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The children's art of Christine Mix

BY JOE MILLIKEN
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WESTON, Vt. – Welcome to the wonderful and whimsical children's art world of Christine Mix. An illustrator, painter, designer, and author, the Dayton, Ohio-native, who now resides in scenic Weston, Vt., has cultivated a unique niche in the competitive world of commercial illustration.



Fairy and pup.

Growing up in Connecticut during the mid-70s, Mix was compelled to create art from an early age and indulged in a variety of mediums and activities including drawing, painting, creating with clay, and writing poems and stories. "I loved to draw early on. I did a few paint-by-number paintings and my parents hired a local artist to give me lessons," Mix said.

"As a young girl, I was most influenced by comics, cartoons, and animated specials on television. Some of my favorites were Warner Bros, Hanna Barbara, Bugs Bunny cartoons, Disney, Charles Schultz and the Charlie Brown comics, 'How The Grinch Stole Christmas' and the Raskin/Bass Productions animated-claymation Christmas specials. Those holiday specials were my favorites and a huge inspiration to me growing up."

Mix's interest in art continued to grow and after high school, she received a painting scholarship and studied at Hillsborough Community College in Tampa, Fla. During her college experience, which also included studies at Coker College in Hartsville, S.C. and the University of South Florida, Mix continued to expand her horizons while studying painting, sculpture, photography,

cinematography, and theatre arts, a diverse curriculum that would serve her well moving forward.

"After graduation, I worked at Honeywell as an audio-visual tech/photographer/videographer, before relocating (in Florida) to work in theater as a scenic painter by day and lighting and spot light technician at night. During that time, I also worked on my own illustrations and stories, submitted to children's publishers, joined the Society of Children's Illustrators and Writers, and started working freelance with local decorators and designers. I also worked on decorating holiday displays at Bloomingdales in Palm Beach."

Over time, however, and although she enjoyed her time in Florida, Mix missed the northeast and wanted to return to New England. "I was really missing New England and also realized I needed to be closer to New York City and the children's publishing industry. In the late '90s I had the opportunity to move to Vermont and I grabbed it, and it has turned out to be a great move."

Mix's illustrations and watercolor paintings have been exhibited

in several galleries including the Book Culture/Book Expo America in New York City, the Chaffee Art Center in Rutland, the Southern Vermont Center in Manchester, the Cluster Arts Center in Londonderry, and the Poe Park Museum in Bronx, N.Y., just to name a few.

Currently, most of Mix's art focuses on children's illustrations and her own writing, and a possible picture or graphic novel series featuring her character Spike the Dragon. "It's a story I've been working on for a long time and after many helpful critiques and revisions – I belong to a great critique group and two children's publishing associations - it is now starting to spark some interest."

Mix is currently setting up exhibits for the fall, including a showing at the West Townshend Country Store where she will offer her original watercolor paintings, prints, cards, and illustrated pillow covers.

"One of the fun parts of being an artist is having the opportunity to encourage both younger and older generations to follow their artistic dreams and goals, and I am happy to say that I am listed on the Vermont Art Council's 'Teaching Artists Roster' for cartoon/illustration and drawing residencies."

For more information about the wonderful art world of Christine Mix, as well as her upcoming local exhibits, please visit her website at www.christinemixart.com.

Flags to be lowered to half-staff in honor of Sen. John McCain

MONTPELIER, Vt. – On Monday, Aug. 27, Gov. Phil Scott ordered that both the U.S. and Vermont flags at all state facilities be lowered to half-staff in honor of the late U.S. Sen. John McCain. Sen. McCain passed away Saturday, Aug. 25 after a battle with glioblastoma, which was diagnosed in 2017.

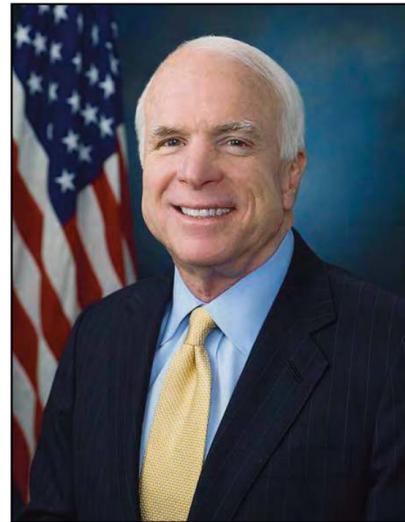
Upon Sen. McCain's death on Saturday, Gov. Scott stated, "At a time when our country is in need of more and better role models, I'm saddened we have lost another with the passing of Senator John McCain. My thoughts and prayers are with the McCain family, his staff, and his colleagues. Senator McCain bravely served our country as a young man and went on to be a leader of tremendous courage, conviction, and civility in the U.S. Senate. I appreciate the legacy of dignity, character, and candor he's left. I hope he will continue to inspire all of us to be better to each other even when we face difficult times and complex challenges as individuals and as a nation."

Gov. Scott noted Sen. McCain's

military service, time as a prisoner of war, and commitment and leadership as a public servant in his decision to order flags to half-staff in the senator's honor.

With services now set for Sen. McCain, Gov. Scott has ordered flags to half-staff beginning at sunrise Wednesday, Aug. 29, the day of Sen. McCain's first service. Sen. McCain will then lie in state in Washington, D.C. with additional services to follow Saturday and Sunday. Flags will remain at half-staff until sunset Sunday, Sept. 2, following Sen. McCain's interment at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

As a rule, when the U.S. flag is lowered, the Vermont flag and POW



U.S. Sen. John McCain, 1936 - 2018.

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flag must also be lowered. The U.S. flag must always fly above or equal to any other flags that are flown.

CAFC is here to help

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – Chester-Andover Family Center has been around for a long time - actually since 1985. They've been in their location on Route 103 in Chester since 2012. Still, "Communication is an ongoing challenge," says CAFC President Stephanie Mahoney, "letting the communities of Chester and Andover know that we're here to provide assistance."

Touring the Chester-Andover Family Center with Mahoney and three other volunteers Georgia Ethier, Nena Nanfeldt, and Kris Winnicki, it's easy to see that they have a lot to offer. It's also easy to get a feeling of what real community is all about.

The ranch-style building sits comfortably back from busy Route 103 with plenty of parking for the thrift shop and food shelf, the most visible parts of what the CAFC provides. Less visible, but of equal importance is their financial assistance program. Chester and Andover residents can receive financial help with heating bills, rent, and necessary repairs to home and vehicle. They will also connect residents with additional resources and programs for long-term help.

According to Winnicki, "We're of the first line of defense. If they've lost their job, things have fallen apart, they really need to pay their rent, they'll get assistance from us but then we direct them to other resources as well. That's the part that's really key."

One of those resources is a social worker provided through their partnership with Neighborhood Connections in Londonderry.



Chester-Andover Family Center.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY WWW.CHESTER-ANDOVERFAMILYCENTER.ORG

of the food shelf, develops recipes for vegetables that may be abundant but aren't necessarily well-known.

The food shelf also partners with the Vermont Food Bank, Healthy Harvest Network, and other food shelves. They collaborate with Shaw's, Lisa's, Thomas Dairy, and Black River Produce by purchasing overstocked items at "a good rate." Donations make up the balance. There are several short aisles of canned and dry goods, and they also have frozen meats as well as refrigerated items.

Once school starts, the food shelf often collaborates with teachers. According to Nanfeldt, "We'll get a call and a teacher will say, 'I have a student who never has snacks, doesn't have food' so we'll put together a box of food and get it over to the school."

The same is true with clothing from the store. Teachers will reach out to the thrift store and let them know that a student doesn't have sneakers or a winter coat. Their response is always "Take what you need."

Each of the volunteers has a fond memory of a family they've helped with their programs. It's what drives the volunteers to keep working on getting the word out about their programs.

The entire organization is run by volunteers and for the CAFC, it's one of their biggest needs. They currently have 30 volunteers who work Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in the thrift shop and Thursdays and Fridays at the food shelf. They are always looking for more. Any amount of time is appreciated and needed. Many volunteers just work three hours a month.

For more information, visit www.chester-andoverfamilycenter.org or call 802-875-3236.

The dog days of summer

GRAFTON, Vt. - The Dog Days event at Grafton Trails and Outdoor Center happened to be National Dog Day, Aug. 26, celebrating dogs and their "people." The 20 miles of trails and pond area was a great space for playtime and exercise.

PHOTO BY BILL LOCKWOOD



Four men arrested for burglary at Tater Hill Golf Course

WINDHAM, Vt. – On Aug. 25, State Police from the Westminster Barracks responded to an early morning report of individuals trespassing on the Tater Hill Golf Course, located on Popple Dungeon Road in Windham, Vt.

Upon arrival, troopers discovered damage to several golf carts as well as forced entry into the clubhouse building. They located Caleb Green, 18, of Mount Holly, Vt., operating

a golf cart on Popple Dungeon Rd. Green was under the influence of alcohol and had stolen golf shoes.

Marc Sheldon, 18, of Proctorsville, Vt., Dean Stanchfield, 20, of Ludlow, Vt., and Gary Clay, 18, of Windham, Vt. were located at a residence in Windham and in possession of other stolen property from Tater Hill Golf Course. It was determined that the four men broke into the club house, stole merchandise from the pro shop

as well as bottles of liquor, wine, and approximately 200 beers. They caused damage to the golf course, pins, markers, and greens by driving the golf carts over them.

Clay, Green, Sheldon, and Stanchfield were arrested and processed for burglary, unlawful mischief, and possession of stolen property. Green was also charged with driving under the influence.

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Free books for toddlers

LUDLOW, Vt. - Imagine if every preschool child received a free book in his or her home every month from birth until they begin school, regardless of their family's income. Imagine the excitement those children would feel receiving those gifts. Since 2012, the Ludlow Rotary has made this a reality in Mount Holly, Ludlow, Plymouth, and Cavendish.



Books for local children from the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. PHOTO PROVIDED

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library is a unique program that mails a new, age-appropriate book into the homes of children every month. Dolly's Imagination Library is designed to inspire the love of reading in children by spending time with family and friends sharing these wonderful books together. Dolly understands that reading is the key to a strong education, and that a child's imagination is the center of his or her dreams and creativity. By combining the two, this program inspires children to dream more, learn more, care more, and be more.

Under this program, every month well over one million free, high-quality books are mailed to preschool children in the United States, Canada,

Great Britain, and Australia. With the help of local educators, a large proportion of children in our area are now registered to receive these books. At the Ludlow Rotary, we have a passion to make sure our kids have every opportunity to succeed.

An easy way to register your preschool child or children for this program is to visit the children's section of Ludlow's Fletcher Memorial Library, where there is a display of Imagination Library books and lots of registration cards. Registration cards can also be obtained from the Ludlow Rotary, P.O. Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149. The privacy of the children is strictly hon-

ored. The signature book of the Imagination Library, "The Little Engine That Could," is recognized by most parents. The books are addressed and mailed directly to the children, much to their delight. The mailings start about six weeks after the date of registration.

As a past president of the Ludlow Rotary said, "Opportunities to do this much good don't come along very often so we have to give it our best effort." We tried and it turned out we could. Research concludes that children who participate in this type of program get a real boost in their performance, doing much better in kindergarten and throughout their academic career.

As participation in the Imagination Library increases, the Ludlow Rotary welcomes outside financial assistance in this important work from those that are not immediate members of the families that benefit. You can contribute to the Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Fund Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, indicating "Imagination Library" in the memo section of your check, and mailing it to the Ludlow Rotary address shown above.

For additional information, please contact David Almond at bethalmond@tds.net. For further information about the Ludlow Rotary, its projects, and membership opportunities, visit www.ludlowrotary.com.

Mary W. Davis welcomes real estate expert Suzanne Garvey

LUDLOW, Vt. - In its 60th year of business, Mary W. Davis Realtor & Associates Inc. is pleased to welcome Suzanne Garvey to its growing team of Okemo Valley real estate experts.

Suzanne has lived in Ludlow for 34 years with her husband Pat and holds strong ties within the local community. She's been a licensed Vermont realtor since 1984 with extensive experience listing, selling, and renting homes across the Okemo Valley.

The well-known and highly regarded realtor holds a Vermont broker license as well as ABR, CRS, and GRI designations, and

takes great pride in her work. Her professionalism and understanding of people's needs and lifestyles are invaluable assets to the Mary W. Davis Realtor & Associates Inc. team.

"We are delighted to welcome Suzanne to the Mary Davis team," says Patricia Davis, owner and principal broker of Mary W. Davis Realtor & Associates Inc. "We're confident that she will bring a great abundance of talent and strength to our sales mission, while contributing a positive and friendly attitude to our workplace."

To get in touch with Suzanne, please call 802-228-8811 or email

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Founded in 1958 by community leader Mary Davis, Mary W. Davis Realtor & Associates Inc. specializes in selling properties and condominiums on Okemo Mountain Resort, as well as lake homes and country estates throughout the area. The tight-knit staff works closely with buyers and sellers seven days a week - providing a wealth of knowledge, guidance, and support. A third-generation family business with three office locations in Ludlow, Mary W. Davis Realtor & Associates Inc. is looking forward to many more years of offering exceptional real estate service in the Okemo Valley.

Cavendish Community Fund accepting applications for fall grants

CAVENDISH, Vt. - The Cavendish Community Fund has announced that it is now accepting grant applications for fall 2018 awards. The deadline for applying is Oct. 1, 2018. Applications are available at www.CavendishCCCA.org under "Community Fund" and include instructions on how and where to apply.

Projects, programs, or events must directly benefit the Cavendish community in some way. A panel of local citizens reviews all applications and recommends grant awards based on the quality and feasibility of each proposal.

Grants are not expected to exceed \$1,000 each and will depend primarily on the number of applications received and the amounts requested.

This past spring the Community Fund made grants to Cavendish Streetscapes to put flags along Main Street in Proctorsville, to the Cavendish Elementary School



Apply for fall grants now. PHOTO PROVIDED

or Barbara Dickey at 802-226-7187 for the third grade to produce its annual play, and to the Garden Committee to clean up the Svec Memorial Green. If you have a project to benefit Cavendish and need money, contact the Community Fund to discuss your idea.

For further information on applying, on eligibility, on any other aspect of the grant program, or for help completing the application, please call Peter LaBelle at 802-226-7250

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Chester Rotary first Thursday with VTel

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You will discover the benefits of the amazing high-speed internet service provided to the region by VTel, which is the fastest, most reliable internet solution for Vermonters. Learn more about VTel, its past, present, and future, including how fiber optic technology can change lives and increase economic development in Vermont communities.

Open to the community, Chester Rotary First Thursday is held at the Fullerton Inn, on the Green in Chester, Vt. The program starts at 5:15 p.m. and ends at 6:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar is available.

For planning purposes, please RSVP to chestervtrotary@gmail.com. For more information, contact Bill Dankin at 802-875-4000.

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LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Doreen Fabiano, certified in Tai Chi, begins a six-week series for beginners at The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections starting Monday, Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. If you ever wanted to try Tai Chi, now is your opportunity.

For those who practice Tai Chi, Fabiano offers a six-week Level 2 series beginning Thursday, Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend both sessions. This program is offered at no charge, but space is limited. Call 802-824-4343 if you would like to attend.

Originally conceived as a Chinese martial art, Tai Chi offers excellent health benefits. The practice aids in fall prevention, diabetes, arthritis, balance, and is good for overall health care.

Neighborhood Connections is a community-based nonprofit social services agency serving individuals and families in the area mountain towns of southcentral Vermont with a range of social services and health-related programs. Check out our website at www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org. The Meeting Place is located in The Mountain Marketplace, next to the Londonderry Post Office.

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TRSU board to work with VSBA on evaluation, retreat

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. – The TRSU board meeting Aug. 21 began with a presentation from Vermont School Board Association member Sue Ceglowski who was asked to advise them on how to develop a superintendent job description as well as an evaluation for that position. The board is making steps to avoid a repeat of the flawed evaluation process last year that included surveys from board members and other community members who critiqued performance without being able to point to any set expectations. That evaluation resulted in a one-year contract for Powden with a 2.75 percent raise, approximately half of the 5.58 percent raise that had been in the 2018-19 school budget.

Ceglowski recommended establishing a committee to work with VSBA, developing a job description using the VSBA model job description as a base, adapting as needed, and then developing an evaluation that is aligned to the description.

The process would also include circulating an online survey to all the board members in the supervisory union. The information would be collated and organized for the committee by VSBA. The superintendent would also be part of the process, working with the committee and performing a self-evaluation. The result is a final written evaluation that also determines three to four goals for the first year.

Board Chair Marilyn Mahusky responded positively to Ceglowski's recommendation. "It would be helpful to us as a SU and our respective districts to develop a really good evaluation tool and have Meg be a part of that so that she is giving us her input as to where she wants to see the schools go, what kind of goals she wants to work on, and what we want her to be working on."

The board agreed to establish a four-person committee with two members from each school district for developing a job description and evaluation for the superintendent's position. The board then approved hiring VSBA for a fee of



TRSU discusses plan to define role of superintendent. PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY

\$1,000 for their services to help develop both documents.

Mahusky then asked VSBA for their input on structuring a board retreat. Ceglowski mentioned that another woman in her office, Susan Holson, would be the one to develop a retreat that would establish a new vision. The most recent vision statement for the district was developed in 2015, but Superintendent Meg Powden felt the time was right for another. "We've moved from ten districts to two districts, which was an incredible feat and so I think we need to recognize that we're in a new place and that it's time for a new vision."

The board decided to invite Holson from VSBA to the next meeting to move forward with the vision re-

treat planning.

Discussion moved to the question of the transition funds. Originally totaling \$150,000, money granted to school districts as an incentive for merging, these funds have been under scrutiny with the TRSU spending approximately \$60,000 without approval. In addition, both districts voted that those funds are meant for the districts themselves not TRSU expenses. The remainder, approximately \$90,000, is now again up for debate as to whether they belong jointly to both GMUSD and LMHUUSD districts or solely to GMUSD. The TRSU reached out to the Vermont Agency of Education to help clarify the situation, but the opinion from two different members of the Ver-

mont Agency of Education appear to contradict each other.

Board member Joe Fromberger said that he wanted to request a legal opinion from the Agency of Education for a final judgement on the opinion. The Board agreed to request a legal opinion, and the topic was tabled until more clarification was received.

In other business, the TRSU agreed to purchase a rear-entry van that could accommodate wheelchair transportation for the supervisory union. Although the van costs \$37,000 with an additional \$70,185 for driver expenses, overall the purchase will save \$35,000 in the budget.

At the end of the meeting, the board discussed revamping the TRSU website beyond the updates happening now. Powden stated that they would put funds into the budget for website software. Board member Dan Buckley saw this as an opportunity for students to perhaps work on that as a project through the schools. Powden agreed that they could look into the possibility.

The next TRSU meeting is sched-

uled for Thursday, Sept. 6 at 6 p.m. at The Roost.

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The Corner Market & Café is now open

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Corner Market & Café opened their doors Wednesday, Aug. 22. Owner Jason O'Connor and his family are grateful for the local support they've already received since then. "It got better every day," O'Connor said.

The Corner is open Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., serving breakfast sandwiches and burritos, signature sandwiches, baked goods, and more! The Corner is located at 1 Main Street in South Londonderry, Vt. Visit their Facebook page @The-Corner-Market-Deli.

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Help kids kick cancer by giving blood with Red Cross

REGION - During Childhood Cancer Awareness Month this September, the American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to give blood to support kids, teens, and young adults battling cancer, as well as others in need of transfusions.

According to the National Cancer Institute, more than 15,000 children and adolescents in the U.S. are diagnosed with cancer each year. Childhood cancer patients may need blood products on a regular basis during chemotherapy, surgery, or treatment for complications.

Wren Jansen was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, the most common form of childhood cancer, at age 3. In the two years since her diagnosis, Wren has received 16 blood and platelet transfusions, which she calls "unicorn juice," thanks to a crafty nurse who

used the term to calm her fears during treatment. These "magic" gifts from generous donors have helped restore Wren's strength and spirit so she can be a normal 5-year-old and fight back against cancer.

In December, Wren and her family hope to mark a special milestone – the end of treatment and the battle with cancer won.

Blood and platelet donors of all blood types, especially type O negative and O positive, are urgently needed to replenish the blood supply following a critical summer blood shortage. As a thank you, those who come to give blood or platelets Aug. 31 to Sept. 4 will receive a Red Cross aluminum water bottle while supplies last. Make an appointment to donate by downloading the free American Red Cross Blood Donor app, visiting www.RedCrossBlood.org, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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- Sept. 14, 2018, from 12:30 to 5:20 p.m., American Legion, 4 Court St., Windsor, Vt.

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A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states, weigh at least 110 pounds, and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at www.RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor app.

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Vermont Afterschool receives community foundation grant to close opportunity gap

REGION - The Vermont Community Foundation announced that it has entered into a Cornerstone Partnership with Vermont Afterschool, a statewide nonprofit working to ensure that all Vermont youth have access to high

quality out-of-school learning opportunities. As part of that partnership, the Community Foundation is awarding Vermont Afterschool a three-year \$180,000 grant to strengthen afterschool and out-of-school time programming for older youth in Vermont.

The Community Foundation's Cornerstone Partnerships are designed to help launch growth-phase statewide organizations whose work is critical to closing the opportunity gap to their next stage of development. The partnerships include multi-year grant funding and an invitation to inform the foundation's local grant making and community investment strategies.

"Over the last five years, Vermont has seen a steady decrease in the number of afterschool programs serving middle and high school youth," stated Vermont Afterschool Executive Holly Morehouse. "We see a real need in the field and a partnership like this will help us to make significant gains on key state-level systems building work that we would not be able to do otherwise."

Through the partnership, Vermont Afterschool will expand and energize the out-of-school learning field, redefine quality standards for programs serving older youth, and work across the state to establish and sustain quality out-of-school time programs in some of our most

persistently challenged communities.

This work is all about supporting broad cultural change in Vermont around how we think about youth, how we recognize and value this important time in a young person's life, and the value we place on providing opportunities and supports for youth outside of the school day.

This grant and partnership are part of the Vermont Community Foundation's commitment to closing the opportunity gap for children from low-income families. The Community Foundation believes that if Vermont doesn't act now to equalize opportunity for children and families, we risk permanently destabilizing communities and diminishing the prospects for all.

The Vermont Community Foundation has prioritized afterschool, summer, and out-of-school learning as one of several issues most critically affecting the opportunity gap. It is also an area where philanthropy is particularly well positioned to make progress at both a systems level and at the local level.

Research shows that students participating in afterschool programs, especially students who participate regularly, see gains in their math achievement and academic performance, improve their work habits, and have better school day attendance. Additionally, afterschool programs introduce youth to new activities, offer healthy snacks and meals, and are safe places to hang out with friends.

"Holly and her team share our vision for a more equitable and student-centered afterschool system in Vermont," says Vermont Community Foundation CEO Dan Smith. "We choose Cornerstone Partners deliberately, in a way that brings organizations together instead of increasing competition for resources. Vermont Afterschool's collaborative approach and deep expertise make them a natural partner for us in this work now and in the years ahead."

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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

A \$4.5 million dollar nickel

I began collecting coins when I was eight years old. Most coin collectors will be aware of the 1913 Liberty Head or 'V' nickel. This is a fascinating story with a local connection so stay with me.

The Liberty Head or 'V' nickel was introduced in 1883. It is referred to as the 'V' nickel for the Roman numeral V for five on the reverse. When the mint introduced the coin in 1883 it was released without the word 'CENTS' under the V. Unscrupulous con artists gold plated the nickel and passed them off as five dollar gold pieces. As a result a revised nickel was issued June 26, 1883 with 'CENTS' added under the V.

The V nickel was minted until 1912. It was to be replaced in 1913 with the Buffalo nickel which it was. However, someone at the mint had five 1913 V nickels struck. It is unclear who at the mint was responsible. These five nickels changed hands several times until Colonel Edward (Ned) Howland Robinson Green purchased them. Here's the local connection. Ned was Hetty Green's son.

Much has been written about Hetty Green of Bellows Falls. It is not my intent to repeat what has been written but to introduce information not widely known. I must mention though that when young Ned broke his leg, his miserly mother took him to a free clinic but when recognized she was turned away. Ned had to have his leg amputated as a result.

When Hetty Green died in 1916 Ned and his sister Harriet Sylvia inherited Hetty's estate worth \$150 million at the time. Unlike his mother Edward freely spent his money.

Now back to the V nickels. Ned purchased all five V nickels. Two of the 1913 nickels were proofs, the other three were high grade uncirculated coins. Today three of the nickels are in museums with the remaining two in private collections. Earlier in August of this year a 1913 V nickel was sold at auction in Philadelphia for \$4.5 million to an anonymous buyer.

Ned also bought a full sheet of the 'Inverted Jenny' postage stamps for \$20,000. Ned then split the sheet up into blocks. One stamp he put into a locket and gave it to his wife. In 2016 a single 'Jenny' sold for \$1.3 million. Imagine what the entire sheet would be worth if it hadn't been broken up.

Ned married his prostitute girlfriend, Mabel Harlow, a month after his mother died. Hetty referred to her as 'Miss



A 1913 Liberty Head Nickel reverse. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

Harlot.' To celebrate his marriage Ned wanted to own the world's largest yacht. With WW1 waging no civilian ships could be purchased. So he bought the Great Lakes excursion boat, 'United States' and had her refitted. No expense was spared. In 1917, the yacht was considered the largest and most expensive yacht in the world. Of its many stately rooms there was a gun chamber for firearms Ned purchased from Colt and Winchester. These firearms were plated in gold and nickel to prevent corrosion.

On the receiver of each Winchester

was engraved, 'United States.' There were three Winchester model 1890 pump-action .22 rifles, two takedown 30-30 Winchester Model 1894 lever action rifles, and one takedown Model 1895 Winchester in 30-06 caliber. All of the Winchesters had factory birds-eye maple stocks.

The four Colt .22 semi-automatic pistols had checkered walnut grips. One was stolen but resurfaced many years later with mother-of-pearl grips.

In 1919, his yacht, 'United States' sank at its mooring. No lives were lost. The firearms and other furnishings were salvaged. After Ned's death the firearms passed through several hands.

A friend and customer of mine, Eldon Owens of Claremont, was a lifelong collector of rare firearms. Eldon had deep pockets and was known throughout the country as a buyer of rare firearms. Eldon was offered the entire collection of Ned's 'United States' firearms and bought them. When Eldon died in 2004, his wife Edie donated the collection of 'United States' firearms to the National Firearms Museum. In 2006 the missing Colt .22 semi-automatic pistol surfaced at auction and was purchased by the NRA for the museum.

Because Eldon was a friend of mine I was able to handle these rare and beautiful firearms.

The Chester Historical Society needs donations of antiques for our sale this Sept. 15 and 16. Give me a call at 802-374-0119 and I'll come pick them up. Please check your barns, attics, or basements.

This week's old saying is from my friend Fitisie. "A nap is never wasted."



A 1918 24 cent Inverted Jenny postage stamp. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

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OLLI fall semester begins with "The 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Michael Tougas will begin the Fall 2018 OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute series Tuesday, Sept. 4 chronicling the harrowing 13 days of the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962. It will be presented at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Catholic Church on Pleasant St. in Springfield, Vt.

Tougas is a crowd favorite presenter who has given a variety of action based programs throughout the local area. A New York Times bestselling author and co-author of 24 books, he will give the details that are highlighted in his newest book, "Above & Beyond: JFK and the U-2 Pilots During the Cuban Missile Crisis."

In October of 1962, America faced the prospect of imminent nuclear war with the Soviet Union. Two things saved humanity: the strategic wisdom of John F. Kennedy, and the U-2 spy program. U-2 pilots who flew unarmed over Cuba were able to secure photographic proof that the Soviets were installing nuclear missiles on the island. These pilots helped President Kennedy achieve a difficult objective: have the nuclear missiles removed from Cuba without triggering Armageddon. Tougas will present lesser-known events that put us on the brink of nuclear war.

He will have many of his books available for purchase and signing.

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

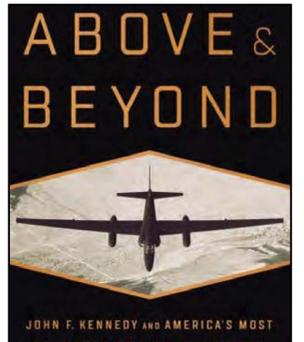
The OLLI series programs are selected with input from the local members and carry varied themes from semester to semester including history, art, music, literature, health, nature, science, and current events.

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

Membership includes nine programs. Nonmembers are encouraged and welcome to attend individual lectures for a single program fee. Memberships, as well as single program



John F. Kennedy, president in 1962, averted nuclear war with the Soviets, using the photographic information obtained from the U-2 spy planes. PHOTO PROVIDED



"Above & Beyond, the story of the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis" by Michael Tougas. PHOTO PROVIDED

fees, may be paid at the program.

The following OLLI program will be two weeks later Sept. 18, and will be "Cuba: Past and Present." Elayne Clift will show pictures and discuss her recent travels there highlighting the history and culture of Cuba.

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



Major Rudy Anderson was flying his U-2 spy plane over Cuba when the Russians shot him down and he was killed. His death almost started World War III. PHOTO PROVIDED



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Op-Ed: The perfect little climate conscious state

A year ago Gov. Scott created a Climate Action Commission in response to clamor generated by the state's environmental organizations determined to make Vermonters take bold action to defeat the Menace of Climate Change, which they insist "is a fundamental threat to Vermont."

The governor tasked the commission with delivering "an action plan aimed at reaching the State's renewable energy and greenhouse gas reduction goals while driving economic growth, setting Vermonters on a path to affordability, and ensuring effective energy transition options exist for all Vermonters."

That greenhouse gas reduction goal, mandated by Act 168 of 2006, is to reduce carbon dioxide emissions to 50 percent of their 1990 levels by 2028. In 2015 Vermont's emissions had risen to 16 percent above 1990 levels, not

50 percent below. Driving down CO2 emissions in the futile hope of defeating climate change has become an enviro obsession.

The report released July 30 is a sweeping and well-written 85-page compendium of every conceivable step needed to make Vermont the Perfect Little Climate Conscious State. It includes and advocates practically every proposal urged on Vermonters by the environmental phalanx since 1970, plus a number of new enthusiasms sparked by the debatable belief that human carbon dioxide emissions are driving the planet toward heat death.

First, the report extols the merits of "smart growth principles." This is the "everything in its proper place" notion that underlay Act 250's proposed State Land Use Plan in 1970, and Gov. Kunin's ominous "new planning era"

of 1987 (Act 200), where anything of consequence occurs only in conformity with a government plan "uniform in standards, specific in requirements, and tough on delinquents."

To attain this eternal goal, the government needs to take control or ownership of lots more Vermont land, that otherwise would be irresponsibly used by selfish, shortsighted landowners oblivious to the principles of smart growth.

The report touts the merits and opportunities presented by a "New Climate Economy," which a cynic might define as "lots of people making money from the government forcing lots of other people to pay."

Reducing CO2 emissions requires transformation of the transportation sector that produces 43 percent of them. That means programs to support walking and biking, plus getting

people to choose electric vehicles instead of gasoline or diesel powered vehicles. The report strongly supports a network of fast-charging stations for EVs, electric transit and school buses, and even commuter rail "when it becomes viable" (when unicorns fly).

It doesn't mention the awkward fact that EVs pay no fuel tax or registration surcharge to support the highway system, leaving that to the gas and diesel powered vehicles the report wants to do away with. Nor does the report explain where the additional gigawatt hours of renewable electricity will come from to keep all the subsidized EVs on the road.

The report urges doubling of low income home weatherization programs to reduce fuel consumption, claiming that it will save homeowners lots of money over the long run. So why not capitalize the projected fuel savings to

pay for the upfront weatherization? There are contractors in Vermont now that do just that for businesses, but the state is committed to sending the home weatherization bill to ratepayers and taxpayers, and letting the homeowners pocket all of the savings.

Looming in the shadows is the One Big Idea for Fighting Climate Change that will drive down CO2 emissions and pay all the costs of adopting the 53 recommendations. That idea is The Carbon Tax.

Mindful that Gov. Scott is dead set against every form of carbon taxes, "fees," "caps," and "pricing," the report manages only to say that driving down CO2 emissions "will require hard choices. We can reform and equalize our tax system to induce behavior change, we can mandate change through statutory or regulatory action, we can let the market efficiently

allocate prices through a system like cap and invest or carbon pricing, or we can accept that we will not meet our goals through voluntary action in the current market where the price of carbon is not properly accounted for in the costs of our goods and services."

The commission then warns, "Unless there is significant progress in greenhouse gas emission reductions, Vermont should institute additional, wide scale measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

What you won't find in the report is a summary of all the costs of the many programs, incentives, and subsidies, including the salaries of what must be thousands of bureaucrats and contractors employed in identifying, measuring, recording, advising, regulating, permitting, subsidizing, policing, and so on to make sure that everybody gets with the "New Climate Economy."

And you won't find a trace of the traditional Vermont belief that free people, secure in their property, acting within the law to pursue their dreams, will best contribute to a free and prosperous tomorrow for their children. The urgent need to defeat climate change by reducing carbon dioxide emissions – no matter how utterly undetectable the results – is now in the driver's seat.

Written by John McClaughry, vice president of the Ethan Allen Institute, www.ethanallen.org.

Op-Ed: Republicans can support common sense gun laws

The governor's victory in the recent Republican primary shows that the vast majority of Vermonters – including those in the Republican party – are supportive of his courageous actions to pass gun safety measures. The governor's win sends a clear message and politicians and political pundits nationwide should pay attention: Republicans can stand for common sense gun measures and be supported for their efforts at the ballot box. Gun violence prevention is a bipartisan issue with bipartisan support.

It is no secret that Vermonters back common sense gun measures. Poll after poll show widespread support for gun violence prevention. The most recent public poll released by VPR/Vermont PBS shows that 67 percent of Vermonters support the gun safety measures passed this year. These measures include but are not limited to expanded background checks, a limit on magazine capacity, and a ban on bump stocks. Yet despite this overwhelming data, politicians and political pundits have continued to insist that gun safety is politics' third rail. "Vote for gun safety and you will be voted out," was a phrase repeated ad nauseum.

This theory has of course been perpetuated by the corporate gun lobby. The gun lobby has a long and sordid history of putting profits above safety. It suits their interests for politicians to believe that they can't even pass common sense measures to make their constituents safer without risking their political future.

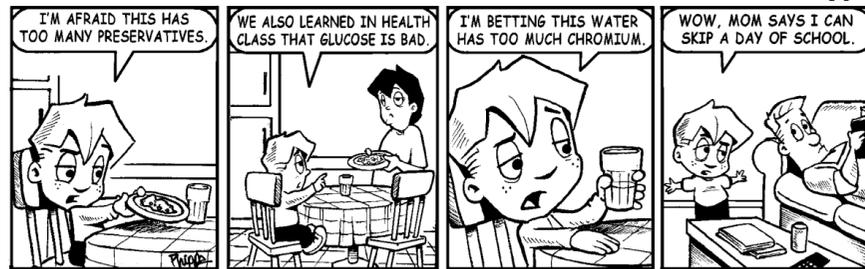
They say Vermont is safe, and there is no need for gun safety laws – all the while ignoring the facts. The fact that even in Vermont we came perilously close to a school massacre. The fact that even in Vermont half of our murders are domestic violence related and guns are used in more than half of those killings. The fact that even in Vermont suicide is the eighth leading cause of death, and firearms in the home significantly increase the risk that somebody will take their life.

Well, no more. The governor's decisive win in the Republican primary debunks the theory that if you support gun safety you will pay politically, once and for all. Vermonters, like most Americans, have had enough. Enough of the senseless slaughter of our children when they go to school. Enough of the domestic violence that all too often ends in a woman's death. Enough of the suicides that are taking our loved ones from us at alarming rates.

Times have changed. It is time for a new theory. Vermonters want common sense gun safety measures in place. They want guns kept out of the hands of dangerous people. They want our state, our communities, our homes, and our schools to be safer. They want the American gun violence epidemic to end. Those politicians who do not support gun safety out of fear of political retribution should pay attention.

Written by Clai Lasher-Sommers, executive director, GunSense Vermont.

Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It goes without saying that the Rockingham Old home Days annual Fireworks Show is something extremely special to my family and me. It was always the highlight of my father, Lenny Lisi's year when he was alive. He would work endlessly to raise the funds needed purely through donations from the community, and then on the day of the show, tirelessly set up the show and light off each shell by hand with his crew of family and friends. This was something we all rejoiced in with him each year.

This was an event Lenny was extremely proud to provide to the community he loved so much. I continue to carry on tradition for the very same reasons.

I was to say thank you to Vermont Rail and their staff. Over the years whether we were shooting the show off down below the Arch Bridge, or now, at our current location, the staff that I have worked with

has been tremendous. Without their support each year, this show would not happen.

Second, I would like to thank all of the business and residents of the surrounding area for their generous support and donations. Also I would like to thank the Bellows Falls Police, the Fire Department, Golden Cross Ambulance, and the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce for all their support. And special thanks to all of the collectors that donate their time and effort the night of the show in their special tie-dyed t-shirts to collect donations on foot.

And of course, last but not least, North Star Fireworks of Montpelier, Vt., for a fantastic show every year. Again, my thanks to so many. See you in 2019.

Sincerely,
Brent Lisi
Bellows Falls, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the many people who placed their trust in me for 12 years as I tried to be a voice of reason while representing our district in Montpelier. I especially want to thank those who donated their time or money, hosted a lawn sign, or encouraged people to support me. No one put more pressure on me than I did myself to improve the lives of Vermonters.

You saw the product of many hours of debate as the bills wound their way through the process. I often tell people it develops slowly for a reason and that the issues are complicated. When you make change after change to a statute that the Legislature felt they got right the first time, you had better know what else is affected.

I tried to be accessible and responsive to everyone. My focus was to improve our economy and make our state more affordable for young families so they would stay here.

It has been an honor to represent you, but it was not always easy. Please contact me with your concerns until the first week in January, and then we can all call the next person.

Sincerely,
Rep. Dennis Devereux
Ludlow, Mount Holly, and Shrewsbury, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Hello! I want to thank every registered Vermont voter who signed petitions to allow me to appear on the Nov. 6, 2018 general election ballot for governor and for representative to the U.S. Congress as an Independent candidate.

The most often asked question was: "How are you going to pay for that?"

How will I get funding to make Vermont a sanctuary state for homeless U.S. military veterans?

There are more than 40,000 homeless veterans, many of whom have a pension or qualify for SSI benefits. If 10,000 agree to try living in our cold climate here in Vermont, then that's 10,000 multiplied by about \$1,000 per month benefits per veteran, which means 10 million new dollars comes into the economy of Vermont because it will be spent at local grocery stores and for other necessities. If 20,000 homeless veterans can be convinced to try living in Vermont, that's 20 million new dollars per

month of new money being spent into the local economy at stores, etc. If 30,000 homeless veterans come to Vermont, that might bring our total state population up to 650,000 people; and 30 million new dollars might be coming into the local economy spent at stores, etc.

Where is the money to pay for building new homes in Vermont for homeless U.S. military veterans? Well, I'll tell you where I'm going to get that, and I won't stop marching up and down the halls of the U.S. Congress until I do!

Your taxpayer dollars fly out of your paycheck and go to the U.S. Congress, which votes to give your tax dollars to the Pentagon. The Pentagon decides to give your tax dollars to various defense contractors, which use your tax dollars for research design and development to invent new jets, bombs, and weapons. Then the defense contractors sell the new defense equipment worldwide to our allies. The defense

contractors make trillions of dollars. Where is your share? You paid for the research, design, and development? Why don't taxpayers get 50 percent of the profits, sent to each of the 50 states for human services, and to build homes for homeless U.S. military veterans?

Under U.S. Copyright Laws and U.S. Patent Laws, and the TRIPS Agreement (International Property Treaty, Article 41 and 61), and the Paris Convention (intellectual property rights and work made for hire), the general intent is that the person paying for "work made for hire" owns the work product. So, if you want to become employed by a defense contractor, you usually have to sign a "work made for hire" agreement whereby the defense contractor owns any blueprint or invention you create.

By the same principle, taxpayers should demand that every time our tax dollars are used to invent new defense products, we should

own 50 percent of the patents and copyrights and profits. It is time to restore the balance of power!

Right now, we are like serfs giving the kings taxes, with no return on our investment. This is how the rich get richer and the poor get poorer.

The exact same principle applies to our tax dollars going to the U.S. Congress, which gives them to the National Institute of Health, which gives them to various pharmaceutical corporations, which use them for research design and development of new prescription drugs and medical devices, and then sells them worldwide for a profit of trillions of dollars. Where is our share of the profit? We must demand 50 percent of the profit to pay for health care for all Americans.

In summary, in this campaign season, I am after the money.

Sincerely,
Cris Ericson
Chester, Vt.

Dear Editor,

You would think after doing almost 150 thank you notes that I would be almost done! However, there is one special thank you that I need to make on behalf of my family.

We sincerely want the Ice Cream Social Committee of the United Church of Bellows Falls to know how much we appreciate all their efforts to raise money for the Comtois Family Scholarship in memory of Richard and Barbara Comtois. With the donation of ice cream from Richard and Deb DeMuzio and the Dari Joy, the work of an amazing group of people and the support of the committee, the event was tremendous!

Having it on the Friday of Old

Home Days was a great way to start the weekend. Even though the weather was humid and pouring at times, so many people came to sit in a pew and eat cold ice cream with a choice of delicious toppings and of course, whipped cream!

We were so happy to see many friends and neighbors. Hopefully, this ambitious and giving group of people will consider doing it again next year! Thank you for caring for us and keeping the memory of our parents alive in this community.

Sincerely,
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RITE FOR CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS STARTS IN SEPTEMBER

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults begins in September for the St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Parish, to be held at St. Mary's Church, Springfield, Vt.

Do you have questions about the Catholic Church? Are you searching for a sense of community or a desire to hear more of the Good News of Jesus, the Gospel?

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RCIA begins in September and culminates with the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation - that are celebrated at the Easter Vigil in April.

Those interested in RCIA should contact the church office at 802-885-3400.

Elaine Bryant Pomeroy, 1939 - 2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Elaine Bryant Pomeroy, 78, passed Friday, Aug. 24, 2018 at her home in Springfield, Vt. after nearly a yearlong struggle with ALS, Progressive Bulbar Palsy.

Elaine was born Dec. 18, 1939 in South Paris, Maine to the late Howard and Dorothy Bryant. She leaves her one brother Warren Bryant and sister-in-law Beth. Elaine attended college at Boston University where she received a degree in physical therapy. Upon graduation, Elaine served our country in the Air Force as an Officer. It was during this service that Elaine met her future husband Gary. Elaine married Gary Pomeroy in 1963, and they remained married for 45 years until his passing.



Elaine Bryant Pomeroy, 1939 - 2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

Upon retirement from the Air Force in 1976, Elaine and Gary moved to Springfield, Vt. where they built their retirement home, which they named P's Full Homestead. Built in the middle of an old farm field, Elaine spent many years creating multiple flowerbeds and turning the house into a showpiece.

In 2013, Elaine met the second love of her life Reginald Moxley, and they married in 2015. After their marriage, Elaine and Reggie split time between their homes in Vermont, Michigan, and Florida.

Elaine loved the outdoors and was an avid gardener. She had many gardens that were featured on various garden tours. She was very involved with the Springfield Garden Club, serving two terms as president. She was one of the founders of their annual Festival of Trees and took pride in beautification projects for the town. Recently, she received their prestigious Golden Trowel Award.

In her later years, Elaine would travel to Florida in the winter. It did not take long before she formed a beautification committee for her condominium complex. The complex honored her for her great leadership

by naming a garden area after her. The exceptional projects she spearheaded continue to brighten the grounds.

Elaine was also blessed with many other talents and gifts. She loved to dance and taught all kinds of dancing. There was not a song that she could stand still to. She painted beautiful landscapes and produced amazing oil and watercolors that were displayed in several exhibits throughout the years. She was known for always staying positive and content in the midst of adversity and would consistently share the love of Jesus.

Elaine leaves her son Michael Pomeroy and wife MaryDan from Thetford, Vt. as well as her son Mark Pomeroy and wife Laura from Springfield, Vt. She leaves her grandchildren Maggie, Michaela, Luke, and Kyle Pomeroy; Nicholas Bograd; and Cameron, Brandon, and Kay Gregory. Elaine also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In honoring Elaine, donations can be made to the Springfield Garden Club. Mail checks to Springfield Garden Club, 152 Fairground Rd, Springfield, VT 05156. A celebration of Elaine's life will be held Saturday, Oct. 6 at 4:30 p.m. at P's Full Homestead.

CHESTER, VT.

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SPRINGFIELD, VT.

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Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Services begin at 10 a.m., followed by coffee

Felicia R. Murray, 1916 - 2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Felicia Rita (Bocko) Murray lived a glorious 101 years and nearly made it to 102. She lived independently until her death Aug. 23, 2018, in the home her husband George built in 1940.

She lived in Springfield for 80 years. She attended St. Mary's Catholic Church faithfully and was an active member of the Catholic Daughters. Many will remember Felicia from her years as classroom assistant to teacher Eleanor Johnson at Union Street School. Felicia was a gifted quilter and made at least 25 quilts for her children and grandchildren. For 28 years, she knit 100 pairs of mittens a year for the Santa Claus Fund of the Senior Center RSVP and St. Mary's tag sale. She also knit for Springfield Hospital - hats for preemies and toe socks for people in casts. She always helped and served others.

Felicia was born in Lowell, Mass. in 1916, the second of seven children of Polish immigrants Aleksandra and Adolf Bocko. She married George Murray in 1938 and they had a long and happy marriage until his death in 1986. Felicia missed him every day of the next 32 years.

She is survived by her brother Frederick of Port Saint Lucie, Fla., her children Marylyn Wentworth of Arundel, Maine, Sandra Belisle of Burlington, Vt., David Murray of Springfield, Vt., and George Murray of Rockingham, Vt. She was the



Felicia R. Murray, 1916 - 2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

beloved grandmother of 13, great-grandmother of 23, and great-great-grandmother to three.

The memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, followed by burial in St. Mary's Cemetery. A celebration of her life will then follow in St. Mary's Parish Hall.

In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the Audubon Vermont, 255 Sherman Hollow Rd. Huntington, VT 05462, or www.vt.audubon.org in memory of Felicia and her great love of birds. She fed them every morning in her bedroom window feeder.

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

William G. Basso, 1925 - 2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Graveside services for William G. Basso, 92, of Chester Vt., who passed March 10, 2018 at Bennington Veterans Home, will be held at Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018 at 11 a.m.

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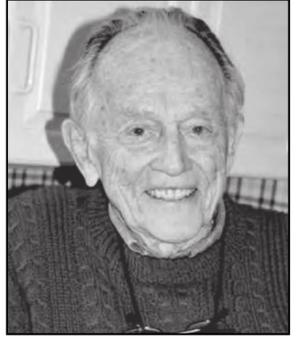
J. Thomas Cannon, 1921 - 2018

GRAFTON, Vt. - J. Thomas "Tom" Cannon, 97, died peacefully Aug. 22 at Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend after a brief illness. Tom was a longtime resident of Darien, Conn. before retiring to Grafton, Vt.

Tom was born in Salina, Kan., Aug. 11, 1921 to John Cannon and Dorothy Cannon. He was raised in Wichita, Kan., and graduated from the University of Wichita in 1943. He served in the 69th Division of the U.S. Army during World War II and the occupation of Berlin. He was discharged in 1946 at the rank of Major.

Tom graduated from Harvard Business School in 1948 and was the longtime secretary of his class. He is the author of two business textbooks and two other books on marketing strategy. After retirement to Grafton, Vt., he worked as a consultant for SCORE, and served on the Grafton Firefighters Association Executive Committee for many years.

He married Ann Ellison Tuller in 1948. Ann predeceased him in 1974. He is survived by his brother Bill Cannon of Kansas City, Kan.; his wife of 41 years Dorothy Whitaker Cannon; his children Elizabeth Cannon (Taro Suzuki) of New York City, Amy Cannon (Wayne Mellor) of Fly Creek, N.Y. and granddaughters El-lison Mellor and Lucy Mellor DeBernardi; John Cannon of Dryden, N.Y.; stepdaughter Jennifer Ball Robillard



J. Thomas Cannon, 1921 - 2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

(Luc Robillard) of Waitsfield, Vt. and grandsons Jack and Eric Bates; stepson Thomas Ball (Mary McEachern Ball) of Hancock, N.H.; stepdaughter Alison Ball Hollo (Roy Seelye) of Guilford, Conn. and grandchildren Barrett, Stephen, and Whitaker Hollo and Hannah and Kate Seelye; and stepson James Ball (Annette Lotano Ball) of Loudonville, N.Y. and granddaughters Emilia and Mia Ball.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to one of the organizations that were important to Tom: Grafton Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 191, Grafton, VT 05146, and Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital, P.O. Box 216, Townshend, VT 05353.

Brian P. Miles, 1945 - 2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Brian Paul Miles, 73, of Springfield, Vt., passed away unexpectedly at home Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018. He was born Feb. 16, 1945 in Windsor, Vt., to Max and Beatrice (Cady) Miles. Despite being an only child, he had plenty of cousins to play with and to find mischief while growing up in Hammondsville, Vt. on his grandparents' farm. In 1964, he graduated from Springfield High School. He served his country as an Army Reservist and was honorably discharged in 1971.

Brian married Susan Olney in the summer of 1967. Susan gave birth to their only child Amy in 1970. For 34 years, he worked at the talc mill in Ludlow, Vt. He was known for his many safety awards. In 1987 Brian and Susan divorced and after a few years set aside their differences and remained friends until the end.

Throughout his years, Brian enjoyed hunting, fishing, NASCAR, country music, and playing many a hand of solitaire. His favorite thing to do was to go for a ride. He logged many hours on the dirt roads of the area, many with Amy by his side.

Brian was also one who did not like the telephone; he much preferred to visit in person.

At the end of the summer in 2006, Brian succeeded in getting sober. This was his greatest life achievement. Through hard work, dedication, and service he remained sober until the end. His hard work to remain sober included helping others get to meetings, sharing his story, facilitating local meetings, including those at the local prison, sitting on the board of the Turning Point Recovery Center, and many other various positions to assist in the success of their programs.

Brian is survived by his daughter Amy Smith, granddaughter Micheala Smith, grandson Austin Smith, and his many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Friday evening, Aug. 31, 2018 at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make donations to the Turning Point Recovery Center, 7 Morgan St., Springfield, VT 05156.

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Notice of Public Hearing

The Londonderry Select Board will hold a Public Hearing on September 17, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Town Office, Twitchell Building, at 100 Old School Street, So. Londonderry. The purpose of the hearing is to hear public comment on a proposed Amendment to the 2017 Town Plan. The Amendment includes an Enhanced Energy Plan (EEP) and associated maps depicting land areas that may be potentially suitable or unsuitable for development of renewable energy. While the Amendment applies to all geographic areas of the Town, it does not propose any new land use designations or revisions to existing land use districts.

The purpose of the proposed Enhanced Energy Plan is to address Londonderry's local actions for increasing our energy efficiency and promoting renewable energy generation, and overall pathways to become more resilient.

The proposed EEP replaces the Energy Element of the 2017 Town Plan, included as Appendix A which contains five sections and maps as follows:

1. Importance of Enhanced Energy Planning
2. Londonderry's Current Energy Use
3. Londonderry's Resources, Constraints, & Potential for Energy Generation
4. Londonderry's Energy Targets and Conservation Challenge
5. Londonderry's Energy Goals, Policies, and Action Steps

Associated Maps: Solar Energy and Wind Energy Resource and Potential, Possible Constraints and Known Constraints for Energy Generation. Overall the Town Plan provides objectives for responsible growth and development based upon a shared vision and public commitment to preserve natural resources, historic settlement patterns, the vitality of the north and south villages and quality of life for those who live here. The Town Plan is a planning tool intended to guide the decisions of municipal government and citizens.

The full text and maps of the proposed Amendment to the Town Plan may be examined at the Town Office during regular business hours.

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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

Friday night lights

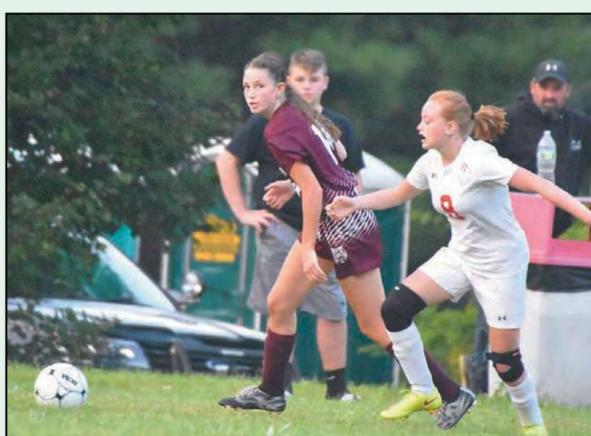
Friday Night Lights debuted as a TV show back near the turn of the century. The proclaimed show centered around Texas high school football. Friday Night Lights were not common in this area in the 1990s. Now though, Bellows Falls, Fall Mountain, and Springfield all play games at home under the lights. My how things have changed!

Both the Terriers and the Cosmos open their 2018 seasons at home this Friday night. Both communities should turn out in good numbers to welcome this year's editions of the Purple and White and Green and White to the field. I expect Bellows Falls to strongly contend for a Vermont Division II play-off spot. Springfield could contend for a Vermont Division III play-off position if breaks go their way, and most importantly, they stay healthy. Time will tell.

Fall Mountain is competing in the new Division IV in New Hampshire. Their chances to play meaningful games at the end of the season are not as strong as Springfield's, but they do exist. The rationale surrounding the Wildcats opportunity is the same as the Cosmos criteria. Get some breaks and stay healthy. The new Division IV in the Granite State only offers its teams a seven-game schedule, begins later, and has everyone idle the weekend of Oct. 5. The Wildcats open at a strong Raymond team Sept. 8, and have their first home game Sept. 15 versus Winnisquam – under the lights, of course.

Fall Mountain soccer teams

Both Fall Mountain soccer teams opened play last Friday in possibly the



The Fall Mountain girls' soccer team opened the season with a 4-3 victory over Laconia in Langdon last Friday. Chloe Vogel looks around to make a play. She had two goals and an assist on the day.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

earliest regular season athletic events ever played around these parts. Bruce Ferland's girls' soccer team won their contest with Laconia 4-3. Meanwhile, a few hours later in Claremont, the boys' soccer team was blanked under the lights 2-0.

A little bit of a step backwards has been expected from the Lady Wildcats simply because "How long can you be that good?" questions float around their back-to-back trips to the New Hampshire Division III State Title Game.

Ferland's team won their opener in a game that saw Chloe Vogel tally two goals and an assist and Avery Stewart had a goal and two assists. Kyla Eigabroad put the other goal into the Laconia net, and Erin Brady had one assist.

Tim St. Pierre has handed over the reins coaching the boys' program to one of his former players, Josh Beer. St. Pierre guided the Wildcats to ten final four appearances in his 21 years in charge from 1992 to 2005 and 2011 to 2017. The Wildcats did not capture a title in that time, but they were known for being in



Avery Stewart, who had a Lady Wildcat goal and two assists in her team's opening day win, is fighting to make a play on the ball with coach Bruce Ferland showing he is really into the game on the sideline.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

the thick of things most seasons and had three title game appearances.

In two of those appearances, Beer was on the field in back-to-back seasons and his blood flows deep maroon. He told me, "I've been the junior varsity coach for four years, and it is a great honor to take over his program."

Beer noted the program lost eight seniors to graduation and "We have a lot of inexperienced players at the varsity level, but we have a lot of potential and kids who want to work hard and get better."

On the opening loss to Stevens, Beer mentioned, "They came out more aggressive than us," to being a major difference. He gave a nod to four defenders - Hunter Oberst, Brandon Wilbur, Jack Wildes, and Noah Guteirrez - who played strong soccer in the contest.

Springfield football is growing

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The numbers playing football in Cosmo-town are good. That's the most important thing. First year coach, Todd Aiken, is still looking for more to join the group. Ready or not, Springfield's opener comes Friday night at Brown Field at 7 p.m. hosting Bellows Free Academy of Fairfax. Both teams have plenty of question marks, which makes for an intriguing backdrop for this one.

Aiken's first team scrimmaged well last week at Fall Mountain. The starting cast still had battles to be won at press time, but Aiken said this is how the group will likely line up in the opener with a freshman calling the signals, and a freshman backing up the quarterback position.

Sam Presch showed some strong play in the team's only practice scrimmage and appears to be the man of both the present and the future at quarterback. In an interesting twist, freshman Gare Twombly is the back up at the position.

Junior Jacob Stepler will be the team's starting tailback with sophomore Donovan Sprano running be-

hind him. The fullback for Aiken's team is expected to be junior Ryan Kirker, and senior Bryson Jester will also see time there. When the team employs a slotback, Jester will man that spot.

The remaining offensive players in skill positions are the receivers. Sometimes Springfield will present two wide receivers, and when they utilize a slotback, they will just use one. Junior Noah Zierfus is expected to be the team's top wide-out with junior Anthony Steele, junior Brandon Bennett, and junior Kaleb Chambers also contributing. The starting tight end is Chambers with freshman Chris Stearns backing him up.

Obviously, the key to whether these skill position athletes have a chance to find success depends upon the effectiveness of the offensive line. Springfield will line up junior Francis Stafford over the ball, backed up by freshman Aidan Donahue, junior Greg Otis. Freshman Caleb Roby will be at the guards with junior Lucas Legasse and senior Deacon Watson at the tackle positions. The reserves at those line positions are junior Daniel Hill and junior Erik Jaime.

Defensively, Otis and Watson will be the ends with Jaime and Stafford at the

tackles. When those players need spelling, Legasse and Hill will provide the depth. This year's linebackers are Stepler, Kirker, Jester, and Chambers with help if needed by Stearns, freshman Max Weise, and freshman Quinton Andrews. The defensive backfield is expected to be made up of Zierfus, Steele, and Stearns with Jeffers, freshman Dylan Hunter, and sophomore Matt Martel providing support.

The biggest question is how long it will take for this group to become stabilized and find their potential. The overwhelming bad news is that there are a lot of important holes to be filled because of graduation. The remarkably good news is the overwhelming number of underclassmen that make up the roster, which means that when they settle in these Cosmos will be there for a while.

Aiken says, "This is a team which will develop every day. These athletes are really excited to play football and instill a tradition in our program."

Ready or not, BFA is waiting. Sometime in the days ahead, the grass is expected to be greener, and not just because these Cosmos' green uniforms.



Running back Jacob Stepler looks to be thinking almost out loud, "Oh no, I think they caught me," in this run against Fall Mountain in the Cosmos only scrimmage this pre-season.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Springfield has a possible four-year starter at quarterback in freshman Sam Presch. Presch played well for the Cosmos in their opening scrimmage.

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Terriers in play-off hunt again

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Bellows Falls has appeared in the final four of Vermont Division II football for the past six years in a row. No other Vermont school can make that claim. Whether the Terriers can extend that streak is anybody's guess, but chances are they will.

Sitting around a gathering spot and listening to high school football discussion in any Division II town will definitely have the Terriers in the discussion. That discussion likely begins with Fair Haven jumps next to Burr & Burton and then onto the Terriers. In reality, it doesn't matter; that's why they play the games.

Bob Lockerby's team has talent in most spots, but depth might be a question. They open their season this Friday night at home versus Spaulding of Barre who often lacks players at the skill positions. The Crimson Tide seems to always have the size in the line. Could this be the year they have an arsenal at other positions to challenge the better teams?

This is the year junior Griffin Waryas takes over full-time signal calling duties for Bellows Falls. Sophomore Grady Lockerby and freshman John Terry will back him up at the quarterback position.

Junior Brady Clark and sophomore Jed Lober will man the tail-

back position. This position often is key to the locals' success. The fullback, who often leads the way making sure that vaunted running game succeeds, is senior Julian Christiansen this fall. Junior Hunter Smith and Lober should also see time there. The starting slotback will be junior McGregor Vancor with sophomore Jack Burke also seeing action at times.

The Terrier receiving corps has senior Joe Terry as the wide out with classmate Sam Mellish seeing action there as well. Tri-captain senior Noah Rawling is the starting tight end backed up by junior Dylan Clark.

Line coach Mike Empey's line-men are a senior-dominated group, which is still a work in progress but could turn into a major strength of the team. Gunnar Sawyer will snap the ball at center with Jackson Brown lining up at right guard and tri-captain Braden Maxfield at right tackle. The other tri-captain, Reno Tuttle, will anchor the left side at the guard position with Ethan Morey and Troy Mounsey at right tackle. Two other seniors, Joe Zobitz and Austin Taylor, are expected to see line action, as is sophomore Dominic Kendall.

Defensively, the front line will have Maxfield and Sawyer at the ends with Tuttle at nose tackle. Senior Andrew Kim should see plenty of action at each spot, and Brown and Mounsey will see action along the line as well. The linebackers are Smith and Christiansen in the middle with Dylan Clark and Lober lining up on the outside with

senior Aiden Smith. Lockerby and freshman Jeb Monier are waiting in reserve.

When the opponent goes to the air, the defenders will line up two corners and a pair of safeties. Brady Clark and Mellish will be the corners, while Vancor and Waryas will be in the safety spots. Seniors Andrew Elliott, Joe Terry, and Jeffrey Rainville will be waiting to get time at the defensive back spots.

The kicking game is always a big part of football, and this fall's edition of the Terriers has Rawling to take care of the punting duties. The place-kicker will be Monier with Waryas and Lockerby possible holders.

Bellows Falls has the most semi-final Division II football appearances in the past half-dozen years with their six straight trips. The semis have been a very elusive club. In fact, in those six seasons only six teams have more than a single semi-final trip. In addition to Bellows Falls, Burr & Burton has five trips, Fair Haven four, and Milton, Burlington, and Rice each have two. The latter two have both moved onto Division I.

So the road for 2018 begins this Friday. Division II has had four separate champions in the past four years. Fair Haven won last year, preceded by Bellows Falls, Burr & Burton, and Rice.

One of those three - other than Rice - should win this fall. Which one will it be?



Bellows Falls' slotback McGregor Vancor finds running room with the help of tri-captain Reno Tuttle's block.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Bellows Falls football tri-captain Noah Rawling sacks the Windsor quarterback in the Terriers' only scrimmage versus Windsor last Saturday.

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HIGH SCHOOL FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1 -

SOCCER:

- Girls Springfield @ Bellows Falls 11 a.m.
- Girls Windsor @ Black River 11 a.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 4 -

CROSS COUNTRY:

- Meet @ Bellows Falls 4:45 p.m.

FIELD HOCKEY:

- JV/Varsity Bellows Falls @ Burr and Burton 4/5:15 p.m.
- Varsity Windsor @ Springfield 4 p.m.

FOOTBALL:

- JV Bellows Falls @ Mount Anthony 4:30 p.m.

SOCCER:

- Boys Varsity Mascenic @ Fall Mountain 4 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Green Mountain @ Mount Saint Joseph 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5 -

SOCCER:

- Boys Varsity Bellows Falls @ Long Trail 4:30 p.m.
- Boys JV/Varsity Woodstock @ Leland & Gray 4:30 p.m.
- Boys JV/Varsity Green Mountain @ Springfield 4:30 p.m.

- Girls Varsity Twin Valley @ Bellows Falls 4:30 p.m.

- Girls Varsity Fall Mountain @ Conant 4 p.m.

- Girls Varsity Leland & Gray @ Arlington 6 p.m.

- Girls JV Hanover @ Fall Mountain 4:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL:

- JV/Varsity Mascenic @ Fall Mountain 5/6:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6 -

FIELD HOCKEY:

- JV/Varsity Springfield @ Bellows

- Falls 4/5:15 p.m.

SOCCER:

- Boys Varsity Monadnock @ Fall Mountain 6 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Springfield @ West Rutland 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 7 -

CROSS COUNTRY:

- Fall Mountain @ Kearsarge meet 4 p.m.

FOOTBALL:

- Varsity Mill River @ Springfield 7 p.m.

SOCCER:

- Boys Varsity Springfield @ Bellows

- Falls 4:30 p.m.

- Boys JV/Varsity West Rutland @ Green Mountain 4:30 p.m.

- Girls Black River Invitational 6 p.m.

- Girls Varsity Green Mountain vs. Proctor @ Black River Invitational 6 p.m.

- Girls JV/Varsity Fall Mountain @ Belmont 4 p.m.

- Girls JV Springfield @ Bellows Falls 4:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL:

- JV/Varsity Fall Mountain @ Winnisquam 5/6:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8 -

FOOTBALL:

- Varsity Bellows Falls @ Lyndon 1 p.m.

- Varsity Fall Mountain @ Raymond 7 p.m.

SOCCER:

- Boys JV/Varsity Theford @ Leland & Gray 11 a.m.

- Girls Varsity Black River @ Green Mountain 6 p.m.

- Black River Tournament

- Girls Varsity Theford @ Leland & Gray 1 p.m.

arts & entertainment

Plymouth Folk & Blues Festival, a Top 10 fall event

PLYMOUTH NOTCH, Vt. - The President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site will host the 14th annual Plymouth Folk & Blues Festival Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 1 and 2. The 2018 festival is recognized as a "Top 10 Fall Event" by the Vermont Chamber of Commerce.

The event teams Vermont talent alongside nationally known musicians in a lively folk and blues festival held in the heart of historic Plymouth Notch. The concerts are free; a donation is suggested.

The festival features a food drive for the Vermont Foodbank. Please bring nonperishable food items.

Children of all ages can enjoy face painting and arts and crafts activities. Wagon rides through the historic village are offered on Saturday. The concerts are held rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, performances will be in the Union Christian Church. For more information, visit www.plymouthfolk.com.

At noon on Saturday, prior to the

concerts, enjoy "Shakespeare Alive!" at the Union Christian Church. For information about the presentation, please email the Coolidge Foundation at education@calvin-coolidge.org or call 802-672-3389.

Saturday, Sept. 1.

- 2-3 p.m. - Jay Ottaway and the Ramble
- 3-4 p.m. Julia Mark
- 4-5 p.m. Seth Adam

Sunday, Sept. 2.

- 2-3 p.m. Cricket Blue
- 3-4 p.m. Alice Howe
- 4-5 p.m. Dan Weber

The Plymouth Folk & Blues Festival concerts are organized by Jay Ottaway and the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, and generously supported by the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation, Clear Lake Furniture, Good Commons, The Mountain Times, Okemo Regional Chamber of Commerce, Plymouth Artisan Cheese, Ramunto's Pizza,



Join the fun of the Plymouth Folk & Blues Festival. PHOTO PROVIDED BY WWW.DEERBROOKINN.COM

Vermont Standard, and Wilder House Restaurant.

The President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site is operated by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, which is part of the Vermont Agency of Commerce and

Community Development. The site is open daily through Oct. 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information, please call 802-672-3773 or visit the state-owned historic sites online at www.historicsites.vermont.gov.

Authors and events at Northshire Bookstore

MANCHESTER, Vt. - Join us **Saturday, Sept. 1** at 6 p.m. when Sandra Dee Owens will present her new book "Should" at Northshire Bookstore.

Local jewelry maker, Sandra Dee Owens will present her new book of beautiful paintings, writings on mindfulness, and motivated storytelling, which will inspire you to shed unhealthy adulthood and rediscover your own wild voice.

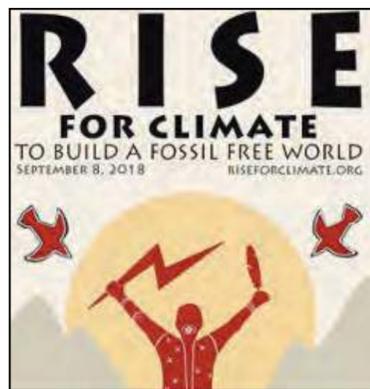
This delightful little, illustrated book will inspire you to stop being so grown up and discover a voice inside of you - your inner physician/advisor who knows how to be joyous, healthy, and well, just in a pair of sneakers, playing in the backyard.

Owens will discuss the inspiration behind "Should" and exhibit her original paintings reproduced in the book.

On **Saturday, Sept. 8**, thousands of rallies will be held in cities and towns around the world to demand our local leaders commit to building a fossil free world that works for all of us. Join us Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. as we hold our local leaders accountable. This event is presented in conjunction with Move On Manchester and Vermont360.

We will start the day with a sign-making workshop at 10 a.m. in the conference room at Northshire Bookstore. Materials will be provided. Then head over to the Factory Point Park Gazebo at noon for a march through. Bring your signs and make sure to wear green or blue!

Manchester residents Kathleen James, who is running for state representative, and Edward Cameron,



Build a fossil free world. PHOTO PROVIDED

who was instrumental in the writing of the Paris Climate Agreement, will speak at 1 p.m. in Readers' park outside Northshire Bookstore. Please RSVP at www.actionnetwork.org/events/rise-for-climate-march-2.

Also **Saturday, Sept. 8**, Christy Mihaly will be at Northshire Bookstore at 11 a.m. for a special kids' story time. Mihaly will be reading from her new book "Hey, Hey, Hay: A Tale of Bales and the Machines that Make Them."

This rollicking book tells the story of a farm girl and her mother sharing in the haymaking chores. It's an exuberant celebration of farming, the seasons, and the mother-child relationship, told in rhyme and beautifully illustrated by Joe Cepeda. Christy Mihaly writes articles, stories, essays, and poems for children. Her juvenile nonfiction books have been published by Focus, Rosen, and National Geographic Kids.

Northshire Bookstore is located at 4869 Main Street in Manchester Center, Vt. For more information, call 802-362-2200 or 1-800-437-3700, or visit the Northshire Bookstore website at www.northshire.com.

Summer concert series concludes with Brothers of Another Mother

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. - Weathersfield Parks and Rec hosts the final concert of their summer series at the Stoughton Pond picnic shelter Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018 from 4-6 p.m.

John Hitchcock and Jay Doucette,

Brothers of Another Mother, the guitar duo, will close the season Sunday. Hitchcock is a veteran of the coffee house folk scene and Doucette is a member of the rock and roll hall of fame in Boston. Together they perform a variety of styles across many genres - rock and roll, blues, jazz, folk, and country classics plus much more! They may even take requests from the audience!

Town troubadour, Bill Brink, guitarist and arranger of the concerts, joins them.

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FOLA presents "Fences" at Heald Auditorium Sept. 1

LUDLOW, Vt. - "Fences" will be the next FOLA movie Saturday, Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. at Heald Auditorium in the Ludlow Town Hall.

"Fences" is a 2016 American period drama film produced, directed, and starring Denzel Washington and written by August Wilson, based on his Pulitzer Prize-winning play of the same name. In addition to Washington, the film also stars Viola Davis as his wife.

Troy Maxson (Washington) makes his living as a sanitation worker in 1950s Pittsburgh. Maxson once dreamed of becoming a professional baseball player but was deemed too old when the major leagues began admitting black athletes. Bitter over his missed opportunity, Troy creates further tension in his family when he



"Fences" starting Denzel Washington and Viola Davis to play Sept. 1. PHOTO PROVIDED

squashes his son's chance to meet a college football recruiter.

Troy is an emotionally damaged man who struggles with his

past while at the same time trying to provide for his family. However, as we dive deeper into the story of Troy Maxson, suppressed emotions and family secrets that were once concealed are now brought to light and tests the family dynamics of the Maxson family. The movie sheds light on various themes, above all the power of forgiveness.

Both Denzel Washington and Viola Davis won several awards for their performances in this gripping American drama.

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



The Chester fireworks!

CHESTER, Vt. - The Chester fireworks are back Saturday, Sept. 1 at McKenzie Field at dark. Each year this event is a community effort and requires everyone's participation. Please mail or bring a donation, large or small, to TD Bank, P.O. Box 446, Chester, VT 05143. Make checks payable to Chester Fireworks. Help is also needed Sunday, Sept. 2 at 9:30 a.m. to pick up the debris on the field. If you can help, please call the Motel in the Meadow at 802-875-2626. Come out and enjoy the fireworks with us this Labor Day Weekend!

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Save the date for 34th annual Townshend Pumpkin Festival

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - The 34th annual Townshend Pumpkin Festival is a major event held each year in October - this year Saturday, Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A major part of the 34th annual Pumpkin Festival each year is a Craft Show and Sale with over 70 vendors displaying their wares from 9 a.m.

to 4 p.m. on the Town Common in Townshend.

In addition, there will be free pony rides for youngsters from noon until 3 p.m. Other major events include a pumpkin decoration contest and a Halloween costume parade. These events are for children at the elementary school age. Ribbon prizes will

be given out for elementary prizes and for adult contests including Best Pumpkin Pie and Best Scarecrow contest.

Local pie bakers are encouraged to compete for winning ribbons. Each year local homemakers create fancy pumpkin pies to show off their baking abilities.

The Townsend Business Association will judge the pumpkin pies on overall pie appearance, flavor, and crust. Slices of pumpkin pies will also be sold.

If you have questions or are interested in being a vendor, contact Ian Harrison for more information at 802-289-2336.

The 48th annual Mad River Valley Craft Fair

WAITSFIELD, Vt. - The 48th annual Mad River Valley Craft Fair at Kenyon's Field in Waitsfield, Saturday and Sunday Sept. 1 and 2, is a rain or shine event from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with 100-plus juried artisans from all over the northeast. It's a destination event for the entire family: four bands, free kids' bounce house, door prizes, seated massages, and a Facebook shopping spree contest. Another option is the "Man Cave" that welcomes all adults 21 and older to relax in a spacious tent with couches to taste spirits or purchase a cocktail

or beer. Knitting and weaving lessons will be offered throughout the weekend with other demos including welding, painting, and fiber arts. From shopping to eating to learning, there is literally something for everyone.

On Saturday morning Green Mt. Swing, an 18-piece big band, plays Benny

Goodman, Glenn Miller, and Duke Ellington standards from the swing era as well as more modern favorites. On Saturday afternoon it's The Phineas Gage Project featuring Rob Williams and Erica Stroem, who play original music plus favorite covers.

Sunday morning Coleen Mari & Friends deliver powerful harmonies over acoustic guitars with roots in reggae. And new to the craft fair this year is AmerikanaBlue, an acoustic trio that features the type of music you might have heard in a Greenwich Village coffeehouse in the late '60s -

folk, Americana, and blues. They hail from Montpelier and will be playing Sunday from 1:30 - 5 p.m. under the same tent where Mad River Distillers will be serving cocktails and beer in a coffeehouse set-up.

The food court includes wood fired pizza, lemonade and smoothies, hamburgers, chicken wraps and other sandwiches, vegetarian of-

ferings, french fries, ice cream, and homemade desserts. Parking is free, and kids 12 and under get in free. Entrance for adults is a donation to Valley Players' Theater that owns the craft fair, and tickets are also good for a play discount.

For a full list of artists and other details, go to www.madrivercraftfair.com.



Mad River Valley Craft Fair. PHOTO PROVIDED

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golf & outdoor news

Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce golf tournament

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce announces its 2018 annual Golf Tournament to be held Tuesday, Sept. 11 at the Okemo Valley Golf Club. Teams and individual golfers are invited to participate. On-site registration will be from noon to 12:45 p.m. Tee-off is at 1 p.m. with play in shotgun scramble format. The entrance fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, range balls, contests, and prizes for top low gross and net scores. Included will be a Hole-in-One contest where the winner will receive a new car, sponsored by Benson's Chevrolet Inc. Following the tournament will be a barbecue and cash bar at Willie Dunn's Grille.



Okemo Valley Chamber annual golf tournament. PHOTO PROVIDED

This annual event is a fundraiser

for the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce sponsored by CTM Media, Imerys Talc, and The Killarney. Additional hole sponsors include Knight Tubs, The Vermont Country Store, Okemo Mountain Resort, and Brewfest Beverage.

For additional information and advance registration, contact Julie Bowyer at jbbowyer@ctmmedia.com or 802-440-3058 or the Chamber of Commerce at 802-228-5830.

Springfield Lions Club 5th annual Fishing Tournament

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The 5th annual Fishing Tournament will take place Sunday, Sept. 9 at Hoyt's Landing on Route 5 along the Connecticut River in Springfield. Registration starts at 6:30 a.m. There is a registration fee, but children 12 and under are free. First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded at 3 p.m. for bass, pike, and perch live catch and release. There will be a random door prize drawing. For more information, email springfield-vermontlions@gmail.com or call Patrick Ankuda at 802-885-2582.

Founded in 1937, the Springfield Lions Club is celebrating



Don Randall weighing in with Lion Ken Millay. PHOTO PROVIDED

81 years of community service. Lions Club International, founded in 1917, is the largest philanthropic service organization in the world. The Springfield Lions Club has dedicated services to recycling eye glasses, providing eye exams and eyeglasses for those in need, sending campers to the Green Mountain Lions Camp for the deaf and hearing impaired, and spotting vision screenings for local area school children among other community services.

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The 19th annual RiverSweep clean up

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Join the Black River Action Team Saturday morning, Sept. 8 as the all-volunteer organization rolls up their sleeves to clean trash from the banks and bed of the Black River.

Head over to the HQ table after 8 a.m. by the footbridge in the Springfield Shopping Plaza to sign in, pick up

work gloves (or bring your own), and trash bags. Select a place to work, and head out to collect some junk.

Return to HQ by 11 a.m. to have your trash photographed and tallied, then wash your hands and enjoy a free hot dog lunch courtesy of Deep River Snacks and Young's Furniture & Appliance. Every volunteer will receive

a complimentary BRAT tee shirt as a "thank you," the back of the shirt, printed by Clever Cow Designs, features a long list of 2018 supporters of the many programs and activities conducted by the Black River Action Team.

Help will also be needed at HQ to sort incoming trash and load it on trucks. Recyclables such as tires and metal will go to the Springfield Transfer Station.

Anyone wishing to paddle their own kayak or canoe and help the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers clean trash from the North Springfield Lake for RiverSweep, please preregister by Thursday, Sept. 6 via email to blackrivercleanup@gmail.com or by leaving

a phone message at 802-738-0456 for BRAT Director Kelly Stettner.

Paddlers will need their own watercraft and flotation devices for each person in the boat. Folks assisting in the lake clean up will also be trained to look for invasive water chestnut plants, which have been monitored and managed by USACE staff and aquatic plant specialist Laurie Callahan for years.

Scores of volunteers work the RiverSweep each year, and BRAT has collectively hauled out hundreds of shopping carts, scores of tires, and many tons of trash since the first RiverSweep in 2000.

Visit www.BlackRiverActionTeam.org to check out photos from previous years.

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LUDLOW, Vt. - It was the 17th hole at Okemo Valley Golf Club where luck prevailed for two golfers who made holes-in-one just two days apart.

Joe Rolka, of Ludlow, Vt., aced the 17th hole Aug. 22. Rolka made the 135-yard hole-in-one from the white tee using a 9-iron. Steve Rolka and

Mike Harris witnessed the amazing feat.

On Aug. 24, Susan T. Brown, of Naples, Fla., also made a hole-in-one on the 17th hole. She made the 80-yard ace from the gold tee with a 9-iron, and the event was witnessed by Pat Ermler, Wendy Lord, and Jennifer Caulfield.

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

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business spotlight



A Catered Affair
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If you ask Wendy Neal, owner and chef of the Ludlow catering business "A Catered Affair," to show you a menu, she'll need to talk with you first. That's because each dinner party, celebration, or wedding she caters features foods that are available locally depending on the season and unique to the person she's working with. "Every menu is different. I sit down with the person and come up with a menu based on their needs and the best foods available," she said.

Even her signature standing appetizer table, a gorgeous and colorful assembly of delicious cheeses, crackers, fruits, meats, and other goodies, is never the same each time.

Neal dates the start of her catering business back to her sister's wedding over 35 years ago. At the time, she was working as a ski coach at Stratton Mountain School and catered the reception with great success using the help of some of the Stratton students. From that time onward, Neal continued to cater mostly during the summers throughout the years, continuing as a racing coach, now for Okemo Mountain School, in the winter until retirement.

In 2013, Neal opened Stemwinder, a wine bar and restaurant with partner and wine shop owner Leslie Stuart. The concept and partnership is simple, Stuart handles the wine and alcohol and Neal handles the food. The combination has been a proven success, with the busy restaurant now in its fifth year.

Neal now schedules "A Catered Affair" events around her Stemwinder schedule with larger events, serving up to 250 people, primarily happening in the summertime. Neal does smaller dinner parties typically in the winter months as out-of-towners travel to Ludlow and want a special catered dinner.

In addition to the standing appetizer table, other specialties include small flatbread pizzas and fondue. In addition to her delicious food, Neal also credits her incredible friendly staff for her continued catering success and positive word of mouth.

Neal adds, "Also without the efforts of my family, this business wouldn't be possible." Neal's husband John, her son Pearson, and Pearson's wife Elisabeth are a part of every event, along with her right-hand manager, Leslie Boyle.

You can follow A Catered Affair on Facebook. The website is currently under construction, but you can contact Wendy Neal directly at wwneal2@gmail.com.



AUCTION

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Auction held Sept. 8, 2018 at 11 a.m. at 96 Route 106 N. Springfield. 802-683-7104. To be auctioned:
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calendar

LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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 apary 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.

WINDSOR, Vt. - Join Blake Hill Preserves for a spiced plum and blackberry jam class on Saturday, Sept. 8. Choose either 9:30 a.m. to noon, or 2 to 4:30 p.m. We will be picking some Damson Plums to create this quintessential, delicious early fall variety. Learn the basics of fruit preparation, cooking, "setting," and safe canning practices. Vicky Allard, owner and executive chef, will be teaching infusing techniques to create this very special plum jam. Bring a friend and each save 10 percent! Registration required! Contact Mary Ball at mball@blakehillpreserves.com or 802-674-4529.

MONDAY, SEPT. 10 -

PUTNEY, Vt. - Next Stage Arts Project cooking class series continues with South Indian Dosas on Monday, Sept. 10 from 6 - 9 p.m. at the kitchen at Next Stage in Putney. Dosa is a rice and lentil crepe with a seductively sour, tangy flavor and airy, crisp texture and are gluten-free and dairy-free. Leda and Nash, the owners of Dosa Kitchen, will show you how to make dosas, and everyone will have a chance to make their own dosa and try them. They will also teach you how to make some of their favorite fillings and chutneys. The food will include vegetarian, vegan, and omnivore options. Registration for this class is limited, and space must be reserved at www.nextstagearts.org. For more information call 802-

387-0102 or email kitchen@nextstagearts.org.

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Six-week Tai Chi beginning classes starting at The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections on Monday, Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. with Doreen Fabiano, certified in Tai Chi. If you ever wanted to try Tai Chi, now is your opportunity. The Meeting Place is located in The Mountain Marketplace, next to the Londonderry Post Office. This program is offered at no charge, but space is limited. Call 802-824-4343 if you would like to attend. Check out our website at www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20 -

CHESTER, Vt. - Announcing Fall 2018 Southern Vermont Astronomy Group (SoVerA) short course schedule. Registration deadline is Sept. 20 for all courses. The classes will be in different locations in Chester and Andover. Class options are: Basic Observational Astronomy (three sessions) on Saturday, Oct. 5; Wednesday, Oct. 10; and Saturday, Oct. 13. All at 6:30 p.m.; How Telescopes Work (1 session) on Thursday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m.; and The Secret Lives of Astronomers (1 session) on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. Go to www.sovera.org/ and click on "Courses (Register)" in the "Education" box to see short course descriptions and registration instructions. Members enjoy discounts. Non-members' fees include 2019 annual Membership in SoVerA.

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. TFN

TUESDAYS -

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - River Voices Poetry meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Subway, 65 Square in Bellows Falls. All poets welcome. Discussion of all aspects of the poem. 802-463-2204. TFN

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

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Tai

Chi for Fall Prevention Level 2 classes are available for beginner class graduates on Tuesdays, 12:45 - 1:45 p.m. A 10-week Level 2 series led by Alicia Moyer begins Sept. 4. To inquire about Level 2 & 3 classes, contact Alicia at 802-365-4115, x108. All classes happen at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Road, Townshend.

WEDNESDAYS -

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAYS AND

FRIDAYS - TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Tai Chi for Fall Prevention beginner classes run in 6-week cycles on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 - 10 a.m. at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Road, Townshend. Class are free, some restrictions may apply. To find out more or to reserve a spot in the next series, call 802-365-3649.

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/gemstaiichi/. 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 haitha 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@lpcvt.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 Heath and Recreation throughout the year. Check their website for days, times and details at www.myrecenter.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

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Strong Bones ongoing classes offered Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. or 5 - 6 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. or 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Road in Townshend. Preregistration required. Call 802-365-3649.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Yoga classes at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Road in Townshend. Gentle yet invigorating classes resume Sept. 4. Classes available Tuesdays from 4:30-6 p.m., Fridays from 3:30-5 p.m. Chair yoga for Beginners is on Wednesdays from 1 - 2 p.m. Instructor for all classes is Grace Cottage Director of Rehabilitation and Wellness, Crystal Mansfield. Small fee for each class. Call 802-365-3649 for details.

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

SUNDAY, SEPT. 2 -

PERU, Vt. - Join the Manchester Section of the Green Mountain Club for a hike up Bromley Mountain from the south on Sunday, Sept. 2. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Vt. Route 11/30 Long Trail/Appalachian Trail parking. Hike to the summit of Bromley Mountain and back via the Long Trail. Total distance of 6 miles and 1460 feet elevation gain, moderate hike. Bring extra layer, raincoat (just in case), fluids, snacks and lunch. RSVP

required. Contact leader Katie Brooks at kiktadams@comcast.net or 516-978-4016.

MONDAY, SEPT. 3 -

PERU, Vt. - Join the Manchester Section of the Green Mountain Club for a hike up Bromley Mountain from the north on Monday, Sept. 3. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Peru Town Office (Peru park and ride) in Peru village. Car pool to the parking lot on Mad Tom Notch. Hike up to the summit of Bromley Mountain and back, total distance of 5 miles and elevation gain of 814 feet to the north summit plus an additional elevation gain of 200 feet to the south summit. Bring extra layer, raincoat (just in case), fluids, snacks and lunch. RSVP required. Contact hike leader Katie Brooks at kiktadams@comcast.net or 516-978-4016.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9 -

KILLINGTON, Vt. - Join the Manchester Section of the Green Mountain Club for a hike up Pico Peak on Sunday, Sept. 9. Meet at Clark's IGA in Londonderry at 8 a.m. to car pool or meet at the large dirt parking lot across from the Inn at Long Trail on Rte. 4 at 9 a.m. Hike up the Sherburne Pass Trail to Pico Camp and the up the Pico Link to the Pico Summit. Return via the Summit Glade Ski Trail to the Sherburne Pass Trail. This will be a slow paced hike, about 6 miles, with 1,900 feet elevation gain. Lunch at the summit. Bring lunch, snacks, fluids, extra layer and a hat, raincoat just in case. Poles are helpful on the steeper sections. RSVP required to Marge Fish at marge.fish@gmail.com or 802-384-3654.

MONDAY, SEPT. 10 -

PERU, Vt. - Join the Manchester Section of the Green Mountain Club for a hike up Bromley Mountain on Monday Sept. 10. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Peru Town Office (Peru park and ride) in Peru village. Car pool to the parking lot on Mad Tom Notch. Hike up to the summit of Bromley Mountain and back, total distance of 5 miles and elevation gain of 814 feet to the north summit plus an additional elevation gain of 200 feet to the south summit. Bring extra layer, raincoat (just in case), fluids, snacks and lunch. RSVP required. Contact hike leader Katie Brooks at kiktadams@comcast.net or 516-978-4016

MONDAYS -

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

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Community Chorus rehearsals are on Monday evenings, starting Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church on 21 Fairground Rd. Contact Terri at springfieldcommunitychorus@gmail.com or call Barbara at 802-886-1777. www.springfieldcommunitychorus.org. TFN

TUESDAYS -

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

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.

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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Town of Mount Holly, Vermont Planning Commission Subdivision Public Hearing

Notice of Public Hearing
Monday September 4, 2018
6:30 P.M. at Mount Holly Town Office

Mount Holly planning commission is holding a public hearing to approve or disapprove proposed lot subdivision owned by Jason Marechaux. Property is located on 4039 VT RTE 103S, Mount Holly, VT 05765.

NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT August 29, 2018 (Notice 1 of 3)

Pursuant to Vermont Statutes Title 27, Chapter 12, Sections 1151-1158, the following described property is considered abandoned and will become the property of the Westminster Historical Society, Inc., if no written assertion of title is presented to Westminster Historical Society, Inc. by the owner by April 23, 2019.

One horse drawn hearse, black in color, manufactured by G. N. French and Son of Bellows Falls, Vermont, circa 1880-1900. Included are two sets of shafts, sleigh runners, and a casket stand.

The last owner on record is unknown, the hearse having been stored in the West Parish of Westminster, Vermont until 1976.

Any person who has any knowledge of the whereabouts of the owner, is asked to notify the Westminster Historical Society, Inc., in writing by April 23, 2019.

If written assertion of the title is not presented by the owner to the Westminster Historical Society, Inc. by April 23, 2019, the property shall be considered abandoned or donated and shall become the property of the Westminster Historical Society, Inc.

Contact: Ruth P. Grandy, President, Westminster Historical Society, Inc., P. O. Box 2, Westminster, VT 05158-0002.

HELP WANTED!

Two Rivers Supervisory Union School Year Position Finance Office

Two Rivers Supervisory Union has an immediate opening for part Finance Assistant. This 20 hour a week position will work with our hot lunch program, student activities, grants and service as the mail courier for the district. This position follows the school calendar with the addition of two weeks before and after the start of school. Flexible schedule and competitive pay. Accounting experience and valid driver license required.

Send letter of interest and resume to Cheryl Hammond, Business Manager at TRSU at cheryl.hammond@trsu.org or call 802-875-6433. Background Check Required. EOE.

HELP WANTED!

Green Mountain Unified School District MS Soccer Coache Needed for upcoming 2018 Fall Season at Green Mountain Union High School

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

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:
- Management and Coaching of the Soccer Teams
- Program development
- Experience is preferred but not required.

Background Checks Required

Please forward a letter of interest and references to:
Todd Parah
Transportation Supervisor/Athletic Director
Green Mountain Union High School
716 VT Route 103 South
Chester, VT 05143
802-875-2146

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RPT and SLP Per Diem Coverage

Contact Heather at 802-228-6854
or heathergillodd@gmail.com

Gill Odd Fellows Home
8 Gill Terrace, Ludlow, VT 05149

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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

LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

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ludlowrotary@gmail.com TFN

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

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY MEALS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1 – 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. For more information about the museum, visit our website www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org or on Facebook at @mthollymuseum.

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 7 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - First Friday Picnic at the First Baptist Church, 9 Church St., Bellows Falls, is happening on Friday, Sept 7 from 5 – 7 p.m. Menu includes corn on the cob, hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, salads, beverages and dessert. Suggested donation. Proceeds to go to Friends for Change Youth Group. Rain or shine.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8 – LUDLOW, Vt. - Come and enjoy a delicious, home-cooked meal with Black River Good Neighbor Services at the United Church of Ludlow, 46 Pleasant Street, on Saturday, Sept. 8 from noon - 1 p.m.

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

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

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

EVENTS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Catch the extraordinary local singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist Owen Nied as he brings his unique jazz-influenced indie-pop to PK's Public House in Bellows Falls on Saturday, Sept. 1 at 9 p.m. Don't miss it!

MANCHESTER, Vt. - Visit the Northshire Bookstore in Manchester to meet local jewelry maker, Sandra Dee Owens on Saturday, Sept. 1 at 6 p.m. as she presents her new book, "Should" comprised of beautiful paintings and writings on mindfulness. Sandra will discuss the inspiration behind "Should" and exhibit her original paintings reproduced in the book.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 2 - MONDAY, SEPT. 3 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Enjoy a relaxing, healing, revitalizing Reiki session at our Reiki Clinic, also have an herbal consultation from an experienced herbalist practitioner, by donation only, on Sunday, Sept. 2 and Monday, Sept. 3, from 2 – 4 p.m. at Studio Time & Space, 59 Main St., in Springfield. Mary Porter, RN, Reiki Master & Lauren Potter, Adjunct Faculty at RVCC, Usui, Holy Fire II, & Karuna Reiki® welcome you! Call 802-591-0507 or email laurenpottervt@gmail for more info.

FRIDAY, 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.

STOCKBRIDGE, Vt. - Join us at the Wild Fern in Stockbridge, Vt. on Friday, Sept. 7 for an acoustic folk concert featuring three husband/wife duos from across the U.S. and the U.K. California's "Karla Kane and The Corner Laughers", "Fun of the Pier" from Nottingham, England and Vermont's own folk duo, "Hungrytown" will all perform.

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.dublinnhgasenginemeet.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 Saturday, Sept. 8 for an acoustic folk concert featuring three husband/wife duos from across the U.S. and the U.K. California's "Karla Kane and 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 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.

CLAREMONT, N.H. - Don't miss St. Mary's Gigantic Indoor

yard Sale on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Church on Main Street in Claremont. Over 100 tables with thousands of items for sale. Layaway and carry out service available. Food and beverages will also be on sale.

MANCHESTER, Vt. - Meet us at the Northshire Bookstore for a rally "Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice" as part of an international effort. On Sept. 8, thousands of rallies will be held in cities and towns around the world to demand our local leaders commit to building a fossil free world. Begin with a sign-making workshop (materials provided) at 10 a.m. in the conference room at Northshire Bookstore, then head over to the Factory Point Park Gazebo at noon for a march through town and a rally at the big roundabout. Bring your signs and make sure to wear green and/or blue! Manchester residents Kathleen James, who is running for State Rep Bennington-4, and Edward Cameron, who was instrumental in the writing of the Paris Climate Agreement, will speak at 1 p.m. in Readers' park outside Northshire Bookstore. Please RSVP at www.actionnetwork.org/events/rise-for-climate-march-2.

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 9 - WINDSOR, Vt. - Get your tickets early for the Vermont Mac and Cheese Challenge happening on Sunday, Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Artisans Park in Windsor. Sample gourmet mac & cheese recipes from local chefs and restaurants around the region and vote for your favorite. Beer from Harpoon Brewery also available for purchase. Live music, petting zoo, wagon rides, games and lots of family fun. For more information visit www.vtmacandcheese.com.

MONDAY, SEPT. 10 - LUDLOW, Vt. - Please give blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, Sept. 10 from 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. at Jackson Gore Village on Okemo Mountain. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment. You can streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

TUESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Join us for Bingo at the Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls every Tuesday in September. 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

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) People have always relied on your integrity not only to get the job done, but to get it done right. So don't be pressured by anyone into cutting corners to save time.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) While others might get rattled over unexpected changes, your ability to adapt calmly and competently helps you make a positive impression during a crucial period.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A changing environment might be daunting for some, but the adventurous Sagittarian takes it all in stride. A friend from the past could awaken some meaningful memories.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With your self-assurance rising to full strength, the bold Goat should feel confident about opening up to new ventures as well as new relationships.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Reaching out to someone who has been unkind to you might not be easy. But in the long run it will prove to have been the right thing to do. A friend offers moral support.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your keen insight once again helps you work through a seemingly insoluble problem in your workplace. The weekend offers a good chance to develop new relationships.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a knack for finding details that others would overlook. You would make a fine research scientist.

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THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS CONT.

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. - Ascutney Village Farmers Market is Saturdays through Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 5585 Route 5 in Ascutney, 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.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8 -

MANCHESTER, Vt. - Northshire Bookstore is proud to present a special Kids' Storytime with local author Christy Mihaly reading from her new book "Hey, Hey, Hay: A Tale of Bales and the Machines that Make Them" on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 11 a.m. - noon. This rollicking book tells the story of a farm girl and her mother sharing in the haymaking chores. The book is beautifully illustrated by Joe Cepeda. A glossary and a recipe for making switchel, the traditional haymaker's drink, are included.

MONDAY, SEPT. 10 - MANCHESTER, Vt. - Northshire Bookstore is thrilled to welcome back "Bess the Book Bus" for a special after-school storytime and book giveaway on Monday, Sept. 10 at 4:30 p.m. Bess the Book Bus is a Tampa-based mobile literacy outreach dedicated to narrowing the achievement gap created by poverty. We build home libraries and a love for reading in our most underserved communities across the USA by making the joy of book ownership a reality for our kids.

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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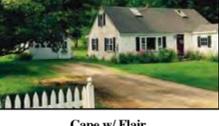
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LIBRARIES

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.

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

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Weight Loss Support Group is starting Sept. 11, and will meet every Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. - noon at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Road, in Townshend. Instructor: Grace Cottage Health Coach Liz Harrison. Free. 802-365-3766.

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

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

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

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Mental Illness Family Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Road, in Townshend. Facilitated by trained members of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Free. 713-591-2857. 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

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Living Alone Support Group meets on the third Wednesday of every month from 10:15 - 11:45 a.m. at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Road, in Townshend. Facilitated by Alicia Moyer of SASH. Free. 802-365-4115 x108. 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

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meets on the first Thursday of every month. 11:00 a.m. - noon at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Road, in Townshend. Led by Grace Cottage Community Health Team Member Claire Bemis and Alicia Moyer of SASH. Free. 802-365-3763. TFN

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

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REGION - The Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District is sponsoring free events for the collection and safe disposal of household hazardous wastes Saturday, Sept. 8 at the Springfield Transfer Station and Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Goodyear building in Windsor. Both collections run from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Only residents and small businesses from Andover, Athens, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Grafton, Ludlow, Plymouth, Reading, Rockingham, Springfield, Weathersfield, West Windsor, and Windsor may participate. Businesses must pre-register and will be charged for dis-

posal costs. Bring in a mercury fever thermometer and receive a new digital fever thermometer. For more information, call 802-674-9235 or visit www.vtsolid-wastedistrict.org for a list of what to bring. Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District is a union municipal district dedicated to providing solid waste management authority, services, and planning to its member towns. The district was chartered in 1982 and currently serves 14 Vermont towns. This event is partially funded by a grant from the State of Vermont.

Section 529 college savings plan basics

REGION - Section 529 plans are governed by federal law but are sponsored by states and colleges. Each plan may have slightly different features, but each must conform to the federal framework. There are two types of 529 plans - college savings plans and prepaid tuition plans.

Each type of 529 plan has an account owner, or the person who opens the account, and a beneficiary, the person for whom contributions are being made. The account owner has the flexibility to make contributions to the account, request withdrawals from the account, change the investment selections for the account, and change the beneficiary of the account.

Grandparents can open a 529 account and name their grandchild as beneficiary, or they can contribute to an already established 529 account.

College savings plans

College savings plans are the more popular type; nearly all states offer one or more of these plans. A college savings plan functions like an individual investment-type account. You select one or more of a plan's investment portfolios, and you either gain or lose money, depending on how those portfolios perform. College savings plans typically accept over \$300,000 in maximum lifetime contributions, and these funds can be used for tuition, fees, room and board, books, and equipment at any accredited college in the United States or abroad. However,

each plan has its own rules and restrictions, which can change at any time.

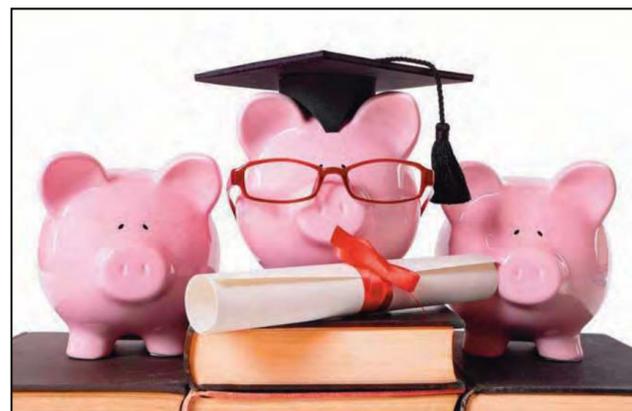
Prepaid tuition plans

By contrast, a prepaid tuition plan pools your contributions with the contributions of others, and in return you get a predetermined number of units or credits that are guaranteed to be worth a certain percentage of college tuition in the future. Funds in a prepaid tuition plan can only be used to cover tuition and fees at the limited group of colleges that participate in the plan. Prepaid tuition plans are generally limited to state residents, whereas college savings plans are open to residents of any state.

Grandparent as account owner

A grandparent isn't required to be the account owner of his or her grandchild's 529 plan to make contributions to the account. But if the grandparent is the account owner, there are some additional considerations.

First, as account owner, a grandparent can retain some measure of control over his or her contributions by changing investment selections, authorizing account withdrawals for both education and non-education purposes, or even closing the account. A grandparent will have this control over these contributions even though they generally aren't considered part of his or her estate for tax purposes - a rare advantage in the estate-planning world. However, funds in a grandparent-owned



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529 plan can still be factored in when determining Medicaid eligibility, unless these funds are specifically exempted by state law.

Second, regarding financial aid, a grandparent-owned 529 account does not need to be listed as an asset on the federal government's aid application, the FAFSA. However, distributions from a grandparent-owned 529 plan are reported as unearned income to the beneficiary, and this income is assessed at 50 percent by the FAFSA. By contrast, a parent-owned 529 plan is reported as a parent asset on the FAFSA, but distributions from a parent-owned 529 plan aren't counted as student income.

To avoid having a distribution from a grandparent-owned 529 account count as student income, one

option is for the grandparent to delay taking a distribution from the 529 plan until anytime after Jan. 1 of the grandchild's junior year of college because there will be no more FAFSAs to fill out. Another option is for the grandparent to change the owner of the 529 plan account to the parent.

Colleges have their own rules when distributing their own financial aid. Most colleges require a student to list any 529 plan for which he or she is the named beneficiary, so grandparent-owned 529 accounts would be treated the same as parent-owned accounts.

Written by Huntley Financial Services. For more information, call Mark Huntley at 888-922-1035.

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M.D., Ph.D., a board-certified dermatologist of Dartmouth Hitchcock Putnam Physicians and with the American Academy of Dermatology will offer a free full body skin screening from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018. The skin screening will take place at SVMC Dermatology, 140 Hospital Drive, Suite 205, in Bennington.

An appointment is required. Leave a message including your name and daytime telephone number at 802-440-4264 to schedule an appointment. Appointments fill quickly based on the order of calls.

While open to anyone, the screenings are offered especially for people with no insurance or with high deductibles. Those who have risk factors for skin cancer, have never had a screening, and want to learn more about preventing and recognizing skin cancer are especially encouraged to schedule.

"Cases of melanoma, one of the deadliest forms of skin cancer, are more prevalent in this area," said Ellis. "While melanoma is one of the most serious forms of skin cancer, if detected and treated early the survival rate is 98 percent. If it metastasizes to the lymph nodes, however, the odds of survival decline significantly."

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<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Greater Falls</p> <p>BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The market is on the lawn in the Hetty Green Park every Friday through September from 4 - 7 p.m. Local farmers, bakers, and crafters showcase their products including local produce, meat, cheese, and artworks. A project of the Sustainable Valley Group.</p> <p>For details, email greaterfallsfarmersmarket@gmail.com.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Ludlow</p> <p>LUDLOW, Vt. - The market opens every Friday from 4 - 7 p.m. on the Okemo Mountain School front lawn, 53 Main St. (Route 103), south of the village. There is live music, and a full array of vendors including produce, crafters, hot foods, and more.</p> <p>For details, a list of vendors, and more, go to ludlowfarmersmarket.org.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Townshend</p> <p>TOWNSHEND, Vt. - A wide variety of fresh products, wood fired pizza, and crafts at a reasonable price. The market runs 4 - 7 p.m. every Friday until Oct. 6 on the lawn of the historic West Townshend Country Store. Sponsored by The West River Community Project.</p> <p>Email westtownshend.org, or call 802-874-4800.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">West River</p> <p>LONDONDERRY, Vt. - A vibrant community of farmers, gardeners, food producers, artisans, and craftspeople. The market is located at the junctions of Rt. 11 and 100, Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>For more information visit westriverfarmersmarket.com, call 802-875-5004, and follow them on Facebook @westriverfarmersmarket.</p>
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