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Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce to seek new director

BY JOE MILLIKEN

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – It was recently announced that Doreen Stoodley will soon be stepping down as executive director of the Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce. Stoodley has held the position since May of 2017, and will officially step down in late August as the chamber looks to fill the executive director position.

“I’ve been employed by Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce for three years and held the executive director position for just over a year,” Stoodley said in a recent interview. “It has been a great experience, and I feel like we have accomplished a lot during my tenure as director.”

The chamber is located at the Waypoint Center in downtown Bellows Falls and is an important resource for not only visitors of the Rockingham and Bellows Falls areas but also its residents, local organizations, and businesses surrounding the Connecticut River. The chamber accommodates everyone from weekend visitors and people planning to move to the area to assisting all the local businesses and organizations in the area.

They sponsor a variety of business and educational opportunities throughout the year such as the annual Vermont Tourism Summit, the informative Brown Bag Lunch Workforce Development Series, a monthly “member spotlight winner,” and the annual Great Falls Region Person of the Year award, just to name a few.

During Stoodley’s tenure, there has been an increase in new chamber memberships and revenues, as well as an increased visibility in the community through networking, advertising, a website presence, and across social networks.

“We have also collaborated and partnered with various local organizations such as the Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance, the Town of Rockingham Development Director, the Greater Falls Connections Southern Vermont Economic Project, the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation and the Vermont Department of Health.”

Stoodley has cultivated several positive relationships with these and other local organizations, and will be moving forward having helped develop a continuous solid foundation between the Great

Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce and the community at large.

“It is with my deepest gratitude, I thank the chamber, its Board of Directors and all the members for this wonderful opportunity to serve as your executive director. I have been offered a new job opportunity in Bellows Falls that will help me further reach my professional goals. I will continue as director through Aug. 28, as to help make the transition to a new director as smooth as possible.”

To learn more about the Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce, please visit their website at www.vtchamber.com/Organizations/Great-Falls-Regional-Chamber-of-Commerce, or by phone at 802-463-4280.



Doreen Stoodley.

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Bellows Falls Elks donate to local athletics



LANGDON, N.H. - Rhonda Sichling (right) Loyal Knight, Bellows Falls Elks Lodge 1619, presented Fall Mountain Athletic Director Gordon Danseresu (left) a check for \$250. The funds will be used to buy equipment for Fall Mountain athletes.



Bellows Falls Exalted Ruler Tracy Sichling (right) presents Scott Kyle (left) a check for \$350 to be used to assist students participating in the Fall Mountain Special Olympics events.

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Car accident in Rockingham closes Route 103

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Police responded to a car accident on Route 103 early Monday morning, Aug. 20. Police reported a collision between small sedan and a tractor trailer at the center of the roadway. Due to paving, the road did not have double yellow lines painted. There were reflective markers designating the north and southbound lanes.

The driver of the sedan, Kaziah White, 26, of Sunapee, N.H., suffered massive injury to left arm including bilateral femur breaks, cuts, and bruising. He was transported to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.

Eric Baker, 41, of Higganum, Conn., was not injured but was transported to Springfield Hospital.

Both vehicles sustained heavy damage. Several gallons of diesel fuel were spilled onto the roadway, which environmental services, Vermont Agency of Transportation, and the Town of Rockingham road crews cleaned up prior to reopening the roadway. Route 103 was shut down for approximately six hours while police patrols and the State Police Crash Reconstruction Team investigated the cause of the crash.

Police are still investigating the cause of the accident.

Two area men held, charged in weekend kidnapping case in Ludlow

LUDLOW, Vt. – Two Vermont men are being held without bail on kidnapping and other charges after police say they held a 22-year-old Windsor County man at gunpoint while they drove to Ludlow, Vt., where he was forced to break into a home at Okemo Mountain Resort before being hit by his captors’ SUV.

Tyler Marston, 31, of Chester, and Rey Early, 33, of Springfield, pleaded not guilty Tuesday in Windsor Superior Court to a slew of charges in connection with the alleged assault that put Alexander Jillson-Corbosiero in the intensive care unit at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center with a lacerated spleen and liver over the weekend.

Both men face charges of kidnapping, inciting another to commit a felony, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and simple assault. In addition, Marston faces charges of gross negligent motor vehicle operation, leaving the scene of a crash where serious injury resulted, and operating a vehicle with a suspended license.

The maximum penalty for kidnapping in Vermont is life in prison.

During his arraignment on Monday, Marston, through his attorney Nikki South, argued against the hold without bail request from Windsor County State’s Attorney David Cahill.

Marston said the case lacked evidence to prove his role, something Judge Brian Greason disagreed with.

“The court is satisfied from the affidavit of probable cause that the evidence of guilt is great in the case,” Greason said from the bench.

Early didn’t contest the state’s hold without bail request on Monday.

Police said the incident began to unfold late Friday night, when Marston and Early picked up Corbosiero near a gas station in Windsor; Marston and Corbosiero, who had only met a few times, agreed that they would get together and smoke marijuana, according to an affidavit written by Ludlow police officer Ryan Palmer.

Early was in a Nissan Rogue SUV when Marston picked up Corbosie-

ro, the affidavit said. Corbosiero said he saw a shotgun in the vehicle, but “did not think anything of it,” according to the affidavit.

Once inside, Corbosiero told police in an interview, Early pointed the shotgun at him and physically assaulted him while Marston drove toward Ludlow, according to Palmer’s affidavit.

When the men arrived outside a home on Upper Pass Road in Ludlow, Corbosiero said, Early threatened him with the gun while telling him to burglarize the residence, a request he complied with, according to the affidavit.

Shortly thereafter, Marston and Early left the residence, which is near Okemo’s Sagem ski trail, and Marston allegedly hit Corbosiero with the front passenger-side of the SUV and drove off, according to a separate affidavit written by Ludlow police Detective Richard King.

The injured Corbosiero crawled to a nearby residence, where someone called police.

The affidavits in the case don’t

make clear why Marston and Early allegedly attacked Corbosiero, but when asked by police if he or a friend owed Marston money, Corbosiero told the officer that was possible.

Corbosiero was released from the hospital on Sunday, according to a Dartmouth-Hitchcock spokesman.

All three men have prior criminal records and are felons.

In addition to one felony conviction, Early has 15 misdemeanor convictions. Marston has two felony convictions and 14 misdemeanor convictions.

In November 2014, Corbosiero, then 18, pleaded guilty to retrieving and concealing a pistol that was taken during a home invasion in Springfield, Vt., and then discarded on a nearby street.

Marston and Early are due back in court on Sept. 24.

Article written by Jordan Cuddemi of Valley News with permission to reprint. Cuddemi can be contacted at jcuddemi@vnews.com or 603-727-3248.



Save the date for the 4th annual Chowder and Chili Cook Off

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce has announced that the 4th annual Chowder & chili Cook Off will take place Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018. The event also kicks off the Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance’s Shop Local event. If you would like to cook a chowder or chili and participate in the cook off, call 802-463-4280 or email info@grcc.org.

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The Vermont Journal & The Shopper acquired The Message of the Week in April of 2018. Due to the similar coverage areas, all of the content goes into The Vermont Journal & The Shopper. You can call us at 802-228-3600.

Springfield Medical Care Systems receives clinical quality grant award

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Medical Care Systems was recently awarded \$86,553 in grant funding by the Health Resources and Services Administration. HRSA's announcement states, "This grant award recognizes the highest performing health centers nationwide, as well as those

health centers that have made significant quality improvement gains from the previous year. The Quality Improvement Awards support HRSA's strategic goal to improve access to quality health care and directly supports the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service's goal of moving

toward a value-based payment system by improving the quality, efficiency, and overall value of primary health care delivered by health centers."

SMCS is continually working to achieve high quality clinical performance," comments Timothy Ford, president and chief executive officer

of SMCS. He continues, "This level of achievement requires teamwork by many dedicated health care professionals. We are honored to accept this award on their behalf and in recognition of their ongoing efforts to meet the health care needs of the communities we serve."



HCRS hires new staff

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Health Care and Rehabilitation Services is pleased to announce the appointment of 11 new professionals whose talents will augment HCRS' services in the Brattleboro, Hartford, and Springfield regions. HCRS welcomes the following new employees, front row from left: Frances Janette Kirkwood, care coordinator in Brattleboro; Katelyn Golding, behavioral interventionist in Hartford; Abigail Perham, behavioral interventionist in Hartford; Stephanie Demond, behavioral interventionist in Hartford; and Aminah Orog, behavioral interventionist in Hartford. Back row from left: Kayla Christenson, care coordinator in Brattleboro; Claire Stai, school-based clinician in Hartford; Kait Skogstad, Benefits and Wellness coordinator in Springfield; David Nathan Chappell, behavioral interventionist in Hartford; Emily Hurley, behavioral interventionist in Hartford; and Sebastian Perea, residential specialist in Brattleboro.

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Main Street Arts names new director

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - Heather J. Geoffrey has been named the new managing director of Main Street Arts, succeeding Margo Ghia as head of the community arts organization.

"Accepting the position at Main Street Arts has afforded me the opportunity to merge two of my greatest passions, community and art," said Geoffrey, a practicing artist for more than 22 years.

She envisions her role at MSA as one in which she comes to deeply understand, embrace, and implement the vision and mission of the organization in order to support and further create effective artistic and cultural partnerships within the community.

Working in collaboration with MSA's artistic director David Stern and the board of directors, she hopes to make MSA an even more vibrant

organization as it begins its 30th year.

Gina Cote, chair of MSA's board, expressed the board's pleasure at welcoming Geoffrey.

"Heather is an artist, actress-director, technology wiz, social media diva and super organized," she said.

A native of Newport, Geoffrey received a Bachelor of Arts in interdisciplinary studies with focuses on borderland theory and spirituality in artistic process and creation from Goddard College in 2009.



Heather Geoffrey and Margo Ghia.

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She continued her studies with focuses on the medicine of art, artist as keeper of ancestry and lineage, artist

as vessel, and borderland theory and expression in artistic process.

She received a Master of Fine Arts from Goddard in 2012. Her paintings have been exhibited in both group and solo exhibits, and her work has been commissioned for public murals and private collections. She continues to create, develop, and cultivate her artistic practice from Ouroboros Studios in Bellows Falls.

Further information about Main Street Arts can be found at www.mainstreetarts.org or by contacting MSA at info@mainstreetarts.org or 802-869-2960 and on Facebook.

Main Street Arts is celebrating its 30th year as a catalyst for arts and community that fosters creative expression through artistic experiences that are accessible to all.

CORRECTION
St. Mary's Gigantic Yard Sale

In the "St. Mary's gigantic indoor yard sale" press release in the Aug. 15, 2018 edition of The Shopper, the location of the yard sale should be the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church at 32 Pearl St. in Claremont, N.H. The church is currently accepting donations until Saturday, Sept. 1. For more information about the event, go to www.vermontjournal.com/news/st-marys-gigantic-indoor-yard-sale or contact Norma Limoges at 603-542-2916.

The importance of understanding your credit score

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Your credit score impacts your ability to get a cell phone, rent an apartment, get a job, buy a car, and more. A higher credit score is taken to mean you are less of a risk, which in turn means you are more likely to get credit or insurance - and probably pay less for it too.

On Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 5:30 p.m., Nate Cobb, vice president of Lending at One Credit Union will be at The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections to discuss why it is important to know your credit score and the steps you can take to im-

prove that number. Pizza will be served at 5:30 p.m., with the presentation to follow at 6 p.m. There is no charge to attend, but please register at 802-824-4343.

One Credit Union, headquartered in Springfield, Vt. is a member-owned financial institution with branches in Barre, Chester, Essex, Springfield, Vergennes, and Claremont, N.H. One Credit Union provides a full range of financial solutions for consumers and small businesses.

Neighborhood Connections is a nonprofit social services agency serving nine area mountain towns. The Meeting Place is located in Londonderry's Mountain Marketplace, next to the post office.



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SAPA TV celebrates 20 years

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - SAPA TV, Springfield's public access TV station, became an official nonprofit June 9, 1998 and now celebrates 20 years of serving the community. The journey took a lot of work and several dedicated community members. In an effort to recognize their hard work and dedication, SAPA TV will be hosting events, creating shows, and more over the next year.

SAPA TV will begin this year-long celebration with a 20 Year Celebration dinner. This event

is free and open to all community members. It will be held Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018, at the Fullerton Inn in Chester, Vt. A buffet-style dinner will be served, starting at 6:30 p.m. A short presentation and an award ceremony will follow the meal.

Seating is limited, and an RSVP is required. Community members can RSVP at www.sapatv.org. RSVPs must be received by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact SAPA TV at 802-885-6248 or info@sapatv.org.

Grace Cottage helps locals receive healthy food

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Vermonters are hardworking people, but the high costs of housing, food, fuel, and other necessities can make it tough to meet basic needs. Thanks to 3SquaresVT more Vermonters are able to buy healthy food for themselves and their families. Grace Cottage Resource advocate Jane Wheeler is available

to help West River Valley residents gain access to this valuable program.

3SquaresVT helps people with a limited income buy more food, like fresh veggies, fruits, and whole grains. Over 77,000 Vermonters get benefits, but many more qualify and don't know it. The income limit is \$1,860 per month for one person; it's \$3,793 for a family of four. Applying for these benefits not only helps families afford nutritious food, it supports the economy by bringing more than \$9 million federal dollars into the state each month.

If you or someone you know - perhaps an elderly neighbor or a single parent - is struggling to make ends meet, apply for 3SquaresVT. If you are a patient at Grace Cottage or live in the West River Valley, Jane Wheeler can help with the application process. To schedule a free, one-on-one appointment, call Jane at 802-365-3770.

Grace Cottage hosts the Vermont Foodbank's Veggie VanGo program on the fourth Thursday of every month from 12 - 1 p.m., outside of the Family Health entrance at 185 Grafton Rd., Townshend. Each month, the food truck delivers hundreds of pounds of fresh food for participants to bring home. All who struggle to afford healthy foods are welcome. Some limits may apply. No proof of eligibility is required. Bring reusable bags or boxes.

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Forrest Lisle named to Dean's List at Fort Lewis College

GRAFTON, Vt. - Forrest Lisle, of Grafton, Vt., was named to Fort Lewis College's Dean's List for the Spring 2018 semester. Lisle's major is anthropology. Fort Lewis College is located in Durango, Colo.

Springfield Health Center launches Mamava Lactation Pod at 100 River Street

BY AMANDA WEDEGIS
The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Medical Care Systems, MVP Healthcare, Mamava, and Konrad Prefab came together Wednesday, Aug. 15 for the ribbon cutting of the first Mamava Lactation Pod in Springfield. Springfield Health Center is the first federally qualified health center in Vermont to open a lactation pod.

The Mamava pod is located at 100 River Street in the lobby. The pod is open to employees in the other businesses occupying the building, patients at Springfield Health Center, and the public. While its central location and unique shape and design is meant to be accessible to moms, it's also meant to encourage discussion around breastfeeding and supporting mothers with a space designed for them in public.

According to Nicci Micco, vice president of content and partnerships for Mamava, the exterior of the pods are meant to be visible. Each pod exterior is customizable to the customer's preferences. However, Mamava requires approval each location of the pods, and restrooms are never approved.

The interior of the pod is spacious so that a mom can bring her stroller and/or other children into the room with her. It has two benches facing each other, and a counter space with an outlet for a breast pump or charging station. It's well lit, clean, and private.



Nicci Micco, Jackie Marciniak, Sarah Weidhass, Larry Kraft, and Ellen Sax posed for the official ribbon cutting ceremony. PHOTO BY AMANDA WEDEGIS

With a goal of supporting the child-birthing program, SMCS reached out to Mamava about the lactation pods, to which they discovered that Mamava was interested in donating a lactation pod to Springfield Health Center, and that the pods themselves are built by Konrad Prefab in Springfield. SMCS then turned to MVP Healthcare to be a donor, and they agreed to support the project.

Ellen Sax, vice president of Community Engagement at MVP Healthcare said, "MVP is committed to creating healthy communities, and we know that breastfeeding is an important part of that to help a baby's life start out strongly and in good health. We're so thrilled that we were able to support this new pod, which is going to be safe, clean, and private

for nursing mothers."

"With this pod, women who work here, women who are in the public looking for a private dignified space to breast feed or pump can do that, whether they want quiet or to corral their toddler while feeding their infant," explained Nicci Micco. "We love that this might invite some discussion to promote the benefits of breastfeeding and to help someone who is breastfeeding in our culture."

Larry Kraft, director of Development at Springfield Medical Care Systems, added, "Even before it was completely installed, it generated some discussion, and I imagine if you spent some hours here in the lobby, you would have some interesting discussions with folks."

Nicci Micco; Jackie Marciniak, director of Community Engagement at MVP; Sarah Weidhass, M.D.; Larry Kraft; and Ellen Sax then posed for the official ribbon cutting ceremony, followed by a reception.

Savings Bank of Walpole promotes importance of learning to save money

WALPOLE, N.H. - Savings Bank of Walpole, in conjunction with the American Bankers Association, has been helping to spread the word about the importance of learning to save at an early age by bringing "Teach Children to Save" initiatives to a number of local schools.

The Teach Children to Save educational initiative was established by the American Bankers Association Foundation in 1997 and is designed to instill good saving and spending habits that students will carry with them through college, careers, and throughout life. Over the years, the Teach Children to Save program has helped reach 9.1 million young people through the commitment of more than 225,000 banker volunteers.

Several SBW employees including Kendra Carter, Eric Schlim, Amy Dearth, Kathy Hanks, and Heather Ferland, took turns visiting four area schools including Keene Head Start, Wheelock School, Keene Montessori, and Walpole Village School, providing teachers with educational information and classroom materials created by the ABA. In addition, the employees volunteered time for class visits where they did presentations.

Students at Walpole Village School learned the difference between needs versus wants through a fun exercise that involved pretend money and

how to spend it in order to care for a pet hamster.

"Familiarizing students with financial education fundamentals at an early age puts them on a path to becoming smart, money-managing adults," says Mark Bodin, president of Savings Bank of Walpole. "Teach Children to Save is a great opportunity for SBW to share our passion for financial education and improve our local community."

When it comes to teaching a child about the importance of saving, parents play an integral role. Talk openly about money with your kids.

Communicate your values and experiences with money. Encourage them to ask you questions and be prepared to answer them – even the tough ones. Explain the difference between needs and wants, the value of saving and budgeting, and the consequences of not doing so.

Founded in 1875, Savings Bank of Walpole is headquartered in Walpole and serves the Connecticut River Valley and Monadnock Regions of New Hampshire and Vermont from offices in Walpole and Keene. For more information, visit www.walpolebank.com or call 603-352-1822.

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Mt. Ascutney Hospital helps to restart Rachel's Kitchen

WINDSOR, Vt. – With food insecurity a pressing problem for many people in Windsor county, Rachel's Kitchen free breakfast program at the United Methodist Church in Windsor, Vt., provided an important source of nutritious breakfast for local people until a lack of funding and volunteers forced it to close its doors in late May 2018. Recognizing the importance of the program to health and wellness for those it serves, Mt. Ascutney Hospital has joined with a group of committed local organizations to quickly reestablish this vital community resource. While the Kitchen reopened June 18 following a two-week shutdown, the group is working to keep it open on a sustainable basis.

According to Jill Lord, R.N., M.S., director of Community Health at MAHHC, the core leadership team includes MAHHC, Support and Services at Home, Historic Homes of Runnemed, Volunteers in Action, and the Windsor Police. Together, they are aiming to recreate the Rachel's Kitchen Community Board, raising funds from individual and organizational donors to support program operation, and reaching out to recruit a volunteer corps who can welcome and support guests of the kitchen.

"Consistent access to healthy meals is essential to both individual wellness and community wellbeing," said Lord, who noted that food insecurity is a major focus of the Hospital's Community Health Needs Assessment, a regular survey of local people to identify the most pressing local health concerns. "Studies tell us

that 12 percent of people on Windsor County experience food insecurity; and that percentage rises to 16 percent for children," explained Lord. "The numbers are even higher for the families we care for at Mt. Ascutney Hospital. When people have low incomes and transportation challenges, access to healthy, affordable food diminishes, and programs like Rachel's Kitchen are vital to maintaining a healthy community."

Serving free breakfast Monday through Friday to anyone who stops by, Rachel's Kitchen typically serves 15 to 20 meals a day, increasing to as many as 40 meals a day during the summer. Meals include baked goods, fruit, cereals, and beverages from milk to juices and coffee. "It's a robust program," says Lord, "one with considerable ongoing costs and volunteer needs, to make, transport, and serve the meals."

Established in 2017 as a 501(c)(3) organization, Rachel's Kitchen was initially funded in part through a

grant from the Mascoma Foundation, and was organized by Rev. Earl Dionne, and a community board. "That valuable grant has been spent down," said Lord, "and while a generous, anonymous donor contributed \$500 to keep the Kitchen running on the week of June 18, a long-term solution is needed."

Businesses, community members, organizations, and foundations willing to partner with Rachel's Kitchen to feed those in need may send checks to Rachel's Kitchen, 165 Main Street, Windsor, VT 05089.

In addition, the group seeks community members and organizations who can volunteer their time at Rachel's Kitchen, from one day a month to one day a week, during the hours of 6:45 to 10:30 a.m. Those interested should contact Barb Loyer at 802-674-4343 or barbara.loyer@comcast.net.

"The need is urgent," stressed Lord. "And together, we can all make a difference to reduce hunger in our community."

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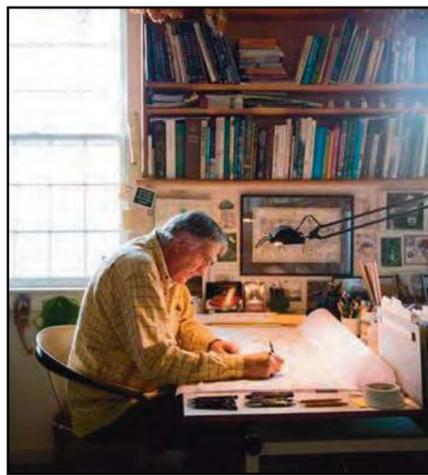
Mount Holly Community Historical Museum dinner

BELMONT, Vt. - On Saturday, Sept. 1, the Mount Holly Community Historical Museum will host their annual fundraising dinner. The menu includes baked ham, delicious sides, and an assortment of desserts. The dinner is served all-you-can-eat, family style with seatings starting at 5 p.m. The dinner will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall in the village of Belmont. Take out dinners are available, as well. Come and enjoy the dinner and beautiful Belmont. For more information about the museum, visit our website www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org or on Facebook at @mthollymuseum.

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Gordon Hayward in the garden

WESTMINSTER WEST, Vt. - Gordon Hayward will be at the Westminster West Library to discuss his garden, Thursday Aug. 23 from 7 to 8 p.m.



Gordon Hayward.

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Gordon Hayward, with his wife Mary, has been developing their garden in Westminster West since 1983. Their garden is featured in the September issue of Martha Stewart Living Magazine. Hayward began a garden writing career from a cottage in Mary's hamlet of Hidcote Boyce in the North Cotswold Hills of England in 1979. By 1983, when the Haywards moved to Westminster West, he had published 10 articles in Horticulture Magazine. He went



Gordon Hayward will speak about his nationally recognized garden.

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on to publish over 100 articles in a variety of national garden magazines. During those same years he published 10 books on garden design, four with WW Norton, three with Gibbs Smith Publishing in Salt Lake, and four others for other pub-

lishing houses. In this one-hour talk, Hayward will explore the process he followed to become a nationally recognized garden writer as well as a garden lecturer, having lectured in 42 states.

“Red Scare in the Green Mountains” book talk

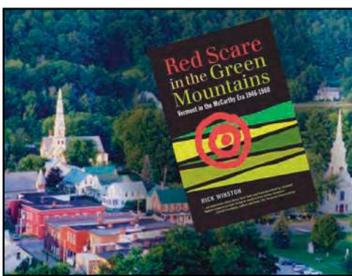
LUDLOW, Vt. - Black River Academy Museum, FOLA, and The Book Nook welcome Vermont film historian Rick Winston to Ludlow for a talk about Winston's new exploration of the McCarthy era in Vermont, “Red Scare in the Green Mountains: Vermont in the McCarthy Era 1948-1960.” This book talk will take place Thursday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Heald Auditorium, upstairs in the Ludlow Town Hall.

Rick Winston was the co-owner of Montpelier's Savoy Theater for 29 years, and was programming director for the Green Mountain Film Festival for 14 years. He has taught film history at Burlington College, Community College of Vermont, Goddard College, and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, and has made presentations throughout

Vermont on film history.

In his new book Rick Winston explores what happened in Vermont when the anti-Communist fear known as the “Red Scare” swept the country. We see how a small, rural “rock-ribbed Republican” state with a historically libertarian streak handled the hysteria of the time. Far from the klieg lights of Washington D.C., Hollywood, and New York City, the Green Mountain state challenged the national narrative with its own fascinating stories.

Here are nine of the most gripping dramas played out in Vermont dur-



“My interest in the Red Scare began in the early 1960s, when I was a teenager growing up in Yonkers, New York,” said author Rick Winston.

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ing “scoundrel time,” including a high-profile academic firing, controversies involving left-leaning summer residents, courageous newspaper editors who spoke out against McCarthy's tactics, and a conservative senator who helped take down Joseph McCarthy.

Copies of “Red Scare in the Green Mountains” will be available for purchase, and to be signed, at the event. BRAM, FOLA, and The Book Nook are proud sponsors of this literary event in Ludlow and hope that you will be able to join them at the town hall for a fascinating talk.

Book discussion, “Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?”

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Pick up a copy of Roz Chast's graphic memoir “Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?” today at the Rockingham Library's front desk. Then join the library's book discussion led by Vermont Humanities Council scholar and VPR commentator Deborah Lee Luskin, Monday, Sept. 24 at 5:30 p.m.

The genre of graphic narratives has flourished in recent years. Encyclopaedia Britannica describes a graphic novel as “a long comic narrative for a mature audience, published in hardback or paperback and sold

in bookstores, with serious literary themes and sophisticated artwork.” Roz Chast's graphic memoir features her parents in their final years and highlights the literary value and artistic merit in this growing medium.

This Vermont Humanities Council reading and discussion event is hosted by the Rockingham Library and the Brattleboro Area Hospice. It is free, open to the public, and accessible to people with disabilities. For more information, call 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the

library at 65 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt. The library hours is open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

In addition, a related exhibit of Roz Chast's original illustrations from “Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?” is on display until Sept. 24 at the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center at 10 Vernon St. in Brattleboro. Rockingham Library cardholders can reserve/borrow a free family admission pass to the BMAC by calling the library 802-463-4270.

Book discussions at Northshire Bookstore with two authors

MANCHESTER, Vt. - On Friday, Aug. 24, at 6 p.m., join us at Northshire Bookstore in welcoming Dzigar Kongtrul Rinpoche, the popular Buddhist teacher, when he presents his new guide for tsewa.

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Dzigar Kongtrul grew up in a monastic environment and received extensive training in all aspects of Buddhist doctrine. In 1989, he moved to the United States with his family. He also founded Mangala Shri Bhuti, his own teaching organization, during this period. He has established a mountain retreat center, Longchen Jigme Samten Ling, in southern Colorado. When not guiding students in long-term retreats and not in retreat himself, Rinpoche travels widely throughout the world teaching and furthering his own education.

On Saturday, Aug. 25 at 5:30 p.m., Julia Reed will present “South Towards Home: Adventures and Misadventures in my Native Land.”

Northshire is thrilled to welcome back renowned writer and editor Julia Reed as she provides a wry and humorous take on life and cul-

ture in the American South from her new book. She chronicles her adventures through the highs and the lows of Southern life - the Delta hot tamale festival, a masked ball, a rollicking party in a boat on a sand bar, scary Christian billboards, and the southern affection for the lowly possum. She writes about the southern penchant for making their own fun in every venue from a high-toned New Orleans dinner party to cocktail crawls on the streets of the French Quarter where to-go cups are de rigueur. And with as much hilarity as possible, Julia shines her light on the South's more embarrassing tendencies like dry counties and the politics of lust. “South Towards Home” is Julia Reed's valentine to the place she loves best.

Julia Reed is a contributing editor at Garden & Gun, where she writes the magazine's The High & the Low column. Reed divides her time between New Orleans and Greenville, Miss.

Both events take place at the Northshire Bookstore, 4869 Main Street in Manchester Center, Vt. For more information on this or other events, call 802-362-2200 or 1-800-437-3700, or visit the Northshire Bookstore website at www.northshire.com.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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Amsden village

The Amsden photo with this article is from Ted Spaulding. My mother grew up in Amsden and told me many stories about growing up there. She spoke a lot of Teddy Robinson and the "Panther."

Last week I went to the Weathersfield Historical Society to research this photo. Ellen Clattenburg greeted me and had many files ready for me to examine. The article below is information gathered from that visit.



Amsden village circa 1910.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY TED SPAULDING

As early as the 1780s the first sawmill was established by Levi Stevens in what today is Amsden. In 1849 John Howard was operating a gristmill at this same location and hired 17 year old Charles Amsden. Howard was out of business two weeks later. Amsden with \$100 to his name bought the mill to run it himself. From this meager beginning Amsden built an empire that included many different mills. Of greater significance perhaps were Amsden's two lime kilns. You will read about these below.

Condensed from Victor Rolando's book titled "200 Years of Soot and Sweat". The lime produced in Weathersfield (Amsden) is a dark color, not white as in most other locations. It is a well-known fact that the dolomitic lime of Amsden makes a mortar much more durable when exposed to moisture and weather.

Also condensed from an article Ted Barrows wrote for the Weathersfield Weekly: The limestone was blasted from the ledges, then breaking it into smaller pieces with a sledgehammer, it was hauled to the burning kilns where it was fired overnight. Vast amounts of firewood were required. In the morning it was removed from the kiln, put through a crusher where it was powdered, loaded into barrels and hauled by horse and wagon to Claremont to be shipped on the railroad. Some lime was hauled to the railroad station in Proctorsville.

Barrows further writes: Many barrels were needed to ship the finished lime. His uncle Louis

Hoisington was a cooper (barrel maker) in Amsden. All parts of the barrel were manufactured here: staves, barrel heads and hoops.

Along with the sawmill where his father and Clarence Emery were sawyers, was a busy store and busier school. A barrel of flour cost \$1.98 and if you could carry it 300 yards without setting it down it was yours.

Another condensed article by Sue Davis in the Weathersfield Weekly: Max Emery upon visiting Robert Undeen noticed a particular wooden barrel. When Max offered to buy the barrel Mr. Undeen gave it to him. Max recognized the barrel as one his father Clarence had a hand in building at the barrel works in Amsden, located in the gorge beside the Amsden Store some 50 or more years earlier.

Max's father, Clarence Emery, made the saw which cut the staves for the barrel and another saw to cut shingles. Max's father and Max's sister Laura worked in the barrel works, Laura making the heads for the barrels.

The 1927 flood took out the mill complex including the barrel works and shingle mill. Later Laura Emery Miller bought the Amsden Store and ran it for several years. Laura then bought the Perkinsville Store.

In the 1880s the general store, gristmill, sawmill, blacksmith shop, and two large limekilns producing 10,000 barrels of lime yearly all belonged to Charles Amsden as did the twenty houses, chapel and the schoolhouse which he built for his employees. And he owned approximately 1,000 acres.

The large building in the back-

ground of the photo is Amsden's store. The two buildings in the foreground were probably associated with the lime business.

In 1937 my mother (June Emery) was sitting on the counter in the Amsden store when my father Arnold walked in. This was my parents' first meeting.

Another little tidbit of local history was told to me by Ted Spaulding. The 1938 hurricane destroyed a mill in Weston (where Ted was living at the time). Later the engine from the Weston mill was found downstream, recovered and sold to a shingle mill at Downers. This shingle mill was owned and operated by Clarence Emery.

Max Emery Sr. was my mother's brother. Clarence Emery was my mother's father. Some may remember Laura Emery Miller, my mother's sister, who lived in the stone house on Route 106 on the way to Reading. This is the stone house that was destroyed by a new owner in recent years. Laura was known for her braided rugs. Little known is the fact that my mother braided rugs for Laura on order.

The Chester Historical Society is asking for donations of antiques for our antiques sale this Sept. 15 and 16. Give me a call at 802-374-0119 and I'll come pick them up.

Instead of an old saying I offer something my father taught me. "A man never extends his hand to a woman in a handshake. The woman must extend her hand first."



Max Emery with a Clarence Emery made barrel.

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Left to right: Virginia, June, and Laura Emery picking berries, circa 1927.

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William Austin Antiques is moving!

CHESTER, Vt. - William Austin Antiques will hold a huge auction sale Aug. 24, 25, and 26 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., previews on Aug. 22 and 23. They will be moving to 3663 VT Route 103 in Chester.

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Tour to the Green Mountain Mineral Spring

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - Join Dennis Devereux Saturday, Aug. 25 for a tour to a mineral spring that was believed to provide healing water in

the late 1800s. The water from the Green Mountain Mineral Spring in Mount Holly was bottled and sold in Rutland. Meet at 1:30 p.m. in the

church parking lot next to the Perkins House Museum on the Village Green in Belmont. For information, call Dennis at 802-259-2460.

Tour the historic houses and buildings of Perkinsville

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - The Weathersfield Historical Society is sponsoring a free, public walking tour of historic houses and buildings in Perkinsville, Vt., Saturday morning Sept. 8, 2018 from 10 a.m. to noon. Rain or shine. Meet at the Perkinsville Community Church at

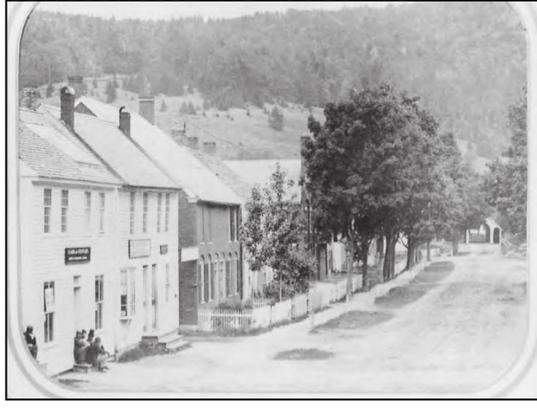
the head of the Green.

Parking will be at the church and along High Street on the west side of the Green. Some homes' interiors will be open to the public while for others, their history and exterior architectural details will be discussed.

Kathleen Fellows, owner of the

landmark "Pink House," which the public may enter, will point out interesting interior details. She will also talk about her medical mission in Nepal and would welcome any contributions. The tour will conclude at the 1879 Schoolhouse. For more information, call 802-885-9517.

Remember when...



CAVENDISH, Vt. - Does anyone remember when the Depot Street Bridge in Cavendish was a covered bridge? You can see Depot Street, and the small bridge pictured in the background. Today, the bridge is closed for repairs, to be rebuilt tentatively in 2019.

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Op-Ed: Back on the right track

Every village, town, and city in Vermont can have a thriving economy. We can have an economy consistently growing faster than the costs of living, so our state is more affordable, and each year families can be more secure. We can have the best education system in the nation, where every school offers a full range of 21st century educational opportunities, and every child graduates prepared to compete and succeed. And with a thriving economy, we can invest in a cleaner environment, safer neighborhoods with fewer suffering from addiction, and meet our obligation to the most vulnerable.

I ran for governor because I believe we can achieve this vision with leadership that is honest about the scope of our challenges, sets clear priorities to address them, is willing to put progress ahead of the politics and policies

of the past – and is able to do the hard work and make the difficult decisions while encouraging civility and respect.

For years, our population growth has been slowing, and a shrinking working-age population resulted in an average of six fewer workers in our workforce and three fewer kids in our schools every single day. State spending and tax burdens were rising faster than many Vermonters' pay, and there was too little focus on restoring the economic and fiscal fundamentals required to invest in our future. That's why my administration has had the courage to tackle the tough issues, like getting spending growth under control, strengthening our education system, eliminating waiting lists for opioid treatment, and fighting to give Vermonters a break from increasing taxes and fees.

While we have much more work to

do, in my first 19 months in office we have put Vermont on a better path. And, we are making measurable progress with real results.

State government is now living within its means. Better management and more economic activity have combined to generate a \$70 million budget surplus across all funds. Spending growth over the five fiscal years before I took office averaged almost 5 percent per year, funded largely by unsustainable tax increases. Now, spending is growing at just 2 percent, without raising taxes or fees – and our surplus should allow us to return more money to taxpayers in the future, if the Legislature agrees.

We are modernizing state government to make it more efficient and productive. By consolidating IT operations within an Agency of Digital Services, for example, we saved about

\$2.2 million. We've reduced state operating costs by \$32.5 million, while improving the delivery of services. And the Agency of Human Services alone closed out this fiscal year having spent \$70 million less, across all funds, than the last fiscal year of the previous administration. That's over \$100 million taxpayers have not had to pay – without reducing frontline services.

We also prevented about \$71 million in forecasted statewide property tax rate increases and held residential property tax rates level for two years in a row. If you are a residential property tax payer and your bill went up, it's due to local factors, not the statewide rate. And I want to be clear: I am insisting we address education because I believe we can transform our education system from good to the very best in the country. This requires the courage to reduce inefficiency and

invest the savings in more and better opportunities for kids.

While we grappled with K-12 reform, we also increased investment in career technical education, workforce training, and higher education by about \$5 million, and childcare assistance for working families by \$2.5 million.

We passed the largest housing investment in state history, which will generate hundreds of new housing units working families can afford, 1,000 construction jobs and \$100 million in construction activity. We also streamlined the regulatory process so more housing for working families can be built and cost less.

Over the last two years, we've cut the cost of workers compensation insurance by over 10 percent, saving employers an estimated \$30 million. This year, we cut income tax rates across

the board and eliminated income taxes on social security benefits for low and middle-income retirees, saving Vermonters \$30 million. And, while we still have more to do to expand our workforce, there are now 4,500 more Vermonters in the private sector labor force.

We have taken many positive and measurable steps forward in just 19 months, and we're on the right track. But we still have much more work ahead. If we stay focused on making Vermont's economy stronger, and our state more affordable for families and business, Vermont will be a state where every community and every family can thrive and prosper.

You can learn more about the work we're doing for Vermonters at www.governor.vermont.gov.

Written by Gov. Phil Scott.

Op-Ed: Behind the budget drama

There's a case to be made that this year's budget showdown in Montpelier was lot of high drama with little substance. After all the drama, the budget that was finally approved created one problem that the Legislature will have to address next year and ignored another that should have been addressed long ago.

In May, after the Legislature had adjourned and gone home, Gov. Phil Scott vetoed the appropriations bill for fiscal 2019 and called lawmakers back to Montpelier for a special session. Then he vetoed the first spending bill passed in the special session. Finally, facing the prospect that Vermont would start a new fiscal year on July 1 without a budget in place, the governor sort of stepped aside for a third appropriations bill: he didn't sign it, he didn't veto it, he just let it become law.

Vermonters may be surprised to learn that the standoff wasn't over the amount of government spending, which is usually the case in budget fights between the governor and the Legislature. There was only a \$1.3 million difference – point zero two percent – between the \$5.9 billion budget the governor recommended in January, the two budgets he vetoed, and one finally adopted.

To be sure, how the \$5.9 billion

was allocated changed between January and June. School budgets came in lower than the governor anticipated when he presented his spending plan. That freed up some money that the Legislature put into some human services programs that the governor had underfunded initially.

But the governor didn't really push back on the amount the Legislature appropriated. The big fight was over the use of so-called "one-time" money – revenue expected in fiscal 2019 but not in future years.

Such windfalls can be a big help when used to pay down future obligations. The Legislature proposed putting the money into teachers' retirement, which would have reduced the state's long-term costs.

But one-time funds also can be a trap when they're used to pay for regular, recurring operating expenses. Gov. Scott insisted on using one-time surplus funds to pay for public education next year – repeating the mistake made last year when the Legislature and administration also used one-time reserves to support the Education Fund. The governor wanted to use the surplus to artificially reduce property tax rates, when everyone knows property taxes will have to jump up dramatically when the one-

time money is gone.

The Legislature, to its credit, wanted to stop playing games with the Education Fund this year. But in the end, it acceded to the governor's demand to the surplus to lower school tax rates, which simply leaves a problem to be addressed next year.

The problem the Legislature and the administration ignored – again – this year was the woeful treatment of children living in poverty through the underfunding of Reach Up. The statute couldn't be more clear: the purpose of Reach Up is, among other things, "to improve the well-being of children by providing for their immediate basic needs, including food, housing, and clothing..." In practice, however, what Vermont does is provide less than half of these children's needs – based on the 2004 standard, which is now 14 years out of date.

As the effects of the recession have slowly ebbed, fewer Vermont children and families have needed support through Reach Up. But instead

of bringing the support for individual families up to the statutory level as the number of families has declined, the administration and the Legislature have simply reduced the Reach Up appropriation.

There was one small acknowledgment of the problem this year though. The Legislature directed the Department for Children and Families to update its annual Reach Up reports. When reporting on the basic needs allowance, it will have to report the benefit level as a percent of current basic needs rather than needs determined in 2004.

So support for poor children will still be inadequate, but at least we'll have an accurate measure of just how inadequate it is.

Written by Jack Hoffman. Hoffman is a policy analyst for Public Assets Institute (www.publicassets.org), a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization based in Montpelier. Jack is a resident of Marshfield, Vt.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We write on behalf of the Ninevah Foundation, and ask that this letter be published as a response to Ida Gage's Aug. 15 opinion article about Lake Ninevah.

We are long-time residents of Lake Ninevah. Paul served for many years as chair of the town's Select Board, and Judy is a former third-grade teacher in the Mount Holly School. We have been involved with the work of the Ninevah Foundation (and its predecessor, the Wilderness Corporation) for at least 40 years. We also have known Ida and her husband Art ever since they began visiting their camp on the lake.

We are surprised and saddened that Ida chose The Vermont Journal as a forum to air inaccurate complaints about the Ninevah Foundation, which has provided critical leadership for land and lake conservation and use for over 30 years. The Founda-

tion makes nearly all of its land and trails open to the public for hunting, fishing, hiking, and winter sports including snowmobiling. The only exception is the lands that immediately surround the summer camp programs operated by Farm and Wilderness for children and teens, which are not open to the public only while those programs are in session.

Among other conservation activities, the Foundation pays for "greeters" at the state fishing access to check boats to prevent Eurasian water milfoil from entering the lake and divers to check the lake for milfoil and hand-pull the weed when it appears. The Foundation spent over \$200,000 to reconstruct the dam on the lake and continues to maintain it without any public funds and contributed \$10,000 to help rebuild the dam on Star Lake in Belmont. Please take a look at the Foundation's web-

site, www.ninevahfoundation.org, for more information, including its 2017 Annual Report with Sources and Uses of Funds.

We also do not understand why Ida felt it necessary to make accusations against the Foundation's new partner, the Farm & Wilderness Foundation camps. The camps operate experiential outdoor education programs and a day camp for over 800 children and teens each year. Three of these programs operate on lands owned by the Ninevah Foundation. The camps are run on Quaker values, but they are open to campers of all faiths and have never been charged with religious discrimination. The camps' tuition is significantly less than other New England nonprofit summer camps, they offer substantial "camperships" to help children of more modest means attend, and they serve many young people from Vermont. Finally,

the camps are not nudists. Please take a look at the Farm & Wilderness, www.farmandwilderness.org, website for more information.

Finally, we believe you should know that it is likely that Ida has raised her "grievances" in this public manner largely out of anger that last year she and Art had to abandon a lawsuit they initiated against the Foundation after the case proved to be groundless.

We and other representatives of the Foundation welcome the opportunity to talk with anyone who has questions, concerns, or suggestions about the work the Foundation does, its history, the Gages' lawsuit, or how the Foundation might better serve the lake and Mount Holly communities.

Paul and Judy Nevin
Mount Holly, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my appreciation to all of you who voted for me in this year's Primary Election, granting

me the top spot on the Republican ballot. A special thank you goes out to those of you who wrote me in on the

Democrat ballot, a true show of bipartisan support! I hope, moving on to November, we can all focus on the candidate's platforms and ambitions rather than a party label.

I have heard many comments this year about some candidates being focused on a "one subject" platform – the Gun Bills signed in April. I assure you I am not one of those. My platform was written long before March and April and my intentions to run started last summer. Constitutional compliance should be a part of every candidate's platform.

I enjoy standing at the polls, greeting voters, and conversing with the other candidates. We all get along well despite our differences in opin-

ion, and we have meaningful conversation. We all seem to have the same end goal of bettering Vermont. I've found our differences are merely how to get there. Thank you, Rebecca White, for providing us cover from the sun and elements on the hot, fresh pavement in Hartford!

Meeting as many of you as possible is something I look forward to this late summer and fall. If you see me, please approach me. I'd be more than happy to hear your views, opinions, and suggestions.

Again, thank you,
Randy Gray
Windsor District Senate candidate
N. Springfield, Vt.

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CHURCH SERVICES

ALSTEAD, N.H.

Community Worship, Vilas Pool Park

On Sunday, Aug. 26, area churches will gather at Vilas Pool Park for a worship service at 10:30 a.m. Rev. James Berry and Pastor Maureen Adams will be leading the service. A potluck will follow. Hot dogs and fruit punch will be provided. Anyone is welcome to bring a dish to share. For more information, please contact Maureen Adams at 603-835-2144.

CHESTER, VT.

Chester Congregational Church, 469 Main St., Route 11 West

Sunday Service at 10 a.m. All are welcome. For more information, call 802-875-3382 or go to www.chestercongregational.org.

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

Sunday service is at 8 a.m. Service with music, Sunday School, and

nursery care available at 10 a.m. Wednesday morning prayer at 9:40 a.m. Website www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org or call 802-875-6000.

Andover Community Church, 928 Weston-Andover Rd.

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship service 10:45 a.m. For more information, go to www.andovercommunitychurch.org.

LUDLOW, VT.

Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St.

Mass on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. Sundays at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Call 802-228-3451.

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

Regular worship begins at 10:30 on Sundays. 802-522-8249. All are welcome!

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.

Sunday, Aug. 26 service is "Trees" with JoAnn Graffon-Hargove at 10

a.m. Trees are everywhere. We admire their beauty and majesty. Let us explore the hidden life of trees. All are welcome. This will be our final summer service. We resume weekly services Sunday, Sept. 9. Call 802-885-3327 or go to www.uspringfieldvt.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.

All Church Services are listed online at www.VermontJournal.com.

Lester Cook, 1936 – 2018

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Lester

"Cookie" Cook, 82, of Piggery Road died unexpectedly Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018 at his home. Lester was born in Pennsylvania June 24, 1936, the son of George and Mary Cook. He was a graduate of Bellows Falls High School and went on to serve in the National Guard. Lester worked at Northeast Culvert and retired from L&B Truck Service. After retirement, he worked for Westminster Auto until his death. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and especially enjoyed spending time with his family and laughing with his many friends. His welcome smile and infectious laugh will be missed, but never forgotten. He also enjoyed antiques, auctions, and was a great collector. Lester was a scoutmaster and was the first constable in Westminster. He was a

member of the Vermont Trappers Association, the BPOE 1619, and was an active member of the Westminster Congregational Church.

In Westminster, Vt. in 1955 Lester married Bernice E. Cobb who predeceased him. Surviving are his sons Kenneth and wife Christine, Michael and wife Ginger, and Andrew Cook; his sister Hattie Miller; five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

There will be a funeral service 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25 at the Westminster Congregational Church with burial to follow in the Westminster New Cemetery. A reception will follow at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Congregational Church, 3470 U.S. Route 5, Westminster, VT 05158.

Harry L. Gordon Sr., 1931 – 2018

SIMONSVILLE, Vt. - Harry L.

Gordon Sr. went home to glory Sunday morning, Aug. 12, 2018, very peacefully, surrounded by family.

Harry was born at home Jan. 7, 1931 in Simonsville, Vt., to Merrill James Gordon and Anna Simpson Gordon. His father worked with traveling logging crews and so Harry and his siblings attended many schools, including the Simonsville School.

Harry quit school after the eighth grade to help his father. Harry tried his hand at chicken farming, logging with horses, trucking, and yarding pulp with various kinds of equipment, all before being drafted into the army at 21. After basic training, Harry was shipped off to Germany where he honed his writing skills by corresponding to his sweetheart back home.

Soon after returning home, Nov. 10, 1956, Harry and Janice Snow were married. They bought the house in Simonsville and raised four children there. Harry's career continued as he logged, pulped, farmed, ran a service station, and did some excavating work. In the last 10 years of his life, when most men would have been long retired, Harry took on perhaps his most impressive "job." The farm that he had once hayed and raised animals on changed hands, and the new owner hired him to bring the farm back to its original glory. Harry put his heart into his own special canvas on the hill for us all to admire for years to come. His last day on the excavator on the hill was less than two weeks before he died.

Harry was the president of the Simonsville Cemetery for about 40 years.

Burial service for Jean Foley

Dear friends of Jean Foley - longtime resident of Londonderry, Vt. and One of the Ol' Derry Dames,

As you may or may not know, she passed away this past December. Her funeral was held in Burlington, Vt., in December. We will be holding her graveside burial service at Riverside Cemetery in Londonderry, Vt., Aug. 25 at 11 a.m.

We will be gathering at Jake's Restaurant immediately following to share memories of her and her late husband Dick Foley.

If you would like to pay your last respects and share your memories, please join us! As Jean would say, "The more the merrier!"

Sincerely,
The Foley Family

Doris N. Farnham

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Doris Nellie (McPherson) Farnham, 81, died peacefully Aug. 17, 2018. Doris was born in St. Francis, Maine, the daughter of Hanford and Marguerite (Dubois) McPherson.

Doris loved to travel, read, do crafts, and spend time with her family. She spent years working in retail and banking; her outgoing and warm personality made her work more than a profession - she truly enjoyed making others' lives better. Her greatest joy was in spending time with her family and extended family.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Mary Ann and Stewart LaRocque; her son Donald Lagasse Jr.; her son and daughter-in-law Scott and Teresa Lagasse; and her son and daughter-in-law Rodney and Allison Eno Lagasse. She also leaves six grandchildren Shannon Holl, Amanda Bateman, Ashley Graham, Echo Granger, Colt Lagasse, Wade Lagasse; her brothers and sister Raymond, Roy, Neal, Herb, and Irene; and great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She is predeceased by her parents Hanford and Marguerite (Dubois) McPherson; brothers Melvin, Robert, Lesley, Peter; sister Linda; her



Doris N. Farnham.

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husbands Donald Lagasse Sr. and James Farnham; and her grandson Hal J. Buntele Jr.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held at the VFW on River Street in Springfield, Vt., Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018 from 2-6 p.m. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011.

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

Barbara L. Tidd, 1933 – 2018

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Barbara L. Tidd, 85, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2018 with her loving family by her side at The Villa in St. Albans.

She was born Jan. 17, 1933 in Montgomery Center to the late Leland and Maude (Demar) Snider.

Barbara attended schools in Montgomery and Enosburg Falls. After school she worked on the family farm. Barbara married Donald Wetherby Oct. 7, 1950. She worked at a printing company and book press in Brattleboro, where she gained a love for books and how to repair them. She then went on to care for others and worked at Linden Lodge Nursing Home. She was an active and loyal member of the VFW and Eagles Club in Brattleboro, where she served as state president and received an award for Mother of the Year. She will be remembered for her cooking, especially chicken 'n biscuits and her blue ribbon winning pickles. Barbara loved all animals, and they loved her back. Her favorite hobbies included going to lawn sales, taking trips to the casino, horse and dog races, and having a good time. After the loss of her husband Donald in 1972, she remarried Edward Tidd in 1975. Above all, Barbara will be remembered for the love and compassion she had for other people.

She is survived by her children Ginger Desautels and her husband Pierre of Greencastle, Pa., Lee "Pepper" Wetherby and his wife Sandy of Schoadack Landing, N.Y., Donald Wetherby and his wife Madeline of Richford, Susan Clark of Newbury, N.H., and Gary Wetherby of Marlow, N.H.; stepchildren Sandy, Brenda, and David; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild; her brother Doug "Shorty" Snider and his wife Wanda; her sisters Marion



Barbara L. Tidd, 1933 – 2018.

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Peters and her husband Dennis, Marguerite Robtoy, Mildred Gundry, and Sally Ryea and her husband Hollis; a special niece Karleen Lumbr; and several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, Barbara was predeceased by her two husbands Donald Wetherby and Edward Tidd; her grandson Jesse Wetherby; son-in-law Milton Clark; brothers-in-law Elrick Robtoy and Al Gundry; daughter-in-law Lee Wetherby; brothers Richard and Sonny Snider and many, many, four-legged friends.

The Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018 at All Saints Catholic Church in Richford. Interment was held Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018 in the Westminster New Cemetery, Kurn Hattin Rd., Westminster.

For those who wish, contributions in Barbara's memory may be made to Franklin County Animal Rescue, 30 Sunset Meadows, St Albans City, VT 05478.

Condolences, photos, and favorite memories may be shared through www.gossfs.com.

Anna M. Emerson, 1938 – 2018

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Anna M. Emerson, 79, of Rockingham Road passed away early Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018 at Springfield Health & Rehabilitation Center. Ann was born in Middlebury, Vt., Aug. 18, 1938, the daughter of Richard and Alberta (Lafountain) Benjamin. She was a graduate of Chester High School class of 1957 and was owner and operator of Emerson & Sons from 1967 to 1994 with her husband Paul. She enjoyed her weekly trip to Simone's Styling Salon and was a regular at the Dari Joy. Ann was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Bellows Falls Polish Club.

On Nov. 1, 1958 in Bellows Falls, Vt., she married Paul Emerson Sr. who predeceased her. Surviving are her sons Paul Jr. of Westminster, Vt., Mike of Bellows Falls, and Brian Emerson of West Brattleboro; her siblings John Benjamin of Ware, Mass., Clara Willard and husband Arthur of Rockingham, Stella Ploof and husband Fred of Port Charlotte, Fla., Joseph Benjamin and wife Sharon of Chaplin, Conn., Francis Benjamin of Middlebury, Vt., Josephine Tomala and husband Walter of Westfield, Mass., and Lois Tracy of Brandon, Vt.; her grandchildren Matt, Haley, Melissa, Mason, and Jordan; her great-grandchildren Riley and Reece; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held Monday, Aug. 20 at the Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls. Burial followed the service in the Saxtons River Cemetery.

Bruce W. Stephenson, 1946 – 2018

E. DUMMERSTON, Vt. - Bruce William Stephenson, 71, died at home Aug. 12, 2018, with his loving and dedicated life partner Mary Lafayette by his side, following a courageous battle with lung cancer.

He was born Nov. 10, 1946 in New Haven, Conn., the eldest son of William Bruce Stephenson and Shirley Carmichael Stephenson. He is survived by his sons Bruce Martin and Ian, and grandchildren Fiona, Gillian, and Wilder. He is deeply respected and missed by his sister Tracy, brother Jon, Mary's children Joshua, Sarah, and Elisa, and by his ex-wife Linda.

Bruce had a lifelong passion for education. Despite having been told at an early age that he was "unteachable," he graduated from McLean High School in Virginia in 1965. While providing for and raising a family, he went on to achieve a bachelor's degree in history from Keene State College, N.H., a master's degree in Middle Eastern history from Penn State University, Pa., and a second master's degree in education from Harvard University.

Bruce's thirst for knowledge was equaled only by his love of passing it on to others, so he dedicated the rest of his life to educating young people. He taught at Dublin School in Dublin, N.H., Dunn School in Los Olivos, Calif., as well as Seashore Charter School in Norwell, Mass., and Landmark College in Putney, Vt.

His final and most fulfilling work was at the Greenwood School in Putney, a private school for boys with diagnosed learning disabilities, where he was a language tutor and head of the history department. His indisputable ability to overcome his own learning disabilities inspired his colleagues and students, and helped him connect with the boys through empathy, wisdom, and endless patience. He is warmly remembered as an irreplaceable mentor, advisor, and role model.

Bruce's other great passion in life was the sport of rugby. As a player and coach, he was known as a fierce

competitor, formidable opponent, and clever strategist. He helped found the Keene State College team, and then played for University of Maine, Penn State, and the Toronto Barbarian club team. He coached at Keene State, and then found another home away from home at Williams College where he was the beloved head coach for many years.

Bruce was intelligent, articulate, a good listener, humble, determined, competitive, and an eternal optimist. He had an infectious smile, a contagious sense of humor, and a quick wit. He practiced acceptance, compassion, and understanding. He was a friend to all, a devout son, beautifully kind, gentle, and a playful big brother. He was an incredibly dedicated father to his two sons, and an equally dedicated father figure to hundreds more of his students and players. He was a wonderful partner and lived life to the fullest. He got up every morning of his life with the intent to make the world a better place.

There will be a celebration of Bruce's life Sunday, Oct. 14 at 11 a.m. in the gymnasium of the Greenwood School.

At Bruce's request, we are establishing a scholarship fund. Please send all donations to the Greenwood School, c/o Bruce Stephenson Memorial Scholarship, 14 Greenwood Lane, Putney, VT 05346.



Bruce W. Stephenson, 1946 – 2018.

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CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - On Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018 the River Valley Animal Protection League will be sponsoring an event to raise money for the animal shelter. Put together a team of two or three people and run - or walk or stroll - to complete 10 challenges in the downtown Charlestown area. The first three teams to complete all 10 and get back to the starting point win prizes!

There will be both physical and mental challenges suitable for anyone over age 14. This is an "Amazing Race" style event and is a foot

race. For more information and registration forms, please visit us online at www.rivervalleyapl.wordpress.com. You can also call 603-826-3061 or visit the shelter Monday 4-7 p.m. or Saturday 1-4 p.m. at 60 Cummings Ave, Charlestown. We do ask that you preregister to ensure a spot for your team. The event is Sept. 15, from noon to 4 p.m. Check in begins at noon and the race begins at 1 p.m., starting at the Silsby Library Courtyard, Main Street, Charlestown, N.H.

Members Advantage helps local students pay for college

REGION - MACCU has introduced a new alternative student loan program that helps students fill the funding gaps that federal aid can leave behind. Unlike other alternative loan products, MACCU's Student Choice private loan solution offers significantly lower rates, zero origination fees, and more flexible repayment terms.

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Participants to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's research

WHITE RIVER JCT, Vt. - The Alzheimer's Association is inviting Upper Valley residents to join the fight to end Alzheimer's by participating in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to



Join the walk to end Alzheimer's. PHOTO PROVIDED

End Alzheimer's. The walk will take place Sept. 23, 2018 at 9 a.m., at Lyman Point Park in White River Junction.

Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's participants will complete a 2-mile walk, with a shorter option available, and will learn about Alzheimer's disease, advocacy opportunities, clinical studies enrollment, and support programs and services from the Alzheimer's Association. Walk participants also honor those affected by Alzheimer's disease with the poignant Promise Garden ceremony.

In addition to the walk, participants will enjoy a healthy breakfast, fresh coffee, local sponsor tables, water stations along the route, and the commu-

nity of those who also support the fight for Alzheimer's first survivor.

More than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease, the sixth-leading cause of death in the U.S. and the only disease among the top 10 causes that cannot be cured, prevented, or even slowed. Additionally, more than 16 million family and friends provide care to people with Alzheimer's and other dementias in the U.S. In Vermont alone, there are more than 13,000 people living with the disease and over 30,000 caregivers.

Register today. Sign up as a team captain, join a team, or register to walk as an individual at www.alz.org/walk.

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's core, support, and research. Since 1989, the Alzheimer's Association mobilized millions of Americans in the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk. Now the Alzheimer's Association is continuing to lead the way with Walk to End Alzheimer's. Together, we can end Alzheimer's.

For more information, visit www.alz.org or call 800-272-3900.

Silk Tops 100-Lap Mods, Bly, and Town reclaim point leads

CLAREMONT, N.H. - Nutmeg State Modified ace Ronnie Silk led the final 16 laps of the Claremont Open Modified 100 Saturday, Aug. 18, to pocket the \$4,000-plus winner's purse at the Thrasher Road speedplant.

While the former Whelen Modified champion was the night's big winner, both Ricky Bly and Bryan Town left the oval with big smiles in place too; each having won his division's feature race and, in so doing, reclaimed the top spot in his respective 2018 championship race. Rookie star Kyle Templeton was the night's Wild Cat winner.

Dana DiMatteo set fast time for the first 22 go-rounds of the Modified 100, then giving way to Les Hinkley, who, as he had done earlier this summer in a Tri-Track Series event here, piled up lap after lap atop the leader board.

Hinkley had the point when a routine caution on lap 80 sent most of the front-runner's pitside for fresh rubber. Todd Patnode elected to chance staying on old rubber, staying out and taking the lead, with Silk, then third, pulling up behind him on the restart, before taking his first lead of the race three laps later.

Hinkley was quickly back up to second but had to content himself with the runner-up finish, glued to Silk's bumper. Patnode, Chase Dowling, and Russ Hersey completed the top five.

Ben Poland took the lead from Tyler Lescord on lap two of the R.E. Hinkley Super Street 40-lapper, then opening a comfortable margin as Dylan Bodreau, Ricky Bly, and Mark McClay battled for second. A lap-21 brushup sent Bodreau to the turn-three grass and McClay to Poland's side.

Bly charged into second on lap 24 and took the lead five laps later, then picking up a dash of gold paint on his backside before darting off to victory. Poland, strong all night, earned the runner-up hardware, with Bodreau roaring back to third on the final trip around the third-mile oval. McClay and Ken Fowler rounded out the top five.

The win was Bly's second of the summer but only his first in a points race. It moved him back atop the chart, two markers ahead of Bodreau, whose last-lap dash to third saved him from going four down.

Robbie Streeter and Briana Akusis brought the Pepsi Street Stocks to the green but, after an opening lap Kenny Thompson looper, Bryan Town quickly took control.

The second caution of the race brought seven-time winner Chris Riendeau to Town's bumper and the battle was on. The two would trade paint over the next 13 laps, with Riendeau finally muscling into the lead on lap 22, only to have a Mike Salois looper put Town back at the point.

With Riendeau firing from out-

side, Dave Greenslit hooked onto Town's shadow to take second but Lenny Silver, who'd retired from the back earlier in the event, had saved his best for last, rocketing into second as the checkers waved. Greenslit was third, with Thompson and Riendeau completing the top five.

Town's visit to Daddy's Pizza Victory Lane placed him eight points ahead of Riendeau with a half-dozen events remaining in the season.

Rookies Cody Schoolcraft and Kyle Templeton led the T-Bird Mini Mart Wild Cats to the green, with Templeton - currently second in points - taking command on lap four and then never looking back en route to his second victory of the summer.

Seth Melcher inched past Schoolcraft for second on lap ten but the rookie, in only his third career event, would budge no more. With Templeton winning by a country mile, both Melcher and Schoolcraft posted career-best finishes. Erin Aiken, in a rare 2018 appearance, was strong in fourth, and rookie Haydon Grenier came home fifth. Schoolcraft had earlier scored his career-first heat race victory.

Claremont Speedway will return to action next Friday, Aug. 24, with a full three-division card of racing plus, for the younger set, another fun round of Big Wheel racing. The Super Street, Street Stock, and Wild Cat divisions will all be in action, with post time set for 7 p.m.

For more information, please visit www.claremontspeedway.net.

Claremont Speedway Aug. 18 top tens:

Modified: Ronnie Silk, Les Hinkley, Todd Patnode, Chase Dowling, Russ Hersey, Tommy Barrett, Dana Smith, Brian Robie, Jeff Murray, Kirk Alexander.

Super Street: Ricky Bly, Ben Poland, Dylan Bodreau, Mark McClay, Ken Fowler, Tyler Lescord, Hayden Scott, Ryan Bell, Alex Poisson, Justin Littlewood.

Street Stock: Bryan Town, Lenny Silver, Dave Greenslit, Kenny Thompson, Chris Riendeau, Briana Akusis, Robbie Streeter, Erin Aiken, Chris Emerson, Mike Salois.

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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

Autumn is just around the corner. The heat seems to come around on alternate days now, and there is a little more nip in the air every evening. Even without these hints of what's ahead, the fall sports practices let everyone know summer days are limited.

Is it just because I was an educator for a long time after my attendance school days were over, or does everyone look at the opening of school as a landmark that summer is over? Then there is that holiday known as Labor Day, which serves as a signal as well. Just think, once upon a time, no one went to school before Labor Day. Then someone got the bright idea; well you know the rest.

The New Hampshire sporting world is playing extra tricks on us in this summer of 2018. The first day for competition in some sports is this week, believe it or not. Both the Fall Mountain girls and boys soccer teams open this Friday, Aug. 24. The ladies take the field first, hosting Laconia at 4 p.m., while the boys have traditional rival Stevens under the lights on the road in Claremont at 7 p.m. Hey Granite State, you are really pushing the calendar.

Just wanted to salute the Connecticut River Valley Baseball League before putting the area summer season to rest. Men's summer league baseball has been around forever. Even before this old man came around. I hear the old summer leagues, especially the old old Northern League was something to behold, and then there was the West River Valley League. Then later, there was the rebirth of the Northern League, and now there is the CRVBL.

My thinking is that there are many similarities between the present CRVBL and the West River Valley League because they have been both centered around their towns and they have a regional feel. One thing the CRVBL can't match with its West River predecessor is the attendance numbers, and that is a sign of the times.

Back in the West River Valley days, Sunday afternoon baseball was the event of the week for so many people. Home games were must-see and many

road games were a part of what was a customary Sunday afternoon drive back then. In addition, once upon a time, baseball wasn't on television around here. Most people didn't have a tube until somewhere in the mid-60s.

A couple of kind of old timers raved about this summer's CRVBL play-offs, especially the semi-finals at the Walpole Hubbard Field complex. They felt the baseball was so clean and pure. I am an advocate of seven-inning baseball at that level because usually more than half of the runs in a nine-inning contest are scored in the last three innings.

This time around, the CRVBL made it not matter when the runs were scored. When two teams have a couple of nail-biters, which result in six runs total being scored in the doubleheader with games played in about two hours, very few strikeouts, and very few errors, the fans are the winners. Can't say it's easy to accept losing those games especially when your entire season is on the line.

It has been said many times, the more baseball changes, the more it stays the same. I'm not sure that's true about the game we watch at the major league level anymore. For years, there have been arguments about the game in general being the same. But with launch angle and exit velocity, along with home runs and strikeouts, the game doesn't have the same feel.

Then there is the revolutionary pitching opener created by Tampa Bay manager Kevin Cash. The Rays literally ran out of capable starting pitchers in their organization. They had a number of strong young eager arms, so Cash decided to use an opener who has often been a former closer to pitch the first one or two innings of a game. He then pieced together the rest of the contest.

The concept has basically worked with the Rays as they use two conventional starters in their rotation, along with two or three openers, depending on how many off days they have each week. How it has revolutionized the game is, in professional baseball, the name of the game for teams to put together a bullpen, which will be strong enough to close out games once the starter has to be removed.

The best pitchers in baseball rarely go beyond the seventh inning, if that, so most teams work on landing a seventh, eighth, and ninth inning guy who can shorten the game. The really good teams have both an extra guy for those innings and a couple of sixth inning guys.

From an offensive standpoint, Cash's invention takes some getting used to. Hitters have learned chances are you will see the opponents starting pitcher three and possibly four times in a game. If you don't come through in your first at bat, just pocket what you learned from that appearance at the plate and utilize the information in later innings. However, Cash's opener model may not have you see the same pitcher more than once in a game, and that opposing pitcher is likely to be throwing harder than what would have been the opposing starter. Each hitter has to figure out the pitcher he is facing without previous experience in the box on any given day. It will be interesting to see if anyone else copies Cash's model in the future.

While on the subject of Cash, I always figured Jason Varitek would be the first

one to come out of a Red Sox player uniform and on to the managerial scene. Everyone knows by now, Cash beat him to the punch. They were catching teammates a couple of different times and believe it or not, Alex Cora, Dave Roberts, and Gabe Kapler also played with Jason. All of those leaders are part of the Terry Francona managerial tree and every one of them has succeeded at a certain level early in their careers.

Varitek is now biding his time as a part-time catching instructor with the Sox. If Varitek had expressed any managerial training interest back when he retired, it might possibly have been him sitting in the manager's seat right now. The long time Sox said he wanted to spend time with family at the outset.

The former backstop told me late last season that he was ready to spend more time around the game now, but obviously the time he missed allowed others who were more aggressive pursuing the managerial dream to move ahead of him.

Here's a reminder that Leland & Gray is now a part of our reporting area. Spoke with Marty Testo the other day who is the athletic director of Rebel Nation, and he has hopes for both the boys' and girls' soccer teams this fall. Chris Barton has been the head of the boys' program for two decades now and has this way of getting the most out of his talent. Lucas Bates is back for year seven for the girls, and they reached the Vermont Division III semis in 2016 before bowing to Thetford. The boys were in the soccer Final Four in the fall of 2015 when they fell to Twin Valley. The Rebel girls open their fall campaign Aug. 31 at home versus Mill River while the boys also open at home but must wait until Sept. 5 to meet Woodstock. Both teams will scrimmage Brattleboro at home: the boys Thursday, Aug. 24 at 5 p.m. and the girls next Tuesday, Aug. 28 at 6 p.m.

One of the biggest questions for this fall is how will the Bellows Falls field hockey girls do in the Division I playoffs? We will have to wait two months to find out. They showed they belonged already in the preseason by defeating perennial top contender South Burlington in an early scrimmage. Coach Bethany Coursen downplayed the result by saying, "We both were just trying to get our teams figured out," but to prove their competitiveness once again this fall is important.

Before opening at Burr & Burton, Bellows Falls will host Hoosick Falls Wednesday, Aug. 23 in a 4:30 p.m. practice game and then travel to Mohawk Regional in Massachusetts next Monday.

The hard part is the Terriers are faced with basically the same regular season schedule they had one year ago, which isn't as challenging as the coach would like. Southern Vermont is in the second year of a two-year scheduling cycle and making a change is difficult.

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

Putney downs Walpole Maples in CRVBL final

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

WALPOLE, N.H. - The regular season has come to mean very little lately in the Connecticut River Valley Baseball League. Over the past two summers, teams who didn't finish in the leagues top three during the regular season have captured the league title. There are two theories of why this is happening.

Vermont bear hunting starts in September

REGION - The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department says bear hunting season starts in September and there are new bear hunting regulations in effect this year.

Vermont has two bear hunting seasons. The early season, which requires a special bear tag, starts Sept. 1 and continues through Nov. 9 with one exception. Non-resident hunters using dogs cannot start bear hunting until Sept. 15. The late bear season begins Nov. 10 and continues through Nov. 18. A hunter may only take one bear during the year.

In addition to a hunting license, a bear hunter using a bow or crossbow must have either a bow license or a certificate proving completion of a bow hunter education course.

The hunter must field dress the bear before taking it to a reporting station. It is also legal to skin the bear and cut it up in order to carry it out of the woods. Although the bear must be reported within 48 hours, Fish & Wildlife urges doing so quickly to cool the meat. The hunter must also collect and submit a pre-molar tooth from the bear within 48 hours, which provides important data on the age structure and size of the bear population.

Upon the request of a game warden, a person harvesting a bear is required to return to the kill site with a game warden.

"Bears will be feeding along power lines and in forest openings and old fields where berries and apples can be found as well as in forested beech and oak stands," said Vermont's bear biologist Forrest Hammond. "They also are likely to be feeding on standing corn."

Hammond says Vermont's regulated bear hunting seasons help in managing the state's population, which has grown in recent years.



Vermont Fish & Wildlife urges hunters to read its 2018 Black Bear Hunting Season Guide for its helpful information, including several new regulations.

PHOTO BY JACOB ZORN

"Twenty-five years ago Vermont had less than 3,000 bears, and they were found mostly in the mountains and northeastern quarter of the state," he said. "Although we have successfully increased bear numbers, the human population has also risen, resulting in more encounters between humans and bears. Carefully regulated hunting helps control the growth of the black bear population and allows for their sustainable use, while decreasing interactions with humans."

Hammond says with the bear population so high, this is a great opportunity for hunters who have never hunted bear to do so this year. He says properly prepared bear meat is highly nutritious and that recipes are readily available online. A "2018 Black Bear Hunting Season Guide" is available on the Vermont Fish & Wildlife website.

Hammond asks hunters in southern Vermont to avoid shooting bears with yellow ear tags and GPS collars because they are valuable animals in the Deerfield Wind bear study.

The most accepted theory is that there is a great deal of balance in the summer adult league. There is also a rather large intangible, which plays an equally big part. That is the "any given week" theory. On any given week, who will show up to play for your team?

One longtime observer tells me, you have the league records, and then you have the talent. On any given Sunday, the Connecticut River Ironmen and the Walpole Maples have as good a team as anyone if their players show up. Both teams finished 3-9 in a tie for fifth place in the seven-team league.

Keene won the regular season league title with a 10-2 record but fell to eventual champion and fourth seed Putney 4-1 in the semi-finals, in one of two spectacular games in the next to last round. Both games were played swiftly, without a high number of strikeouts, with the ball put in play and defenses doing their job.

Keene showed up for the semi, but so did Putney. The Keene pitcher took a one-hitter and a 1-0 lead into the ninth inning and with one out, Putney strung hits together for the victory.

The Walpole Maples were the sixth seed. They have made as much post-season noise as anyone in the CRVBL in recent years. They survived their in-town rivals, the third-seeded Walpole Wild Blue, in the first round of the play-offs 6-4. Claremont was awaiting the winner of

the game between the Walpoles for a semi-final game and after another pitching and defense-oriented, quickly played semi-final encounter, the Maples advanced to the finale with a 1-0 shutout triumph.

Steve Corey pitched a sharp five-hitter to ensure the victory. Corey, along with Hank Bailey, pitched as aces for the Maples this season and "kept us in a lot of games," according to Maples coach Mark McGill. The coach went on to say, "I'll call it a successful year because we made it to the finals, but we didn't hit when we needed to this year. It cost us in the end. In this game, you can pitch once a week and be successful, but hitting does not work that way. You can't hit once a week and be consistent at all."

The Maples didn't hit in the final, coming up with only three hits in a 6-2 defeat to Claremont. Shane Salmonson was the only Maples hitter to show any consistency during the season as he was ranked among the league's elite in the first half. But even he cooled off as the season progressed. The finale was 2-2 early, but once Claremont took the lead, Walpole never challenged.

High school fall sports teams' 2018 season

REGION - As students, teachers, staff, and parents are preparing for a brand new school year, high school sports teams are already underway.

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper covers Bellows Falls Union High School, Springfield High School, Fall Mountain Regional High School in Langdon, N.H., Green Mountain Union High School in Chester, Vt., Black River High School in Ludlow, Vt., and Leland & Gray in Townshend, Vt.

The following is a schedule of upcoming games. Games may change due to weather or other circumstances. For more information about an individual game or team, go to the schools' athletic department websites.

If you have any sports' news or photos from a recent game, submit them to editor@vermontjournal.com, and we may include them in the next paper!

FRIDAY, AUG. 24 -

Cross Country:
• Cross Country meet @ Fall Mountain 4 p.m.

Soccer:
• Girls Laconia @ Fall Mountain 4 p.m.
• Boys JV/Varsity Fall Mountain @ Stevens 5/7 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 25 -

Football:
• Springfield @ Hartford 3 p.m.

Soccer:
• Girls Bellows Falls @ Soccer Jam-boree 8 a.m.
• Girls Leland & Gray @ Rivendell Academy 10 a.m.

MONDAY, AUG. 27 -

Soccer:
• Boys Leland & Gray @ Spring-

field 5:30 p.m.
• Boys Mill River @ Black River 5 p.m.
• Girls Mill River @ Black River 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 28 -

Soccer:
• Boys Varsity/JV Fall Mountain @ Mascoma Valley 4/5:30 p.m.

• Girls Varsity Raymond @ Fall Mountain 4 p.m.
• Girls Brattleboro @ Leland & Gray 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29 -

Soccer:
• Boys Brattleboro @ Springfield 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 31 -

Cross Country:
• Bellows Falls, Monadnock @ Fall Mountain 4 p.m.

Field Hockey:
• Varsity/JV Brattleboro @ Springfield 4/5:15 p.m.

Football:
• Varsity Spaulding @ Bellows Falls 7 p.m.

• Bellows Free Academy (Fairfax) @ Springfield 7 p.m.

Soccer:
• Boys Fall Mountain @ Bishop Brady 4 p.m.

• Girls Varsity Monadnock @ Fall Mountain 6 p.m.

• Girls Mill River @ Leland & Gray 4:30 p.m.

Volleyball:
• JV/Varsity Hillsboro-Deering @ Fall Mountain 5/6:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1 -

Soccer:
• Girls Springfield @ Bellows Falls 11 a.m.

• Girls Windsor @ Black River 11 a.m.

Antlerless deer applications by Aug. 29

REGION - The deadline to apply for an antlerless deer permit to be used during Vermont's Dec. 1-9 muzzleloader deer season is Thursday, Aug. 29.

Antlerless deer hunting permit applications are on www.vtfishandwildlife.com and printed applications are available from license agents statewide.

Hunters applying online for an antlerless permit will do so through the online license sales system as if they were purchasing a license or a tag using their conservation ID number, or CID#. Landowners who do not have a Conservation ID number will need to create a profile through the online license sales system to apply for a landowner application even if they do not intend to purchase a hunting

license.

The Dec. 1-9 muzzleloader season has 27,000 antlerless permits distributed in 18 of Vermont's 21 WMUs, which is estimated to result in 3,914 antlerless deer being taken. Landowners who post their land may not apply for a muzzleloader landowner antlerless deer permit.

"Consecutive mild winters in 2016 and 2017 and a moderate winter in 2018 have allowed for deer population growth throughout the state," said Nick Fortin, deer project leader for Fish & Wildlife. "The number of muzzleloader season antlerless deer permits was increased slightly this year to reduce deer populations in some parts of Vermont and to provide additional harvest opportunities."

Moose hunt auction

MONTPELIER, Vt. - Vermont's annual auction of five moose hunting permits was held when sealed bids were opened, and the permit winners were notified. The bids totaled \$43,702.83, which will help fund Fish & Wildlife Department educational programs, such as the Green Mountain Conservation Camps for youths.

Auction winners will hunt in Wildlife Management Units E1 or E2 in the northeast corner of the state during the Oct. 1-7 archery season, or in the Oct. 20-25 regular season. Permits are for bulls-only.

No regular public moose permit 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, in addition to the five permits in the auction, five permits were awarded to Vermont resident military veterans in a lottery and up to three permits are available for "Special Opportunity" recipients with life-threatening illnesses.

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Steampunk comes to the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - If you haven't heard, this annual Steampunk Festival is taking a hiatus this year, but steampunk is alive and well at Gallery at the VAULT, now until Sept. 26.

Enjoy some amazing creations. Sue Carey's "Stanley" is all ready for the holidays. Lynette Carsten has jewelry galore, a beautiful hat, and animal magnets that you just have to see. Janalene Gould's found object sculpture is a joy. Sarah Machtey has outdone herself with her charming wearables. Rebecca Skypeck brings Edgar Allen Poe into the genre. Lois Warren's jewelry is a perfect addition to your collection.

For more information, please call or come into Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street, Springfield. New hours are 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Mondays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Call 802-885-7111, email galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit www.galleryvault.org or Facebook.



"Stanley."

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So much talent at Local Artists' Expo at the Custer Sharp House

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - The Londonderry Arts and Historical Society's Local Artist Expo opens Aug. 31 with an artists' reception from 5-7 p.m. the Custer Sharp House, 2461 Middletown Road, Londonderry. Our annual exhibit showcases the work of regional artists working in all mediums. So far this year more than a dozen artists - painters, sculptors,

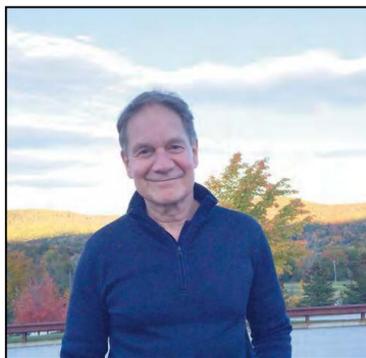
pottery, and scherenschnitters - plan to participate with more signing up every day. The Custer Sharp is the former home of artists Bernadine Custer and Jimmy Sharp. "This show is part of our mission to honor the Custer-Sharp's legacy as Vermont artists," says Annie Campbell, president of the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society.

Exhibit hours are Saturdays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All work is for sale; a portion of the proceeds benefit the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society.

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

Bach Variations Project concert at United Church of Ludlow

LUDLOW, Vt. - The United Church of Ludlow will host a free piano concert Aug. 26 at 4 p.m. The concert will feature noted pianist Ilya Friedberg performing the "Bach Variations Project." As pianist of the Bloomington Trio, Friedberg has been described as an "artist who puts his listener to a musical magic" by pianist Menahem Pressler. Friedberg's music has taken him to Carnegie Hall, Kennedy Center, Jerusalem Theater, Small Philharmonic Hall of St. Petersburg, and various venues across United States, South America, Israel, and Europe.



Ludlow composer Nicholas Hubbell.

PHOTO PROVIDED

In the fall of 2017, Friedberg's creative force enabled him to successfully launch the inaugural Variation Project. It is a collaboration between Friedberg, J.S. Bach's Goldberg Variations, and 15 composers.

Part of the "Bach Variations Project" performance will feature the work of Nicholas Hubbell, composer from Ludlow, Vt., who was commissioned to create a piece for the project.

Hubbell is a composer of contemporary music spanning a wide variety of instrumental combinations and genres. Hubbell's music is performed throughout the United States and abroad. He resides on South Hill in Ludlow with his wife, Dona McKenzie.

The United Church of Ludlow is located at 46 Pleasant St. in Ludlow. All are welcome.

Grace Coolidge Musicale features piano duets

PLYMOUTH NOTCH, Vt. - The President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site welcomes two outstanding musicians for the Grace Coolidge Musicale Sunday, Aug. 26. Pianists Abigail Charbeneau and Susan Cobb will perform in the Coolidge Museum & Education Center at 4 p.m. The 45-minute concert is free and open to the public; donations are welcome.

The concerts are named in honor of the former first lady who was famous for her Sunday afternoon musicales at the White House. The Aug. 26 event is a "piano four hands" program featuring Wolfgang Mozart's "Sonata in F major, K. 497," Johannes Brahms' "Variations on a Theme by Robert Schumann, Op. 23," and Francis Poulenc's "Sonata."

Abigail Charbeneau, piano, earned a Bachelor of Art degree in music from Skidmore and her master's degree in piano pedagogy and performance from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. Charbeneau has lived and worked in Concord, N.H., for 16 years teaching at the Concord Community Music School and at St. Paul's School. She is the organist at South Congregational Church in Concord and performs regularly with the Musicians of Wall St. in Concord, accompanies the St. Paul's theater productions, and coordinates and plays for the Grace Coolidge Musicales.

Susan Cobb, piano, teaches at Millikin University. Cobb received her DMA degree from University of Oklahoma and her master's and bachelor's degrees in piano performance from the University of Illi-

nois. An active solo and collaborative recitalist, she has performed in Santo Domingo, St. Andrews in New Brunswick, Canada, and in Urbana, Pergola, Urbino, and Piobbico, Italy, where she was director of Bella Musica - Millikin in Italy summer immersion for four years. She has been on the faculty of the Summer Sonatina Piano Camp in Bennington, Vt., the Illinois Summer Youth Music Camp at the University of Illinois, and the Millikin Piano Camp for high school students.

This is the final concert of the 2018 Grace Coolidge Musicales, a series organized by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation and generously sponsored by the Alma Gibbs Donchian Foundation. For further information, please call 802-672-3773 or visit www.HistoricSites.Vermont.gov.

Fletcher Farm School hosts late summer classes

LUDLOW, Vt. - Summer might be fading, but the Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts is still going strong. We'd like to remind you about a few of our classes yet to come. Registration for these classes is available online along with more information

about the classes and the instructors.

- 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

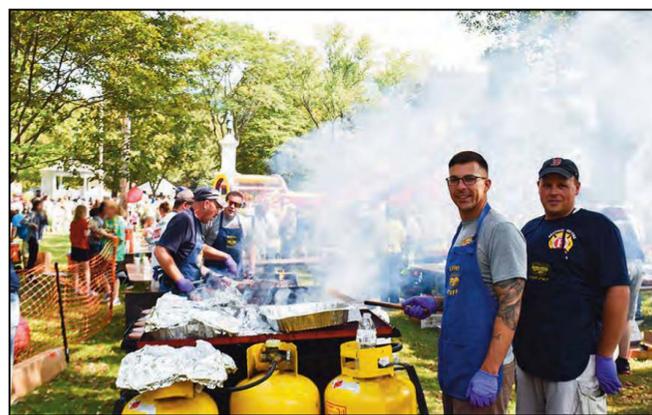
- Introduction to Fly Tying with Peggy Brenner, Aug. 26
- Steps to Outdoor Painting in Oils with Lynn VanNetta, Sept. 21-23

The school's website can be found at www.fletcherfarm.org or you can reach the office at 802-228-8770.

The 20th annual River Valley Kids Fair is the kick-off School Savings Program event

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - River Valley Credit Union's annual River Valley Kids Fair has experienced a fabulous run of 20 years, with more in store! This Sept. 15 marks the fair's 20th year. The Kid's Fair is the kick-off event for the credit union's School Savings Program, available in 20 Windham and Windsor counties' schools. In 2000, the Kid's Fair and School Savings Program won the National Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility award. The one-day event is free to all and attracts several thousand attendees over the course of four fun-filled hours.

Professional entertainers this year include The Olde Tyme Magic Showe, Boston's



Brattleboro firefighters cook up the free barbecue at the River Valley Kids Fair.

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Alexander the Jester, and world-class Circus entertainer, Troy Wunderle. Mad Science will have daylong demonstrations. The New England Center for Circus Arts puts on their aerial show, and Brattleboro Fire Department cooks up a free barbecue. River Valley staffers will be handing out free popcorn and cotton candy. Inflatable Fun will have inflatable creations for kids to enjoy.

All area nonprofits wishing to participate are given free space under the big tent where they each provide a children's activity.

Hailed as the tri-state region's largest children's event, the River Valley Kid's Fair commences at 11 a.m. on the Brattleboro Common and runs until 3 p.m. Free admission, free entertainment, and free barbecue. All are welcome.

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Volunteers, creators for 10th annual Fairy House Festival

GRAFTON, Vt. - The Fairy House Festival is a family-friendly, imaginative, nature-based tradition in the forests of Grafton. On Saturday, Sept. 29 and Sunday, Sept. 30, The Nature Museum is hosting the 10th annual Fairy House Festival, and it will be bigger than ever before.

The Nature Museum is seeking volunteers, donors, and creators to help summon and spread the fairy magic. The Fairy House Festival is an imaginative opportunity for people of all ages to interact directly with the environment, expressing their creativity while fostering a deeper relationship with nature. It is the engagement of the community that makes this possible, and there is a role for everyone.

Volunteers are needed for both the day before, Friday, Sept. 28, and both days of the festival. Volunteers can take on a variety of roles: preparing the fairy trail, helping young fairies, wizards, dragons, and sprites in the Arts and Crafts tent, serving popcorn and refreshments, guiding visitors, and more! All volunteers must be over 13 years old and receive free admission and a Fairy House Festival t-shirt. The deadline to sign up is Sept. 22.

Experience the ultimate creative project: a fairy house! Building a house is a fun, creative, team-building collaboration. Individuals or groups can sign up ahead of time. These builders will use their imaginations to transform twigs, pebbles, shells, acorn caps, and more into a



Fairy House exhibitors place their creation on the fairy house trail. PHOTO PROVIDED

structure for the fairies. Each fairy house exhibit receives a free adult and child ticket. Fairy house builders must come Friday, Sept. 28 to place their creation on the trail. All fairy house builders must register by Sept. 15.

The Fairy House Festival is The Nature Museum's biggest fundraiser of the year. Donations fuel yearlong programming for the community, including nature camps, workshops for adults and children, and community events. Donors will be acknowledged on the Gratitude Tree at the festival.

If you would like to volunteer, build a fairy house, or donate to this year's festival, please visit www.nature-museum.org/fairy-house-festival

for more information on the many ways to contribute. For questions regarding volunteer roles, please contact Education Coordinator Jill Bruning at jill@nature-museum.org, register online, or call the museum at 802-843-2111 by Sept. 15 for builders or Sept. 22 for volunteers.

Tickets can be purchased at The Nature Museum by visiting www.nature-museum.org. Tickets are also available at the fairy gate. Children age 2 and under attend for free. The Nature Museum is based at 186 Townshend Road in Grafton, Vt.

Save the date for the 44th Chester Fall Craft Festival

CHESTER, Vt. - The 44th annual Chester Fall Craft Festival will be held Sept. 15 - 16, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., on the Green in Chester. Crowds converge on the Green in Chester, one of the "Most Beautiful Villages in New England" to explore the unique handmade crafts offered by over 65 vendors lining the green.

Handmade crafts include wood products, glass, jewelry, photography, watercolors, fiber arts, pottery, quilts, soaps, and more! A Children's Tent will keep little ones entertained. Discover the Beer Garden behind the Fullerton Inn on Saturday, stroll through the quaint stone village, listen to music, explore local shops and galleries, and sample a wide variety of interesting food.

There will be a great musical line up on Saturday. From 11 a.m. to noon, Owen Nied will perform "fabulous, virtuosic guitar playing" according to Young Artists Showcase. Will Danforth will bring "good-time American roots music



This year marks the 44th annual Chester Fall Craft Festival.

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on guitar, slide guitar, frailin' banjo and wailin' blues harp from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. From 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Matt Meserve will perform on piano with vocals.

On Sunday, don't miss Nightcap Band from 11 a.m. to noon; Root 7 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., and Chris Kl-eeman from 2 to 3 p.m.

The festival is held rain or shine, and

there is something for everyone. Free admission. Sponsored by the Chester Rotary Club, the festival is a hallmark of the beginning of fall in this quintessential New England village. Follow signs in town to Newsbank parking lot off Cobleigh Street. Shuttle service will be provided between Newsbank and the Green. For more information, go to www.chesterfallfestival.org.

Shakespeare Alive! in Plymouth

PLYMOUTH, Vt. - The Stand Up Shakespeare Company presents one free performance at the Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site in Plymouth Notch, Vt. Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018, at noon.

Stand Up Shakespeare is a collective of New York City-based actors who have become a veritable Vermont institution over a nearly 20-year period. The beloved troupe travels to Killington and Plymouth each Labor Day weekend to present a new one-hour show made up of romance, tragedy, history, and comedy, all based in the works of William Shakespeare. And, lo, verily, the show is always free!

The show is held at the Union Christian Church, 43 Messer Hill Rd., located on the Calvin



Anna Savant and Mick Bleyer, "The Tempest."

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Coolidge State Historic Site, 3780 Route 100 A.

Stay for the 14th annual Plymouth Folk and Blues Festival, which begins at 2 p.m. and runs until 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. This event is also free with donations appreciated.

For more information on the show and the Stand Up Shakespeare Company, contact Kate Konigisor at 917-406-1456 or kkonig@aol.com.

Westminster West Community Fair

WESTMINSTER WEST, Vt. - Community fun is on the way! This year, the Westminster West Community Fair is Saturday, Sept. 8, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in and around the church in Westminster West. The theme of the fair this year is, "Who cares? Westminster Cares! Celebrating 30 years of Neighbors Helping Neighbors!" The Grand Marshals this year are the good folk at Westminster Cares who offer so many services to our community. Please check out their work at www.westminstercares.org.

Meet at the school at 10 a.m. to decorate your bike or to check out the fun before the parade through the village. Enjoy a bake sale, live old-timey music, an exclusive veggie chop-o-matic, a fun run for kids and a 5K race for adults, a silent auction, a talent show, an art show, a delicious chicken barbeque or equally yummy vegetarian option, face painting, various crafts and booths, and an awesome golden elephant

sale. See the full schedule for the day at www.westminsterwest.org.

We also have a raffle. Our three prizes this year are a beautiful oil landscape painting by our own Judy Hawkins, a Marriot gift card, and a packet of four single-day Mount Snow ski passes. For more information about the raffle, call Alison at 802-387-5711 or Cheryl at 802-536-5035.

The community fair is fun for the whole family and the biggest fundraiser of the year for the little village church in Westminster West. Come on out and chat with your neighbors, share a laugh or a talent, enjoy a delicious meal, or pick up a treasure.

As you clean out your attic, basement, or garage, please keep the fair in mind. Set aside treasures to donate for both the silent auction and the tag sale. Please no computers, TVs, or clothes. Quality items may be dropped off at the church from 6 to 8 p.m. during the two weeks leading up to the fair. For questions

about delivery or pick-up, email tgriffith@hilltopmontessori.org. We also appreciate donations of baked goods for the bake sale or contributions from your garden for the delicious meal. Books may be donated to the Westminster West Library that has its annual book sale the same day as the fair. Check them out at www.westwestlibrary.org.

Come join in the fun! If you want to make a donation, volunteer to help, or you just have other questions, call Tom Griffith at 802-387-5694 or Laura Williams at 802-387-2765.

Simba closes Twilight Music

PUTNEY, Vt. - Twilight Music concludes its 16th annual Twilight On The Tavern Lawn series of summer concerts Sunday, Aug. 26 with funk and world beat band Simba. The seventh and final concert of the 2018 series begin 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 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. For more information, call 802-387-5772 or visit www.twilightmusic.org.

Simba features blazing horns and scorching percussion on a highly danceable mix of funk, Latin, reggae, world beat, soca calypso, ska, jazz, and blues. The eight-member band has been together 29 years and includes Charlie Schneeweis, Wim Auer, Steve Sonntag, Derrik Jordan, Dan DeWalt, Johnny Yuma, Steve

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Saturday, August 25 - \$15

<p>John Gardner Memorial Stage 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. - The Ramblers 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. - Rockabilly Hall of Fame Marty Wendell and his Tour Band</p> <p>Bingo Tent 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. - Bingo! <small>Sponsored by Phoenix Fire Co. #6 Auxiliary - Landanderry</small></p> <p>Pulling Track 12 p.m. - Noon Truck Pull Session I - Street Legal (see website for classes) 6 p.m. - Truck Pull Session II - Enhanced & Street Legal (see website for classes)</p>	<p>Aileen Capen Floral Hall 11 a.m. - Hall Open for Viewing</p> <p>Elizabeth Crichton Quilt Hall 11 a.m. - Quilt Exhibit Open</p> <p>Bingo Tent 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Bingo! <small>Sponsored by Phoenix Fire Co. #6 Auxiliary - Landanderry</small></p> <p>Pulling Track 10:30 a.m. - Pee Wee Pedal Power Tractor Pull (Children up to 9 yrs.) 11 a.m. - Thomas G. Eddy Memorial Tractor Pull</p>
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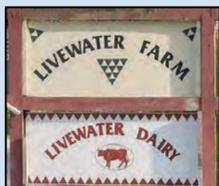
Sunday, August 26 - \$10

<p>Aileen Capen Floral Hall 11 a.m. - Hall Open for Viewing</p> <p>Elizabeth Crichton Quilt Hall 11 a.m. - Quilt Exhibit Open</p> <p>Bingo Tent 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Bingo! <small>Sponsored by Phoenix Fire Co. #6 Auxiliary - Landanderry</small></p> <p>Pulling Track 10:30 a.m. - Pee Wee Pedal Power Tractor Pull (Children up to 9 yrs.) 11 a.m. - Thomas G. Eddy Memorial Tractor Pull</p>	<p>John Gardner Memorial Stage 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Last Call 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Luminous Crush</p> <p>Bingo Tent 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Bingo! <small>Sponsored by Phoenix Fire Co. #6 Auxiliary - Landanderry</small></p> <p>Pulling Track 10:30 a.m. - Pee Wee Pedal Power Tractor Pull (Children up to 9 yrs.) 11 a.m. - Thomas G. Eddy Memorial Tractor Pull</p>
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FRIDAY, SEPT. 7 - SUNDAY, SEPT. 9 - ANDOVER, Vt. – Join us at

East Hill Farm for a wellness weekend from Friday Sept. 7 through Sunday, Sept. 9. Located on 400 acres of idyllic Vermont land in Andover, East Hill Wellness is run by residents Jon and Laura Bliss, Liza Eaton, Owen Diamondstone-Kohout, and Emma Bliss. Offering Kundalini and Hatha yoga, meditation, therapeutic art, facilitated talks, wholesome meals, and fire circles filled with music and storytelling. Limited space. Register by Sept. 1. For more information visit www.buddhafulyoga.com/retreats, email easthillwellnessvt@gmail.com or call 518-763-1490.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8 - ALSTEAD, N.H. - Charles Andros, former New Hampshire and Vermont apiary inspector, will hold a

beekeeping workshop from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8, at 18 MacLean Road in Alstead. Look for the "bee" sign on the south side of Walpole Valley Road. Topics of discussion will include treatment of nosema and mites, winter preparations, oxalic acid drip, winter protein and carbohydrate supplements, and making beeswax hand creams. Bring a veil, if you have one, as we shall be opening some colonies. We'll be inside if it is a rainy day. Water bottle may also come in handy. Registration required. Email lindenap@gmail.com or call 603-756-9056.

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 can help you finish a project, repair an item and even take on special projects. The group is happy to donate "Knitted Knockers" to breast cancer survivors. Stop by and ask for Betty for more information. Call 802-463-3907. TFN

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

TUESDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - River Voices Poetry meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the

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

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

LUDLOW, Vt. – Okemo Valley TV offers "Train the Trainers" workshops on fourth Thursdays at no cost, 6-7 p.m. at the Okemo Valley TV studio, 37C Main St. in Ludlow. Everyone who wants to learn the "ticks and tricks" of TV-video production is welcome. Reserve a space at pcody@lpctv.org or call 802-228-8808. TFN

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - 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 Health 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 Ascutney 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 ongoing 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

CLUBS

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, Williams@vtcap.org. TFN

email your event to us to put in the calendar

calendar@vermontjournal.com



Londonderry Hardware JOB OPENING

Londonderry Hardware is accepting applications for a sales person. The position requires a self-motivated, energetic individual with retail experience. THERE IS OPPORTUNITY FOR ADVANCEMENT! We offer competitive wages, excellent working conditions, and merchandise discount, yearend bonus, paid vacations.

Please send resume or stop in to:
Londonderry Hardware Mountain Marketplace PO Box 397
Londonderry, VT 05148

ACT 250 NOTICE MINOR APPLICATION #2S0478-11 10 V.S.A. §§ 6001 – 6093

On August 10, 2018, Drew's LLC, Gertrude Hawk Chocolates Inc 926 Rte 103 South, Chester, VT 05143, filed application #2S0478-11 for a project generally described as the construction of building additions for the corporate center and production/packing; construction of employee parking area and associated improvements. The project is located on 926 Rte 103 South in Chester, Vermont. No hearing will be held, and a permit will be issued unless, on or before Wednesday, September 05, 2018, a party notifies the District #2 Commission in writing at the address below of an issue requiring a hearing or the Commission sets the matter for hearing on its own motion. Such hearing request must include a petition for party status. The application and proposed permit may also be viewed on the Natural Resources Board's web site (<http://nrb.vermont.gov/>) by clicking "Act 250 Database" and entering the project number #2S0478-11. For more information contact Stephanie Gile at the address or telephone number below.

Dated at Springfield, Vermont this 14th Day August, 2018.

BY *Stephanie Gile*
Stephanie Gile, District Coordinator
100 Mineral Street, Suite 305
Springfield, VT 05156-3168
802-289-0597, stephanie.gile@vermont.gov

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town & Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on September 10, 2018 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, to consider an amendment to a Planned Residential Development Permit located in the Mountain Recreational District.

APPLICANT: Peter Alberti
TPW Management
PO Box 155
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
PROPERTY OWNER: Robert & Samantha Hammer
34 Old Farm Road
Darien, Connecticut 06820
PROPERTY LOCATION: 182 Okemo Trailside Extension
Trailside Village IV 424 Sachem
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 060106.001

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to consider an amendment to a Planned Residential Development Permit to allow for a mudroom addition located in the Mountain Recreational District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 128-98-PRD; Amendment No. 61

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

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

TOWN OF ANDOVER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Select Board of the Town of Andover will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 10, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. at the Andover Town Office in Andover, Vermont to receive comment regarding the following:

READOPTON OF THE TOWN PLAN

The Select Board proposes to re-adopt the existing Town Plan with the addition of an Enhanced Energy Plan.

Copies of the Town Plan are available for review at the Town Clerk's Office located at 953 Weston – Andover Road in Andover, Vermont during normal business hours.

Dated at Andover, Vermont this 8th day of August, 2018.
Jeanette Haight
Andover Town Clerk

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

The Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit at 4:45pm and a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 10th 2018 at the Town Hall, for a Conditional Use Review application (# 529)

PROPERTY OWNERS: Bill Smith
APPLICANT: Bill Smith
LOCATION: 3668 VT Rte. 103 North
DISTRICT: Residential Commercial (RC)
ACTION REQUESTED: Owner occupied residence and mixed uses to go with Lobster Pound Take-Out and retail antiques.

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

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

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on September 10, 2018 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, to amend a Conditional Use Permit located in the Ludlow Preservation District:

APPLICANT: Josh Rourke
PO Box 13
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
PROPERTY LOCATION: 70 Main Street
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 230521.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Conditional Use Permit in the Ludlow Preservation District to change the permitted first floor apartment into office space.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 179-01-CU; Amendment No. 4

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

Rosemary Goings
Board Clerk

TOWN OF ANDOVER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Andover Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Andover Town Office to consider the following applications for subdivisions:

Application #: #6/52/18/7/9

Applicant/Owner: Ann T. Farrar Revocable Trust
Location: 1192 Farrar Rd
Application for: A Minor Subdivision for an existing 32± acre parcel

Application #: #9/20.1/18/6/29

Applicant/Owner: Thomas L. Keck 2015 Trust
Location: Weston Andover Rd
Application for: A Minor Subdivision for an existing 149± acre parcel

Dated at Andover, Vermont this 15th day of August, 2018.
Jeanette Haight, Andover Town Clerk

ACT 250 NOTICE MINOR APPLICATION #2W0626-1 10 V.S.A. §§ 6001 – 6093

On August 15, 2018, The Windham Foundation, PO Box 70, Grafton, VT 05146 and Alan and Janet Yuspeh, 126 Third Avenue North, Franklin, TN 37064 filed application #2W0626-1 for a project generally described as the subdivision of a 115 acre parcel into three parcels: a 62.7 acre parcel (Yuspeh Parcel); a 47.4 acre parcel (Woodlot Parcel); and a 4.9 acre parcel (Maintenance Parcel). The project is located Middletown Rd in Grafton, Vermont. No hearing will be held, and a permit will be issued unless, on or before Wednesday, September 05, 2018, a party notifies the District #2 Commission in writing at the address below of an issue requiring a hearing or the Commission sets the matter for hearing on its own motion. Such hearing request must include a petition for party status. The application and proposed permit may also be viewed on the Natural Resources Board's web site (<http://nrb.vermont.gov/>) by clicking "Act 250 Database" and entering the project number #2W0626-1. For more information contact Stephanie Gile at the address or telephone number below.

Dated at Springfield, Vermont this 15th Day August, 2018.

BY *Stephanie Gile*
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LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

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COMMUNITY MEALS

THURSDAY, AUG. 23 – LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Second Congregational Church of Londonderry will be hosting a lunch this Thursday, Aug. 23 at noon for area seniors aged 60 and above. This month's menu is chicken with a light cream sauce, noodles, salad and a special dessert. The lunches are held in the church's Friendship Room. The meals are free; donations are welcomed. Second Congregational is located at 2051 N. Main Street, Londonderry. Any questions, including directions to the church, please call the church at 802-824-6453.

SATURDAY, AUG. 25 - WARREN, Vt. - Please join us for the Warren United Church annual BBQ Saturday, Aug. 25, from 5 - 7 p.m. at Warren United Church in Warren. The meal features Texas-style pulled pork, BBQ chicken, baked beans, salads, veggies burgers and homemade desserts. All proceeds will be shared between Good Samaritan Haven in Barre (homeless shelter) and Mad River Valley Senior Center. Children under 5 eat free. Rain or Shine. For more information visit www.warrenunitedchurch.org

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

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

WEEKDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center serves lunch 11:30

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

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

THURSDAY, AUG. 23 - SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - On Thursday, Aug. 23, meet with the local artists at Main Street Arts to celebrate the opening of the MSA Community Art Show, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 24 - MANCHESTER, Vt. - Visit the Northshire Bookstore on Friday, Aug. 24 at 6 p.m. to meet Dzigar Kongtrul Rinpoche who will discuss his book, "Training in Tenderness: Buddhist Teachings on Tsewa, the Radical Openness of Heart that Can Change the World." For more information call 802-362-2200 or visit the Northshire Bookstore website at www.northshire.com.

PUTNEY, Vt. - Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present an evening of traditional song and dance from southern Africa by "Black Umfolosi" on Friday, Aug. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Next Stage at 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney. For information, call 802-387-0102. Advance tickets are available at www.nextstagearts.org. Turn It Up in Brattleboro and Putney Food

Co-op in Putney.

THURSDAY, AUG. 23 & SATURDAY, AUG. 25 - SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - Main Street Arts holds combined open auditions for their next two musical theater productions: "Chicago" and "Charles Henry's Final Curtain" on Thursday, Aug. 23 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Main Street Arts, 35 Main Street, Saxtons River, Vt. email dstern@mainstreetarts.org for more information.

SATURDAY, AUG. 25 - ASCUTNEY, Vt. - On Saturday, Aug. 25, Ascutney Mtn. Promise Community and Ascutney Village Farmers Market present Touch-a-Truck from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet local emergency services people and get up close to the equipment! Tommy and Friends train for the kids, vendors, chicken barbecue and more! Held at 5585 Route 5 in Ascutney.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Join us at Fort at No. 4 on Springfield Road in Charlestown for an evening of storytelling featuring native legends Saturday, Aug. 25 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Fort staff will begin the evening with the telling of their favorite legends, and, as the evening progresses, guests may join in with a legend of their choosing. We will be outside around a campfire, weather permitting, otherwise indoor accommodations will be arranged. For personal comfort, one might bring along their lawn chair.

MANCHESTER, Vt. - Visit the Northshire Bookstore on Saturday, Aug. 25 at 5:30 p.m. as we welcome back renowned writer and editor Julia Reed as she provides a wry and humorous take on life and culture in the American South from her new book, "South Towards Home." For more information call 802-362-2200 or visit the Northshire Bookstore website at www.northshire.com.

WESTON, Vt. - On Saturday,

Aug. 25, Weston Community Church on the Hill will present "The Power of the Powerless," a moving account of author Christopher de Vinck and his life with his brother Oliver who was born severely handicapped and lived for 33 years. The presentation starts at 3 p.m. with a free will offering. Church on the Hill is located at 37 Lawrence Hill Rd. For more information, visit www.vtchurchonthehill.org.

SATURDAY, AUG. 25 - SUNDAY, AUG. 26 - CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Join us at Fort at No. 4 on Springfield Road in Charlestown for a weekend with "Abenaki at the Trading Post" beginning Saturday, Aug. 25 from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Visit the museum this weekend and see what made this place different from all others! This weekend will be dedicated to the descendants of the Abenaki Tribe who share their heritage and the stories of their ancestors.

SUNDAY, AUG. 26 - GRAFTON, Vt. - Grafton Trails & Outdoor Center is hosting the first Dog Days of Summer event Sunday, Aug. 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come celebrate everything canine! Bring your dog and take a walk on the trails and stroll through vendor booths. There will be a Dog Costume Contest and a Dock Diving Contest too!

PUTNEY, Vt. - Twilight Music presents funk and world beat band Simba for the seventh and final concert of the 16th annual Twilight on the Tavern

Lawn series on Sunday, Aug. 26 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 and food will be available. For information, visit www.twilightmusic.org or call 802-387-5772.

HARTLAND, Vt. - Join us for a Health and Wellness Fair on Sunday, Aug. 26, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Vision of Light Church of Spiritualism and Healing at 10 Legion Drive in Hartland. Experience 15-minute sessions with our guest healers, readers, vendors including Richard Crandall - Dynamic Craniosacral Therapy; Dawn Hancy and Phil Yacovella - Reiki; Isil Chin - Massage; Linda McCracken - Spirit Drawings; Tish Lewis - Psychic Medium Readings and Roseanna Freitag - Healing Stone Jewelry booth. For more information please call Bonnie at 802-299-5083.

MONDAY, SEPT. 7 - WESTON, Vt. - Enjoy Gypsy Reel on the Green in Weston for their eighth annual Labor Day Concert on Monday, Sept. 3 at 4 p.m. Bring chairs and a picnic. There is no cost to attend. The concert is hosted and sponsored by the Weston Community Association. In the event of rain, the concert will move to the Old Parish Church, just south of the Green on Route 100. After the concert, all are invited to a reception at the Village Green Gallery across the street, to meet the band.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 7 - SUNDAY, SEPT. 9 - DUBLIN, N.H. - The 48th annual Dublin Gas Engine Meet is Sept. 7, 8, and 9 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Cricket Hill Farm in Dublin, N.H., just east of Junction Route 101/137. Rain or shine. Antique gas engines, tractors, antique cars and trucks, working displays, and a flea market for the hobby. The event includes a tractor parade and food vendors. This is the largest show of its type in New England. For more information, go to www.dublinhgasenginemeet.com.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8 - ASCUTNEY, Vt. - On Saturday, Sept. 8, come to the Community Car Show at the farmers market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hot rods, antiques, muscle cars, and more. Free admission; no judging. Contact tcnicky@yahoo.com or call 603-477-3112 for information.

WARDSBORO, Vt. - Join us at the Wardsboro Town Hall on Saturday, Sept. 8 for an acoustic folk concert featuring three bands from across the U.S. and the U.K. California's Karla Kane/The Corner Laughers, Fun of the Pier from Nottingham, England and Vermont's own folk duo, Hungrytown will all perform.

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - The Weathersfield Historical Society is sponsoring a free, public walking tour of historic houses and buildings in Perkinsville

on Saturday morning Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. to noon. Rain or shine. Meet at the Perkinsville Community Church at the head of the Green. Parking will be at the Church and along High Street on the west side of the Green. Some homes' interiors will be open to the public, while for others, their history and exterior architectural details will be discussed. Ms. Kathleen Fellows, owner of the landmark "Pink House," which the public may enter, will point out interesting interior details. She will also talk about her medical mission in Nepal and would welcome any contributions. The tour will conclude at the 1879 Schoolhouse. For more information, call 802-885-9517.

WESTMINSTER WEST, Vt. - The Westminster West Community Fair is on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., in and around the church. Events include a bake sale, a parade through the village, old-timey music, a fun run for kids and 5K running race for adults, a silent auction, a talent show, an art show, a delicious chicken barbecue or vegetarian option, face painting, various crafts and booths and more. If you want to make a donation, volunteer to help, or you just have other questions, call Tom Griffith at 802-387-5694 or Laura Williams at 802-387-2765. Learn more at www.westminstercares.org.

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.

Black River Valley Senior Center is looking for a Part Time Administrative Assistant

The successful candidate will provide administrative support for the center and develop programs to enrich the experience of our seniors. Support Meals on Wheels program required.

Must have a valid drivers license and car
Comfortable with Microsoft Office
Grant writing a plus but not necessary
Excellent verbal and communication skills a must

Send letter of interest outlining skills and previous employment to:

Mary Jane Cratty
BRVSC
10 High Street, Ludlow, VT 05149
BRVSC10@gmail.com

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Lincoln Maples Hardware JOB OPENING

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Please contact Darrell Sherburne at 802-430-8075 to apply!

RN/LPN/LNA

FT openings, call for available shifts

Contact January Hyde, DON
802-228-6860
jhyde@gofhvt.net

Gill Odd Fellows Home
8 Gill Terrace, Ludlow, VT. 05149
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TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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ACROSS

- 1 -relief
- 4 "Conan" network
- 7 Easter flower
- 8 Baby's ailment
- 10 Traffic cone
- 11 Moon mission name
- 13 Shakespeare's best-known query
- 16 "I'll take that as -"
- 17 Carolers' tunes
- 18 Vast expanse
- 19 Coloring agents
- 20 For fear that
- 21 Corporations
- 23 Paperhanger's need
- 25 Scrawny
- 26 Dull sound of impact
- 27 Performance
- 28 Show smug satisfaction
- 30 Pi follower
- 33 TLC make-over series
- 36 Abrade
- 37 Film
- 38 Shocking weapon
- 39 State
- 40 High deg.

DOWN

- 1 "The Hobbit" hero
- 2 Lotion additive
- 3 Thesaurus entry
- 4 "Fiddler on the Roof" star
- 5 Rorschach pictures
- 6 Riverbed deposit
- 7 Rhone city
- 8 Christmas candy
- 9 Storage area
- 10 Bake sale org.
- 12 Not just plump
- 14 Shad delicacies
- 15 Chow down
- 19 Parched
- 20 "Acid" Botanist for whom a reddish-purple flower is named
- 22 Unbroken
- 23 Excellent, in hip-hop parlance
- 24 Self-service diner
- 25 Pussy foot?
- 26 Carrier
- 28 Grind the teeth
- 29 Ran easily
- 30 Make merry
- 31 Barber's concern
- 32 Raw rock
- 34 Snare
- 35 Worked on a loom

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A little "wool-gathering" for the usually productive Lamb is all right if it helps you unwind. But be careful; too much daydreaming can put you behind schedule in your work.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A work problem is close to being resolved. Now you can go ahead and celebrate the week, accepting invitations from friends who enjoy your company.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Getting your new plan accepted won't be a major hassle if you have the facts to back it up. Your supporters are also prepared to help you make your case. Good luck.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Dealing with a pesky job problem might be time-consuming but necessary. The sooner you get this situation settled, the sooner you can move on to other matters.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Career advancement is favored thanks to your impressive work record. On the personal side, you should soon hear some good news about an ailing family member.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) There might be mixed signals from a certain someone who doesn't seem all that certain about their intentions. Best to sort it all out before it becomes more confusing.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Get all the facts about that investment "opportunity" before you put even one dollar into it. There could be hidden problems that could prove to be costly.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Compromising on a matter you feel strongly about not only ends the impasse, but can be a win-win deal for all. Remember: **Scorpios** do well with change.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) With all the demands you currently have to deal with, accepting the help of family and friends could be the wisest course to take at this time.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Recent upsetting incidents might have left you with a big gap in your self-assurance. Refill it by spending time with those who know how worthy you really are.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A dispute about money needs to be resolved quickly, before it festers into something more serious. Consider asking an impartial colleague to mediate the matter.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A soft approach could be more effective than making a loud demand for the information you need. You might even find yourself with more data than you expected.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're sought out for the wonderful advice you're able to offer to others. And sometimes you even take it yourself.

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EVENTS CONT.

TUESDAYS –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join us for Bingo at the Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls every first and third Tuesday. Doors open at 5 p.m. and first game starts at 6 p.m. Food is available. Call 802-463-4054 for details. TFN

WEDNESDAYS –

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

THURSDAYS –

GASSETTS, Vt. – Bingo will be held every Thursday night at the Gassetts Grange. Starts at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 5 p.m. Raffle and 50/50 tickets

are on sale. Come and join in. Call Donna at 802-591-4290 or you can call the hall at 802-875-1051. TFN

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

THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Little ones and their caregivers can escape the summer heat by gathering at the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center's

Studio Momentum on Thursday and Saturday mornings from 10 – 11:30 a.m. for Open Play - an active play time for children under five with a caregiver.

FRIDAYS –

READING, Vt. – The Hall Art Foundation hosts Free First Fridays from 5 – 8 p.m., which welcomes visitors to view their exhibitions for free without a guide and at their own pace. The event is BYOB and there is wood-fired pizza available for purchase. Remaining dates: Sept. 7, Oct. 5 and Nov. 2.

SATURDAYS –

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Dump

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

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 4 – 7 p.m. until Sept. 28. Vendors feature local produce, meats, baked goods, cheese, artworks, and more. For more information, contact greaterfallsfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

SATURDAYS –

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

ASCUTNEY, Vt. – Ascutey

Village Farmers Market is Saturdays through Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 5585

Route 5 in Ascutey, Vt. Join us for the wood fired pizza, entertainment, special events, and something for everyone!

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.

KIDS CORNER

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.

TUESDAYS –

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield

Town Library story time, 43 Main St., 10 a.m. Free and open to the public with stories, songs, and activities for the youngest readers. For more

information, call the library at 802-885-3108. TFN

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Crafts,

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

WESTON, Vt. – Come and

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

LUDLOW, Vt. – Weekly toddler

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

WINDSOR, Vt. – Preschool

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

THURSDAYS –

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

WINDSOR, Vt. – Play Group

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

FRIDAYS –

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

CHESTER, Vt. – Story time

at Whiting Library from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Come and listen to a story every Friday with your

children. Call 802-875-2277. TFN

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

LIBRARIES

TUESDAY, AUG. 28 –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join us for Poetry Open Mic at Rockingham Library on Tuesday, Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. and take this opportunity to read/recite some original poetry or favorite poems by other poets. All ages are welcome to participate or you are welcome to be in the audience only. To begin, each person will read one poem. Depending on the number of participants, a second, third, fourth and even fifth round of reading will follow. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org, call 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org or stop by the Library at 65 Westminster St., Bellows Falls.

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.

FRIDAYS –

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

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 re-set 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.

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MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAYS –
BElLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Rockingham Select Board meetings are on the first 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

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14 –
BElLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The next meeting of the Connecticut Valley Ostomy Group (COG) is on Friday, Sept. 14 at 5 p.m. in the Fireplace room of the Rockingham Medical Group (old hospital Bellows Falls). Come meet and discuss pouching systems with the Coloplast rep. COG meetings are seasonal five times a year. We are UOAA affiliated but there is no cost. For more information contact mheale@healewoundcare.com or visit our website at www.healewoundcare.com.

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

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

TUESDAYS –
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

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

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

BElLOWS FALLS, Vt. – TOPS Chapter Vermont #12 meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Social Center, 39 Green Street in Bellows Falls. Come to TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) a 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

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

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

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, Ascutney, (near Exit 8 off I-91) at 6:30 p.m. Do you know or think you may be depressed? Have a friend or family member who has depression? Then this group is for you! Support, empathy, sharing,

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

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

THURSDAYS –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Mental health peer support group, 2 - 3:30 p.m. at the First

Congregational Church, 77 Main St. The group's goal will be to provide a safe and healthy environment for people to give and receive support around mental health issues. The group is free and open to the public. Call Diana Slade at 802-289-1982. TFN

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

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – Twin State Depression Support Group Board of Directors will now meet every other month in 2018 on the third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at 2520 Route 106 in Perkinsville. Please come join us. New local phone number is 802-795-0098. This is a voice mail line. Updates regarding meetings will be posted during bad weather. Messages will be checked daily. Remaining Dates: Sept. 20, and one date in November to be announced.



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Red Cross offers back to school safety tips

REGION - Summer vacation for students in New Hampshire and Vermont is drawing to a close as our region's schools prepare to open their doors for the new school year. So while you're making that list of school supplies the kids will need, take a look at these safety steps from the American Red Cross and make your student's trip back to the classroom a safe one.

Keeping all students safe is the primary concern for everyone, but there are special steps for parents of younger kids and those going to school for the first time:

- Make sure the child knows their phone number, address, how to get in touch with their parents at work, how to get in touch with another trusted adult, and how to dial 9-1-1.
 - Teach children not to talk to strangers or accept rides from someone they don't know.
 - If children ride a bus to school, they should plan to get to their bus stop early and stand away from the curb while waiting for the bus to arrive.
 - Board the bus only after it has come to a complete stop and the driver or attendant has instructed you to get on.
 - Only board your bus, never an alternate one.
 - Always stay in clear view of the bus driver and never walk behind the bus.
 - Cross the street at the corner, obeying traffic signals, and staying in the crosswalk.
 - Never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.
- If children ride in a car to get to school, they should always wear a seat belt. Younger children should use car seats or booster seats until

the lap-shoulder belt fits properly - typically for children ages 8-12 and over 4-foot, 9-inches - and ride in the back seat until they are at least 13 years old.

If a teenager is going to drive to school, parents should mandate that they use seat belts. Drivers should not use their cell phone to text or make calls and should avoid eating or drinking while driving.

Some students ride their bike to school. They should always wear a helmet and ride on the right in the same direction as the traffic is going.

When children are walking to school, they should only cross the street at an intersection, and use a route along which the school has placed crossing guards. Parents should walk young children to school, along with children taking new routes or attending new schools, at least for the first week to ensure they know how to get there safely. Arrange for the kids to walk to school with a friend or classmate.

Drivers, slow down.

Drivers should be aware that children are out walking or biking to school and slow down, especially in residential areas and school zones. Motorists should know what the yellow and red bus signals mean. Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is getting ready to stop and motorists should slow down and be prepared to stop. Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign indicate the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off. Drivers in both directions must stop their vehicles and wait un-



Back to school safety tips.

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til the lights go off, the stop sign is back in place, and the bus is moving before they can start driving again.

Prepare for emergencies and take a first aid class

Know what the emergency plan is at your child's school in case a disaster or an unforeseen event occurs. Develop a family emergency plan so everyone will know who to contact and where to go if something happens while children are at school and parents are at work. Details are available at www.redcross.org/prepare.

The Red Cross First Aid App provides instant access to information on handling the most common first aid emergencies whether it be before, during, or after school. Download the app for free by searching for American Red Cross in your app store or at www.redcross.org/apps. Learn and practice First Aid and CPR/AED skills by taking a course so you can help save a life.

Consider these financial tips for single women

REGION - If you're a single woman, most of your financial challenges and aspirations may resemble those of single men. Men and women face the same economic stress factors of modern life, and both groups have similar financial goals, such as the ability to retire comfortably. But women still face specific obstacles. You need to be aware of these challenges - and do everything you can to overcome them.



Working single women have a few unique financial obstacles that they must tackle.

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For example, women still face a wage gap. In 2017, women earned 82 percent of what men earned, according to the Pew Research Center. However, the wage gap narrows among younger workers, and may even disappear for highly educated women, especially those in the STEM fields - science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Another financial concern for women is connected to their role as caregivers. Women spend an average of 12 years out of the workforce to care for children, elderly relatives, and even friends, according to an estimate by the Social Security Administration. Other studies report different figures, but all the evidence points to women being the ones who take time off from work to care for loved ones. This means fewer contributions to Social Security, 401(k)s and other retirement

college savings vehicles, such as a 529 plan.

Educate yourself about investing - and get professional advice.

Some people think investing is just too complex and mysterious to be understandable. Yet, with patience and a willingness to learn, you can become quite knowledgeable about how to invest, what you're investing in and what forces affect the investment world. And to help you create an investment strategy that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance, and time horizon, you may also want to work with a financial professional.

Discuss financial issues with your future spouse.

If you get married or remarried, you'll want to discuss financial issues with your new spouse. Specifically, you'll want to answer questions such as these:

- What assets and debts do each of you bring to the marriage?
- Do you plan to merge your finances or keep them separate?
- Are your investment styles compatible?
- Do you have similar long-term goals?

You and your new spouse don't need identical views on every financial topic, but you both need to be willing to work together to advance your common interests.

Ultimately, you have a lot of control over your own financial future. And making informed choices can help make that future a bright one.

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