male Chorus, a 65-year male choir tradition, is performing their final concert at Chester Baptist Church Saturday, Aug. 11 at 7:30 p.m. before disbanding. The four-part harmony chorus is comprised of approximately 90 singers, most of which are from Glee Clubs in the Northeastern and mid-Atlantic states. No tickets are needed, but donations will

be accepted at intermission. For more information about the chorus and other performance venues on the tour, visit www.yankeemalechorus.org.

MANCHESTER, Vt. - Visit the Northshire Bookstore Saturday, Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. to join us for an evening with author Keith O'Brien presenting from his new book, "Fly Girls" where he shares the untold story of women who fought to compete against men in the high-stakes national air races of the 1920s and 1930s, and won! For more information, call 802-362-2200 or visit the Northshire Bookstore website at www.northshire.com.

WINDHAM, Vt. - The Windham volunteer fire company is holding their annual auction and barbecue Saturday, Aug. 11 starting at 9 a.m. Flea market and preview starts at 9 a.m. and auction kicks off at 10 a.m. We have household items, tools, new donations as well as gift certificates and much more. Then at 5 p.m. our chicken barbecue kicks off with all the fixings. Stick around for our famous pie auction at 7 p.m. Rain or shine.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield's Sidewalk Sale is happening Saturday, Aug. 11 in downtown Springfield. The United Methodist Church on 10 Valley Street will be joining downtown vendors in this sale offering homemade baked goods, plus additional items for sale. Stop by and see what we have to offer or just say hello. Hosted by the Rev. Gerry Piper and the United Methodists. For more information, call 802-885-3456.

SUNDAY, AUG. 12 - LUDLOW, Vt. - The Ludlow VT Recreation Department is proud to present Gerry Grimo and the East Bay Jazz Ensemble at the Summer Sunday Evenings, now on the Black River High School Lawn (formerly at the Ludlow Bandstand) Sunday, Aug. 12 from 7 - 8 p.m. More parking, farther set back from the road, and restrooms will be available at the adjacent Community Center. Lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged. Rain venue will be the Ludlow Town Hall.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Dances of Universal Peace are scheduled Sunday, Aug. 12 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Springfield UU in Springfield. DUP are simple, joyous, meditative, multicultural, circle dances that use sacred phrases, chants, music and movements to touch the spiritual essence within ourselves, and recognize it in others. All are welcome.

Donations accepted. For more information, contact swguillow@atlanticbb.net or call 860-303-3717.

PUTNEY, Vt. - Twilight Music presents M.O.D., drummer and vocalist Molly Steinmark's funk, soul-jazz, hip hop and R&B band, for the sixth concert of the 16th annual Twilight on the Tavern Lawn series Sunday, Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. in downtown Putney on the Putney Tavern lawn (bring a lawn chair or blanket) or at Next Stage at 15 Kimball Hill in case of rain. The concert is free to the public (donations are accepted) and food will be available. For information, visit www.twilightmusic.org or call 802-387-5772.

MONDAY, AUG. 13 - FRIDAY, AUG. 17 - SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - Main Street Arts invites children ages 6 to 11 to unleash their creativity and explore all sorts of exciting projects at Art, Crafts, and Games Camp, Monday, Aug. 13 through Friday, Aug. 17 from 1 - 4 p.m. The camp will draw, sculpt, design, explore outdoors, sing songs, and play games. Activities such as sun prints, paper mache, fairy houses, make journals, and other creative crafts will make the time fly! The group will spend time both indoors and out. Scholarship assistance available. Email info@mainstreetarts.org or visit www.mainstreetarts.org/camps for more information.

TUESDAY, AUG. 14 - PUTNEY, Vt. - Next Stage Arts Project is hosting Gia Forakis & Company for a staged reading of their work-in-progress "Love in Space-Time," Tuesday, Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. "Love in Space-Time" is an experimental, non-linear performance project that aims to create an experience of the fourth dimension or the time continuum. It is a story about what lies on the other side of grief and is a journey of hope, humor, catharsis, and transcendence.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15 - PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - The Cavendish Summer Music Series finishes the year on the Proctorsville Green Wednesday, Aug. 15 from 6 - 8 p.m. with evening listening to the sounds of Sensible Shoes. The four members are drummer and singer Steve Drebber, lead guitarist and singer Tim Utt, bass guitar and vocalist Pooch Sprague, and Barbara Blaisdell on keyboard. This concert is sponsored by Outer Limits Brewery in Proctorsville. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs and picnic basket. As always, the concerts are free and open to all. In the event of rain postponement information will be reflected on the Cavendish Facebook page.

ASCUTNEY, Vt. - Green Mountain RSVP connects people 55 and older with volunteer opportunities in local nonprofits. The Windsor County Office of GMRSVP, at 20 Ascutney Store Road in Ascutney, is hosting an Open House Wednesday, Aug. 15 from 2 - 4 p.m. Stop by and learn about the opportunities and benefits of belonging to this Senior Corps program. Call 802-674-4547 for more information.

MANCHESTER, Vt. - Visit the Northshire Bookstore Wednesday, Aug. 15 at 6 p.m. to meet Meghan Maclean Weir, whose debut novel "The Book of Essie" is causing a sensation and is a finalist for the 2018 New England Book Award. A captivating novel of family, fame, and religion that tells the story of the 17-year-old daughter of an evangelical

preacher, star of the family's hit reality show, and the secret pregnancy that threatens to blow their entire world apart. For more information call 802-362-2200 or visit the Northshire Bookstore website at www.northshire.com.

THURSDAY, AUG. 16 - JAMAICA, Vt. - The Jamaica Community Arts continues their summer concert series at the historic Jamaica Town Hall Thursday, Aug. 16 with a performance of traditional Irish music by Tommy Bones and the Thunderous Tones. The concert begins at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall located at 3735 VT Route 30. For more information on this and other events, go to www.jamaicacommunityarts.org.

FRIDAY, AUG. 17 - MANCHESTER, Vt. - Visit the Northshire Bookstore Friday, Aug. 17 at 6 p.m. to meet best-selling author and communication expert Cynthia Kane as she discusses her book, "Talk to Yourself Like a Buddhist: Five Mindful Practices to Silence Negative Self-Talk." Kane's book teaches you how to turn off the enemy in your mind, and create a new relationship with yourself and the world around you, simply by noticing, investigating, and changing the words you use to speak to yourself. For more information, call 802-362-2200 or visit the Northshire Bookstore website at www.northshire.com.

SATURDAY, AUG. 18 - BROWNSVILLE, Vt. - Ascutney Winds and Albert Bridge School together invite the community to come out and enjoy the next installment of the continuing Umbrella Concert Series: a Community Picnic and Dance Saturday, Aug. 18, starting at 4 p.m. Bring folding chairs and a picnic; wear your dancing shoes (a dance floor will be provided), or just kick off your shoes and dance in the grass. The event will be held in Brownsville at the Albert Bridge School Field, 108 Brownsville-Hartland Road, Brownsville. Admission is free; the event is open to the public - tax-exempt donations are gratefully welcomed. Send an email to jaldrich@wsesu.net for more information.

LUDLOW, Vt. - The 27th annual Late Summer Arts and Craft Festival will be combined with the Ludlow Chamber Chrome Show, held Saturday, Aug. 18 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts on Route 103 South in Ludlow. Enjoy instructor demonstrations, juried arts and crafts, chainsaw carving, food concessions, raffles and silent auction. View collectible cars for all ages. Rain or shine.

MANCHESTER, Vt. - Visit the Kid's Tent at the Green Mountain Bluegrass & Roots Festival at Hunter Park in Manchester Center for a book signing by author Anne Hunter for her book, "Possum and the Summer Storm," Saturday, Aug. 18 at noon. Hosted by Northshire Bookstore. For more information, call 802-362-2200 or visit the Northshire Bookstore website at www.northshire.com.

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. Over 25 vendors with fresh local produce, baked goods, specialty foods, personal care products, and unique crafts from local artists. Enjoy live music and a fun, festive atmosphere. 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 3 - 7 p.m. Vendors feature local produce, meats, baked goods, cheese, artworks, and more. For more information, contact greaterfallsfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

SATURDAYS - LONDON DERRY, 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.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - The Charlestown Farmers & Artisans Market, known as "Summer in the Paddock," happens on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Oct. 6, North Main Street in Charlestown. Email congchrch@myfairpoint.net (yes, leave out the "u") or call 603-826-3335 for vendor information.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Farmers Market happens on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on lower Clinton Street. For more information, call 802-885-4096.

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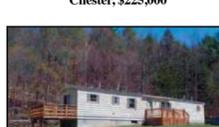
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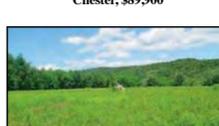
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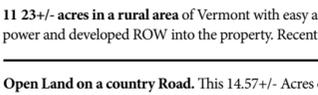
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SUNDAY, AUG. 19 - PUTNEY, Vt. - Next Stage Arts Project cooking class series continues with "Smoothies and Healthy Snacks for Kids" Sunday, Aug. 19 from 1 - 4 p.m. in the kitchen at Next Stage in Putney. In class you will learn how to make smoothies and healthy snacks from scratch, taught by Lulu Lovering from the Putney Food Co-op. It will be a fun, and delicious class so bring your appetite! The Putney Food Co-op is generously donating all the ingredients. The only thing you need to bring is an apron. Children ages 6 - 12 should be accompanied by an adult. This class is free but registration is required at www.nextstagearts.org.

SUNDAY, JULY 1 – FRIDAY, AUG. 31 - CHESTER, Vt. - Phoenix Books Misty Valley in Chester is launching their Reading Without Walls Bingo Challenge, a summer reading program from Sunday, July 1 through Friday, Aug. 31. Children entering 4th-8th grade in the fall are invited to take the Reading Without Walls Bingo challenge! The program celebrates reading and diversity by challenging children nationwide to read a book about a character who doesn't look or live like them; read a book about a topic they don't know much about; and/or read a book in a format that they don't normally read for fun. Feel free to join throughout July and August. For more information, visit www.phoenixbooks.biz or call 802-875-3400.

FRIDAYS - CHESTER, Vt. - Join the Whiting Library in Chester every Friday, from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. during the summer through Aug. 10 for the summer reading program, "Libraries Rock." 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.

LIBRARIES

SUNDAY, AUG. 12 – MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - The Mount Holly Town Library and the Book Nook in Ludlow will be hosting an author talk and book signing with local Vermont author Yvonne Daley Sunday, Aug. 12 from 3 - 5 p.m. Daley is the author of five previous books and director of the Green Mountain Writers Conference. Daley will discuss her new book "Going Up the Country" that released June 5. "Going Up the Country" is part oral history, part nostalgic-tinged narrative, and part clear-eyed analysis of the multifaceted phenomena collectively referred to as the counterculture movement in Vermont.

WEDNESDAYS - CHESTER, Vt. - Join the Whiting Library in Chester every Wednesday, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. throughout the summer 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.

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - Brooks Memorial Library in Brattleboro is sponsoring a 4-part workshop series on creating constructed languages - conlangs - like Dothraki in Game of Thrones, on Aug. 15 and 22, from 7 - 8 p.m. For more information, visit www.brooksmemorialvt.org or email eastondean@gmail.com.

FRIDAYS - BELLOW 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

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.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Town Library has a tech help desk available on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Having trouble with your first smartphone? Want to reset your Facebook privacy? Need to take a course in Word or Excel? Call 802-885-3108 to make an appointment. The Springfield Town Library is located at 43 Main St., Springfield.

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.okemovaleley.tv.

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

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

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.okemovaleley.tv.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Select

Board meetings are on the second and fourth Monday of the month starting at 7 p.m. in the Selectman's Hall on 96 Main Street. For more information, go to www.springfieldvt.gov/office2.com.

TUESDAYS - BELLOW 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.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. For more information, call 800-639-6480 or visit www.namivt.org. TFN

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

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

WALPOLE, N.H. - "Hope and Help for Families" is held every Tuesday night from 6:45 - 8 p.m. at the Congregational Church on the common in Walpole, N.H. It is open to all family members and loved ones (over the age of 16), of people who are suffering from addiction. It is free and confidential. For information call Becky Pearson at 603-860-0221. 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

BELLOW 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 nonprofit, 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

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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

KEENE, N.H. - "All Recovery" is held at the Keene Center Serenity 40 Carpenter St. in Keene every Wednesday from 6:30 - 8 p.m. It is open to all people in recovery and to the families and loved ones of people who are suffering. It is free and confidential. People with questions can call the Center at 603-283-5015. 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, Ascutey, (near Exit 8 off I-91) at 6:30 p.m. Do you know or think you may be depressed? Have a friend or family member who has depression? Then this group is for you! Support, empathy, sharing, education, confidentiality, peer-led. Contact TwinStateDSG@gmail.com or 641-715-3900

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

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

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

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sale at this event. Neighborhood Connections is a nonprofit social services agency located in Londonderry's Mountain Marketplace, next to the post office.

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Alpha Delta Kappa members attend Regional Conference

REGION - Alpha Delta Kappa is an international honorary organization of women educators dedicated to educational altruism and world understanding.

Recently Evelyn Beebe, Mary Ann Lauder, and Pat Graves attended the ADK Northeast Regional Conference in Providence, R.I., as delegates from Delta Chapter. Delta is one of three chapters in Vermont.

Mary Ann Lauder serves as the Regional Chaplain for the 2017-2019 biennium. At the



Evelyn Beebe, Mary Ann Lauder, and Pat Graves. PHOTO PROVIDED

conference, she provided an inspirational "Thought for the Day" at each business session and a blessing at each meal. She also led the Memorial Service for deceased members from the 11 northeast regional states.

Membership in Alpha Delta Kappa provides a wealth of opportunities for leadership development and networking through workshops, training sessions, conferences, and conventions.

How can you help your kids pay for college?

REGION - It's still summer, but we're getting close to a new school year. One day though "back-to-school" will mean "off to college" for your children. Will you be financially prepared to help your kids cope with the costs of higher education?

Your first step is to know what you're up against, so here are some numbers. For the 2017-18 academic year, college costs (tuition, fees, room and board) were on average nearly \$21,000 for in-state students at four-year, public schools and nearly \$47,000 for students attending private colleges or universities, according to the College Board. And you can probably expect even bigger price tags in the years to come.

To help prepare for these costs, you might want to consider putting your money in a vehicle specifically designed to help build assets for college, such as a 529 education savings plan. All withdrawals from 529 plans are free from federal income taxes as long as the beneficiary you've named uses the money for qualified college, trade school, or graduate school expenses. Withdrawals for expenses

other than qualified education expenditures may be subject to federal, state, and penalty taxes on the earnings portion of your plan. However, tax issues for 529 savings plans can be complex, so please consult your tax advisor before investing.

You can generally invest in the 529 savings plan offered by any state, but if you invest in your own state's plan, you may be able to claim a tax deduction or receive a tax credit.

By starting your 529 plan early, when your children are just a few years old, the investments within the plan have more time for potential growth. Plus, you can make smaller contributions each year, rather than come up with big lump sums later on.

A 529 plan is not the only education-savings tool you can use, but it has proven effective for many people. Yet you may also want to consider ways to keep college costs down in the first place.

For one thing, your children may be eligible for various forms of financial aid. Some types of aid depend on your family's income, but others, such as merit-based scholarships, are open to everyone. But you don't have to wait until you get an offer from a

school's financial aid office - you can explore some opportunities on your own. For example, many local and national civic and religious groups offer scholarships to promising young people, and your own employer may even provide some types of grants or assistance. Plus, your state also may offer other benefits, such as financial aid or scholarship funds. It can certainly take some digging to find these funding sources, but the effort can be worthwhile.

Here's another option for reducing college costs. Consider sending your child to a local community college for two years to get many of the "general" requirements out of the way before transferring to a four-year school for a bachelor's degree. Community colleges are typically quite affordable, and many of them offer high-quality programs.

A college degree is costly, but many people feel it's still a great investment in their children's future. And by taking the appropriate steps, you can help launch that investment.

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pet of the week



Hi! My name's Gabby, and I'm a 5-year-old spayed female. I came to Lucy Mackenzie when my family was moving and couldn't take me with them. It's OK, though - I'm a pretty happy go-lucky girl! The thing that makes me the most happy is playing fetch! I just love playing that game! I'm active and would love to find a human that is active, too. I'd like to try going jogging alongside somebody - I think I'd fancy that! I'm also a huge cuddler and love nice comfy beds, especially when I have a few toys nearby.

I'd be most thrilled to be the only dog in the household and promise to bring lots of love with me. I know all my obedience commands and am very eager to please. If you've been looking for a real great dog to be your new best friend, stop in and meet me today!

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Dog Days of Summer all about dogs

GRAFTON, Vt. - Calling all dog lovers! On Aug. 26, the first-ever Dog Days of Summer event will take place at the Grafton Trails & Outdoor Center from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. This event is designed to celebrate everything canine and will have something for all dog enthusiasts. During the event you can visit vendor booths, enter a doggy costume contest, enjoy miles of trails with your dog, and watch canine demonstrations including a visit from Vermont Search & Rescue K9s!

We are thrilled to offer an event dedicated exclusively for dogs and their people. Visitors will be able to browse a variety of booths showcasing Vermont based companies and organizations. Vendor spots are still available and we welcome any canine

professionals and related businesses to join us in the celebration.

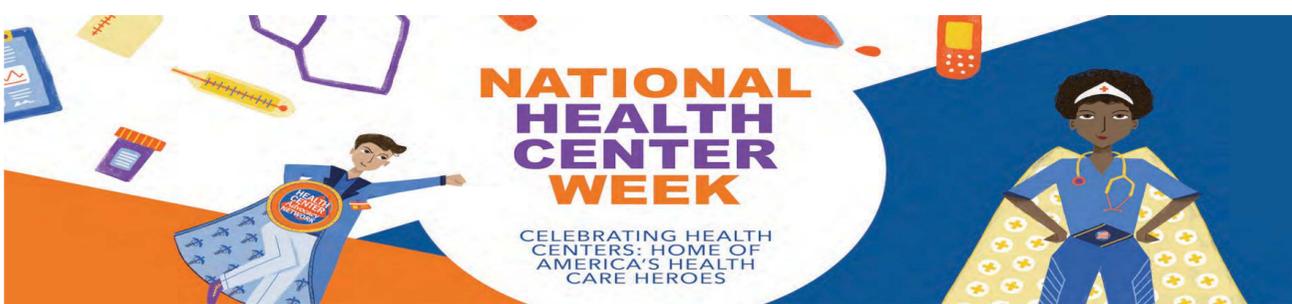
You should also start planning for the costume contest-great prizes for top costumes! The outdoor center facilities, including the trails and pond, will be available for visitors too as we enjoy the Dog Days of Summer. Feel free to contact the outdoor center for more information at 802-843-2400 or info@graftonponds.com.

There is a small admission fee; kids under 6 are free. Friendly canines are encouraged to enjoy the festivities as well, but must be leashed at all times. Event information and updates can be found on our web-



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As we celebrate **National Health Center Week August 12-18, 2018**

Springfield Medical Care Systems extends sincere thanks and appreciation to our Board of Directors, our medical staff and employees for their commitment to providing high quality, affordable health care for all. Please join us at these public events, and help us celebrate our Health Center Heroes!

Calendar of Events

Sunday, August 12th, noon - 4 pm

5,000 Steps Fundraising Walk-a-Thon to benefit The Family Center, Springfield, VT

(All are invited - Entry forms at The Family Center Facebook pg)

Monday, August 13th

Join the Fun - Health Care Heroes in Hero T'Shirts & Backpack & School Supplies Drive Kickoff

to benefit area schools. Drop off your donations at any of the locations listed to the right.

Tuesday, August 14th, 4:30 pm

Walk With a Doc - Scott Durgin, MD Ludlow Health Center - Free - 1 Elm St., Ludlow

6:30 pm

Family Evening at The Commons, Springfield, VT

For adults - Free screening of the movie "Resilience." Hosted by the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Collaborative. Join us to learn about childhood trauma and how you can help improve the health and wellbeing of our community. For children - free, fun activities.

Wednesday, August 15th, 2 pm

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Mamava Breastfeeding Pod

Brought to us by MVP Health Care, Mamava, and Konrad PreFab, the Mamava pod supports breastfeeding moms by providing a quiet space to feed or pump. Join us as we unveil this new suite in the main lobby at Springfield Health Center, 100 River Street, Springfield, VT at 2 pm, and become the first health center in Vermont to install a Mamava lactation suite designed especially for moms and babies! All are invited.



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Ludlow Health Center
1 Elm Street, Ludlow, VT

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38 VT Route 11, Londonderry, VT

Ridgewood Professional Building
Connecticut Valley Orthopaedics
Connecticut Valley Ear, Nose & Throat
Surgical Associates
29 Ridgewood Road, Springfield, VT

Rockingham Health Center
1 Hospital Court, Bellows Falls, VT

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