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Chili Cook-off sees big crowds and flavorful fun

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - Now in its 28th year, Ludlow Rotary Club's annual Chili Cook-off enjoyed a large turn out under their iconic yellow and white striped tent Saturday, Oct. 6 while 22 local restaurants, chefs, and individuals vied for top honors for their gourmet chili entries.

Attendance this year saw approximately 500 chili lovers jostle, sample, appraise, and vote their way around the tent, eventually selecting their favorite chili. They also enjoyed unlimited cider, bread, and vanilla ice cream along the way.

Winner of the coveted People's Choice Award, and the accompanying \$200 cash prize, was Chris Saylor with his "Hot Dam Chili," which also won Judge's Choice for "Spiciest." Saylor's chili featured tender, flavorful, and fiery smoked brisket in his award-winning recipe.

People's Choice Second Place winner was "Chili Con Carlos," which was the People's Choice Winner in 2016 and 2017. Carlos Iglesias, the chef behind Chili Con Carlos, was celebrating his 20th year at the Chili Cook-off. Surrounded by his family, who were all wearing commemorative t-shirts, he said he was "hoping for the hat-trick." He and his team took home the \$100 cash prize and the second place award.

People's Choice Third Place prize, along with a \$50 cash prize, went



Chris Saylor, Chili Cook-off winner with "Hot Dam Chili." PHOTO BY DONALD DILL

to "Mojakka," by Chris and Felicity Haselton.

Judges' top prize for "Best in Show" was awarded to first-time entrant Echo Lake Inn for their "Echo Lake Inn Chili." According to innkeeper and owner Tom Gianola, they usually had a wedding on this day, which kept them from participating in the past. Their winning recipe was the result of a true "collaboration" from many of his staffers including Executive Chef Phil Lewis, Kyle Barnes, Sous Chef Katie Schneider, and himself. Their recipe included top quality beef, a variety of beans, many secret spices, nutmeg, brown sugar, and surprisingly, ice cream.

The Judges' "Team Spirit" award went to "Chili Palmer" by MOJO Cafe. Serving their chili while wear-

ing oversized lobster claws and flanked by their skeleton mascot were likely contributors behind their win.

This year's judges were Ludlow Fire Dept. Chief Peter Kolenda (chief chili judge), Jackson Gore General Manager Dennis Barquinerio, and Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Carol Lighthall.

Event organizers handed this year's "Honorable Mention" award to "Vermont Harvest Chili" by Stemwinder Restaurant.

Glenn Heitsmith, co-chair of the event - along with Suzanne Garvey - was pleased with the turn out and said of the popular event, "We like to think of it as one of the defining events of the fall, a premier event of Columbus Day weekend. Although there are other events happening around town, this one really kicks off Columbus Day Saturday." Proceeds go into Ludlow Rotary's general fund, which they give away through scholarships, Mountain-side Youth Shelter, and a number of other local charitable causes.

Next year's Chili Cook-Off will be held Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019.

Chips happen at the Big Buzz

BY SHAWNTAE STILLWELL
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - Do you know what the Big Buzz is all about? On Columbus Day weekend, from Thursday through Monday, Oct. 4 - 8, Barre Pinske hosted the 9th annual Big Buzz chainsaw carving festival at the Jackson Gore Ice House. This is the third year that Pinske brought carvers from all over to Ludlow, Vt. to demonstrate their chainsaw carving skills.

Pinske is no stranger to woodworking. He began working with a lathe with his grandfather when he was 6, and continued to grow and evolve from then on. He owns and operates Barre Pinske Studio in Chester, home of all the bear carvings, and much more.

Inside the Ice House, the Big Buzz welcomed carvers and sculptors to display their works. Some of the artists displayed included

Brad Bemis from North Brookfield, Mass., Michael Legassey from Athol, Mass., Mark Bosworth from Athol, Mass., Jeff Bellinger from Palmer, Mass., Fred Avila from Walton, N.Y., Rich Koonz from Chester, Vt., and some of Barre Pinske's works as well. From eagles to bears, anchors to mushrooms, there were pieces that would peak many interests. Some artists carved inside the Ice House as the festivalgoers looked around, and some purchased pieces to take home.

Just below the Ice House is where chips were flying! Carvers gathered for a Quick Carve, which allowed each artist one hour to create a sculpture, while a crowd of people watched intently. Large and small logs were quickly transformed into artworks. Some were torched to create depth and contrast, some were painted to give the piece color, and others were left as raw fresh cut wood. Right after the Quick Carve, Pinske auctioned off each piece to audience members who enjoyed the show.

These short carves and auctions took place Saturday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Quick Carve participants included Mark Bosworth, Rich Koonz, Snuffy Destafano, Micheal Lagasse, Adrian Bois from Argentina, Fred Alvia, Dave Conklin, Peter Auchmoody, and Barre Pinske.

On Saturday evening, carvers and a smaller crowd gathered for the Fire Sculpture at dusk. There is a science to this carve to accommodate for airflow and account for the flames that create their own designs. Artists hollowed large and small logs, each creating a chimney style piece that allows it to be lit from the bottom and burn from the inside out. Designs and holes

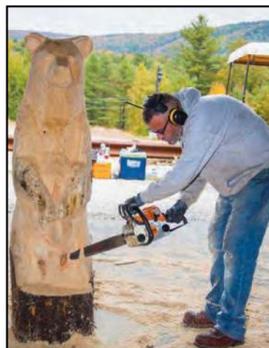


A Quick Carve masterpiece. PHOTO BY SHAWNTAE STILLWELL

up the log let out smoke and fire that flickered as the sun went down, and the pieces burned into something completely new. The ambiance and warmth of the fires kept the crowds close, for a more relaxed and mesmerizing end to the exciting day.



Fire Sculptures were mesmerizing. PHOTO BY SHAWNTAE STILLWELL



Artist taking his time carving a bear inside the Ice House. PHOTO BY DONALD DILL

Chester Selectboard hears updates from Police Dept. and OVRCC

BY AMANDA WEDEGIS
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. - At the Oct. 3 meeting of the Chester Selectboard, the board heard department updates from Chief Richard Cloud of the Police Department and a presentation from Carol Lighthall from the Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Chief Cloud started his update by comparing statistics from 2017's total fines, tickets, etc. with the current year as far as Sept. 30. In 2017, there were a total of 216 speeding warnings and 308 tickets. Currently in 2018, there have been 122 warnings and 371 tickets. Cloud explained that the warnings were down because of the installation of the radar speed signs as traffic enters town. The signs act as a warning, and if they are disregarded, that leads to tickets. He also mentioned that the public has

responded positively to the signs, and he has noticed traffic slowing down.

Signs have also been requested around North Street and both ends of Church Street. Cloud said the Police Department aims to buy one radar sign a year, as each one costs \$4,000.

The Police Department has worked on 846 cases so far this year. Burglaries have doubled, thefts from cars have also gone up, and false alarms have also gone up this year. With the rise of burglary cases, more residents and businesses are installing alarm systems, and many of the false alarms happen early after installation as people are getting used to them.

Perhaps the most intriguing update Cloud shared with the board was K-9 Dutch who has been called for service 26 times this year. Fifteen of those cases have been drug searches. His biggest case involved

uncovering 246 bags of heroin. Dutch has also been involved in four missing person cases, and has aided in presentations to kids and seniors. "He's another tool in the tool box," Cloud explained.

"And a cute one," Vice Chair Heather Chase commented. "[He's] a good ambassador, don't you think?" Dutch recently competed in an Iron Dog competition and was the fastest K-9 there, completing a 100-yard dash in 4.3 seconds. He can also identify seven different drugs.

Lastly, Cloud addressed that the Police Department is struggling to fill part time officer positions.

Carol Lighthall, executive director of Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce, presented after Chief Cloud. Lighthall has been the executive director of the Chamber for about three months to date. She's used the time to meet with the community to hear their input and ideas. She

praised Town Manager David Pisha as a "good advocate for the community," and stressed the importance of the regional community to the Chamber.

She detailed two Chamber committees where she'd like to see members from around the region participate. One is the member committee, which would discuss membership to the chamber, including opening the chamber to small businesses "to help them get their start," and to individuals such as second homeowners and retired folk so they have "more sets of hands."

The second is a marketing committee that would work on advertising, promotion, the website, and events.

Board member Dan Cote praised the efforts of the Chamber to be inclusive to the whole region. Lighthall replied, "The best thing we can offer

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MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - Folks enjoyed all the activities at Cider Days, like watching cider being pressed, listening to live music, and browsing through all of the artisans, crafters, and food booths. TOP PHOTO BY JOSEPH HAMMOND - BOTTOM PHOTO BY DONALD DILL

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The Collaborative receives Vermont Mentoring Grant

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - The Collaborative is pleased to receive a Vermont Mentoring Grant of \$1,900 from Mobius, Vermont's Mentoring Partnership. This award will go towards continuing to improve the mentor program provided by The Collaborative in Londonderry.

According to MENTOR, the National Mentoring Partnership, "Research confirms that quality mentoring relationships have powerful positive effects on young people in a variety of personal, academic, and professional situations. Ultimately, mentoring connects a young person

to personal growth and development, and social and economic opportunity."

The Collaborative's mentor program is school-based for students grades K through eight at Flood Brook School. Mentors meet with their mentee once a week for an hour during after-school hours, 3 to 6 p.m. Mentors do a wide range of activities with their mentees from cooking to sports to arts and crafts. Mentors are invited to events throughout the year including The Collaborative's annual Harvest Festival Oct. 24, from 5-7 p.m., a winter sleigh ride, and an

ice cream social. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a mentor in the Londonderry community, contact Emily at emily@thecollaborative.us or call 802-824-4200.

Now in its sixth year as Vermont's Mentoring Partnership, Mobius supports approximately 140 adult-to-youth mentoring program sites that serve 2,300 mentor pairs throughout the state. Mobius awards more than \$300,000 to youth mentoring agencies annually through the Vermont Mentoring Grants, which are made possible by support from the A.D. Henderson Foundation, the Ver-

mont Department for Children and Families, and the Permanent Fund for Vermont's Children. Mobius also offers technical support to program staff, maintains an online program directory and referral system for volunteers, manages a quality-based program management database, raises public awareness of mentoring, works with programs to ensure they are meeting best practices, and leads statewide mentoring initiatives. For more information about Mobius, and mentoring programs and initiatives in Vermont, visit www.mobiusmentors.org.



Light Up the Night

LUDLOW, Vt. - Kids of all ages carved pumpkins to be lit at dusk for the Light Up the Night event at Veterans' Park.

PHOTOS BY DONALD DILL

Food Shelf welcomes useable donations

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Black River Good Neighbors' thrift store and food shelf relies heavily on the generosity of its donors. The store sells donated merchandise, and that allows us to provide free food and other assistance to those who need it. We deeply appreciate all of you who donate salable goods to us. You make our services viable. But not everyone is so kind. We cannot use items that really should go to the transfer station or some classes of items that for whatever reason we simply cannot use.

On a recent Sunday morning, a grey hatchback backed up in our lot and, even though the donation shed was open and had lots of room, the driver and passenger dumped many boxes of smelly, broken, and very worn items on the ground. The weather forecast called for rain, and



Please drop off donations during open hours so they are not ruined.

PHOTO PROVIDED

rain it did. By the time our employees arrived on Monday whatever

may have been useful was a junky mess. That gesture then cost us more than \$33 at the transfer station.

We don't know whether these folks had a genuine intent to donate something useful to us, or if they were too cheap to pay the transfer station, but that really doesn't matter. Their actions didn't help us. We had to divert money from helping people to paying trash fees.

Our staff is ready to help with any donation. If they turn someone away, it's not because they are being mean. An item may have real value to the donor, but may still not be useable. Please come during store hours. Our staff can check out any donation and help determine what we can use. If you must come on Sunday, please use the donation shed. We want to help, and we hate to turn people away.

Wantastiquet Rotary of Londonderry at the Peru Fair

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Wantastiquet Rotary participated recently at the Peru Fair. Lobster bisque was served to over 250 visitors. This bisque was shipped directly from

Rockport, Maine via Jake's Restaurant in Londonderry. Rotarians participating in this fundraiser included Skip Raymond, Dick Dale, Bill Fike, Bill Ellio, and Joel Kuhl-

berg. The money raised will go toward the 2019 scholarships for graduating seniors. Thank you for supporting the Wantastiquet Rotary!

Meals on Wheels seeking volunteer drivers

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Meals on Wheels program serving Ludlow, Cavendish, and Plymouth is in desperate need of volunteer drivers. Hot meals are delivered weekly to homebound folks Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. If you have any time to donate, even an hour a week, please call or stop by the Black River Valley Senior Center for more information.

Black River Valley Senior Center is located at 10 High St. in Ludlow. Call 802-228-7421 or email brvsc@gmail.com.

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visitors is choice and options."

The board members were also interested in how Vail closing on the Okemo Mountain Resort purchase last week will impact the Chamber. Lighthall admitted that there hasn't been much communication from Vail yet, but she had been communicating with Stowe who underwent the Vail purchase last year. Stowe shared positive feedback and that there has been collaboration.

The Chester Selectboard also discussed updates to the Town Garage project, which will have a full presentation ready before the March 2019 Town Meeting. Pisha also asked the Selectboard to give him feedback on the Visioning Process and whether there are improvements to make it run smoother. Ideas included a breakdown of the costs of the total project and how much the town will pay for it, as well as highlighting the economic or future benefit to the town.

The next Chester Selectboard meeting will take place Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chester Town Hall.

GM girl sport doll



CHESTER, Vt. - Bonnie's Bundles Dolls is donating an original "Sport Doll" uniformed in school colors and a knockout face featuring soccer eyes. The doll will be raffled on or about Oct. 20, or at the end of the 2018 season. Raffle tickets are on sale now at Bonnie's Bundles Dolls in the Stone Village, and at MacLacmairn's on Main Street.

For more information, email dollmaker1968@gmail.com or call 802-875-2114. Bonnie's Bundles Dolls is located at 250 North Street, in the Stone Village, in Chester Vt.

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Wheels in the Field

CHESTER, Vt. - Porsche cars on the Green in Chester, as part of the first BMW Motorcycle and Porsche car "Wheels In The Field" event this past weekend.

PHOTO BY JOHN DEBENEDETTI

Apple Fest celebrates favorite fall fruit

BY AMANDA WEDEGIS

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Although it was overcast Saturday, Oct. 6, the weather held for the 36th annual Vermont Apple Festival, hosted by the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce, at the Riverside Middle School in Springfield. Apple enthusiasts converged on the middle school field starting at 9 a.m.

Lining the driveway of the middle school were food vendor tents and trucks selling everything from seasonal baked goods, to fried dough, to Thai food. Springfield Humane Society hosted their Kissing Booth, featuring two four-legged friends ready to share kisses and affection. Festival-goers could also watch an apple pressing demonstration and try samples of

the fresh cider.

Inside, just before entering the gymnasium, fresh, warm apple crisp with whipped cream could be purchased. Meanwhile, the gymnasium was full of unique craft vendors from all over New England, selling their handcrafted jewelry, woodcarvings, paintings, soaps, and more. Many booths sold festive fall décor and holiday decorations and gifts for those getting ahead of their Christmas shopping. The room was filled with musical accompaniment by Bill Brink, Johnny O, Pat Daddona, Matt Meserve, and Joshua Hall.

Up the stairs in the caf-



Fastest Kid in Town winners: Derek Hodgdon, 11, of Chester; Amelia Murchie, 11, of Springfield; Carter Tanner, 10, of Springfield; Khloe Bruso, 9, of Perkinsville; Keeley Stewart, 8, of Chester; Malachi Bactad, 7, of Springfield; Ashton Page, 5, of Baltimore; and Adela Fuentes, 6, of Springfield.

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age categories.

The 2018 Fastest Kids in town were Ashton Page, 5, Baltimore; Adela Fuentes, 6, Springfield; Malachi Bactad, 7, Springfield; Keeley Stewart, 8, Chester; Khloe Bruso, 9, Perkinsville; Carter Tanner, 10, Springfield; Amelia Murchie, 11, Springfield; and Derek Hodgdon, 11, Chester.

At 1 p.m. the winners of the Apple Pie contest was judged and announced. Miss Vermont, Julia Crane, made an appearance as a guest judge. This year's winners of the traditional pie contests went to Vicki Ball, first place; Patricia Johansen,

eteria, kids could enjoy activities and games. The local Cub Scout troop hosted their bake sale and learned valuable skills in marketing and communication as they raised funds for summer camp.

At noon, the 6th annual Fastest Kid in Town, held by Edgar May Health and Recreation Center to promote physical activity with local youth, took place in the Riverside Park. Kids ages 5 to 12 competed in 100- and 200-yard dashes to determine the male and female fastest kids in four

second place; Tracey Parkhurst, third place. Christina Smith took first place in the non-traditional pie category with Margaret Burchard in second place and Tracey Parkhurst in third.

According to Caitlin Christina, executive director of the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Vermont Apple Festival was well attended and they received a lot of positive feedback. Christina said, "I have a huge amount of gratitude to the volunteers and sponsors" who made the festival possible.

Okemo welcomes new director of food and beverage

LUDLOW, Vt. - Okemo Mountain Resort welcomes Jason Palmer as its new director of food and beverage. He will oversee all aspects of the resort's culinary operations on a year-round basis.

A native Vermonter originally from Colchester, Palmer started skiing when he was 5 years old and competed on his high school ski team. He is a graduate of the University of Vermont. While attending college, he worked in restaurants and "got hooked" on the creativity and energy of the industry.

Palmer worked his way into a management position and has spent the last 15 years pursuing a career in food and beverage. He worked as the beverage manager at the Mount Washington Hotel, in Bretton Woods, N.H., and as food and beverage director at Burke Mountain,

Trapp Family Lodge, and Mount Snow, in Vermont. He was a regional sales manager with U.S. Foods, and he owned a restaurant called Allium in Waterbury, Vt.

"Jason brings significant ski area experience and will be a good fit with the Okemo team. He understands the changing expectations of skiers and riders and how to provide a culinary experience which is on par with our snow quality and resort experience," said Okemo Vice President and General Manager Bruce Schmidt.

Palmer is already identifying some opportunities at Okemo. He is looking forward to rebranding some of the resort's restaurants and increasing the profitability of Okemo food and beverage operations.

"There are some innovative things we can do that will be attractive to

our guests," said Palmer. "We have a lot of repeat business from guests who have been visiting Okemo for years, and they want to see variety. I'm looking forward to offering that."

When he is away from his office, Palmer enjoys spending time with his two children, ages 8 and 11. He is an avid outdoorsman who likes to ski, hike, go to the gym, and, of course, he likes to cook.

During the ski season, Okemo offers visitors a dozen dining options ranging from grab-and-go cafeterias to full-service, fine dining - and everything in between. During the summer, three restaurants feature popular al fresco dining in picturesque settings.

More information about Okemo Mountain Resort is available by calling 802-228-1600 or visiting www.okemo.com.



Okemo Mountain Resort welcomes Jason Palmer as new director of food and beverage.

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One Credit Union celebrates grand reopening of Chester branch

CHESTER, Vt. - One Credit Union brushed off the last of the construction dust with a two-day celebration at its newly renovated Chester, Vt. branch. "While big banks are closing branches in many areas we serve, One Credit Union is here to stay. Moreover, I'm happy to say, we are investing in the Chester community," Brett Smith, president and CEO of One CU, stated proudly. The new branch brings the latest technology, and allows for a more efficient, collaborative and consultative approach with members.

"Our goal is to help our members achieve their financial goals. We need to work side by side with our clients to find the best solutions to meet the needs of consumers and businesses in Chester," explained Kevin DeRosa, retail manager.

To celebrate, the Credit Union hosted new friends, neighbors, and current members with food, games, and prizes. Two electric scooters were raffled off to Ryan Spittle and Brenda Martin. To further demonstrate its commitment to the communities it



One Credit Union hosts ribbon cutting for their grand reopening.

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serves, One Credit Union made a \$5 donation on behalf of each visitor over the two-day event. At the concluding ribbon cutting ceremony, Brett Smith presented a \$500 gift to Meals on Wheels, as well as a \$500 check to Make-A-Wish Vermont. "One Credit

Union shares more than a suite of financial products. Together, we all share this special place we call home. We share a way of life. One Credit Union is proud to support these two organizations and the work they perform here in town," added Smith.

Senior Solutions seeking volunteers

LUDLOW / CAVENDISH, Vt. - Senior Solutions is recruiting volunteers who have some free time to become friendly visitors to their shut-in neighbors. The need is in Ludlow and Cavendish where we have a shortage of volunteers. If you have a couple of hours a week, please call our HelpLine at 800-642-5119 or email vmastroianni@senior-solutionsvt.org to join our upcoming orientation course for new volunteers.

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The Rev. Nick Boke is a retired college professor and minister. He is a consultant for literacy in Africa and the Middle East, and a freelance writer and editor.

The Rev. Kevin Carson, M.Div. is a graduate of Andover Newton Theological School. A deep love of nature inspires his spirituality and environmental advocacy.

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Jay Crumrine teaches at Dartmouth College, lectures for the VT Humanities Council and UU conferences, both in the US and UK, and is the author of articles, poems, and a book entitled, Humility, Anger, and Grace.

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Join Springfield Humane Society Saturday, Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. for their Corn Chowder Cafe and Bazaar at the Springfield Congregational Church, to raise funds for the Humane Society.

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Vermont Voices 2018 at Phoenix Books

CHESTER, Vt. - Each fall, Phoenix Books Misty Valley invites Vermont authors to come to Chester to share their work. This year, the series will feature Joseph A. Citro, Matthys Levy, Yvonne Daley, and Archer Mayor.

Joseph A. Citro will kick off the series Sunday, Oct. 21. The Vermont author and folklorist, who has been referred to as the "Bard of the Bizarre" and "the Ghost-Master General," will offer insight into the folklore, hauntings, ghost stories, paranormal activity, and occult happenings of New England. Citro has written five novels on supernatural themes including "Lake Monsters," "The Gore," and "Guardian Angels." He is also author of "Green Moun-

tains, Dark Tales," "The Vermont Ghost Guide," "Passing Strange," and "Green Mountain Ghosts, Ghouls, and Unsolved Mysteries." A popular lecturer and teacher, his commentaries are heard regularly on public radio.

On Sunday, Oct. 28, Matthys Levy will give a talk on his new novel, "Building Eden," a thriller with subject matter the author is intimately familiar with. Levy is the designer of many iconic buildings and other structures throughout the world. He is also the author of the best-seller "Why Buildings Fall Down" and author or co-author of "Structural Designs in Architecture," "Why the Earth Quakes," "Why the Wind Blows," "Earthquake Games," and

"Engineering in the City." Levy currently resides in Burlington, Vt.

On Sunday, Nov. 4, Yvonne Daley will discuss "Going Up the Country: When the Hippies, Dreamers, Freaks, and Radicals Moved to Vermont." This is the story of how young migrants, largely from the cities and suburbs of New York and Massachusetts, turned their backs on the establishment of the 1950s and moved to the backwoods of rural Vermont, spawning a revolution in lifestyle, politics, sexuality, and business practices that would have a profound impact on both the state and the nation. Yvonne Daley is the author of five previous books and director of the Green Mountain Writers Conference.

Archer Mayor will bring this year's series to its conclusion Sunday, Nov. 11 at 2 p.m., with a talk on the latest Joe Gunther mystery, "Bury the Lead." Mayor, in addition to writing the New York Times bestselling Joe Gunther series, is an investigator for the sheriff's department, the state medical examiner, and has 25 years of experience as a firefighter and EMT. He lives near Brattleboro, Vt.

Vermont Voices events take place at 2 p.m., and are free and open to the public. Phoenix Books Misty Valley is located at 58 Common St. in Chester, Vt. Copies of the featured title will be available for attendees to purchase and have signed. For more information, please call 802-875-3400 or visit www.phoenixbooks.biz.

Pirates and picture books at Northshire

MACHESTER, Vt. - Northshire Bookstore at 4869 Main Street in Manchester Center will be hosting Eric Jay Dolin, Friday, Oct. 12 at 6 p.m. and Tomie dePaola, Saturday, Oct. 13 at 11 a.m.

Set against the backdrop of the Age of Exploration, "Black Flags, Blue Waters: The Epic History of America's Most Notorious Pirates" reveals the dramatic and surprising history of American piracy's "Golden Age" - spanning the late 1600s through the early 1700s - when lawless pirates plied the coastal waters of North America and beyond. Bestselling author Eric

Jay Dolin illustrates how American colonists at first supported these outrageous pirates in an early display of colonial solidarity against the Crown, and then violently opposed them. Through engrossing episodes of roguish glamour and extreme brutality, Dolin depicts the star pirates of this period, among them towering Blackbeard, ill-fated Captain Kidd, and sadistic Edward Low, who delighted in torturing his prey. Upending popular misconceptions and cartoonish stereotypes, Dolin provides this wholly original account of the seafaring outlaws whose raids reflect the precarious

nature of American colonial life.

Dolin and his family live in Marblehead, Mass., from which the pirate John Quelch departed in 1703, and returned to in 1704, only to be hanged in Boston.

On Saturday, Oct. 13, at 11 a.m. Northshire Bookstore hosts Tomie dePaola in this kids' event with his new picture book, "Quiet."

In a gorgeous and contemplative new picture book, legendary author-illustrator Tomie dePaola reminds us that mindfulness - being quiet, still, and present with one another - is a very special thing.

Tomie dePaola is one of the most

popular children's book authors and illustrators of our time and the winner of the 2011 Children's Literature Legacy Award for "significant and lasting contribution to children's literature," among other lifetime achievement awards.

A native of Connecticut, dePaola studied at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y., and now lives in New London, N.H. Visit him online at www.Tomie.com.

For more information on these or other events, call 802-362-2200 or 1-800-437-3700, or visit the Northshire Bookstore website at www.northshire.com.

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Calling all local artists to the Gallery at the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - You are invited to show your work at Gallery at the VAULT in our Open Wall Show. This is a chance to display your work in a non-juried show. There is no fee. The theme for our next show is "Shadows and Light." This is a great opportunity for artists who would like to get their work out there for the first time as well as for seasoned artists. You can bring in two works if they are 18 by 20 inches or smaller, or one if it is larger. Sculpture, jewelry, pottery, wood, and fiber art are

welcome along with the paintings and photos. The time to bring them in is Thursday, Oct. 18 from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 19 and Saturday, Oct. 20 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show will run from Oct. 24 to Dec. 29.

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



A call for pumpkins

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. - The Weathersfield Elementary will be decorating pumpkins for this year's Trunk or Treat, held Oct. 27. We are looking to the community to donate pumpkins for this project. Please contact the school at 802-674-5400 if you're able to donate. This will be a wonderful tradition added to this year's event.

Fairy home knowledge shared in Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Join Springfield Area Parent Child Center and Grafton Nature Museum in this two-hour workshop for families Saturday, Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon. Event includes story time and teaching by an instructor from The Nature Museum, light refreshments, choice of a fairy or gnome

toy, canvas bag to collect building materials, and a gnome themed children's storybook. There is a cost for one child and parent, with an additional fee for a second child. Space is limited. Register on the Edgar May Recreation Center website or call 802-885-2568 or Springfield Area Parent Child Center at 802-886-5242.

Give hope to cancer patients by giving blood with the Red Cross

REGION - October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the perfect time to give blood or platelets to support cancer patients and others. Cancer patients may need red blood cell or platelet transfusions during chemotherapy, surgery, or treatment

for complications.

Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting www.RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

As a thank-you, those who come to donate blood or platelets in October will automatically be entered to win one of five \$500 gift cards redeemable at hundreds of merchants. Learn more at www.RedCrossBlood.org/GoForGoal.

Upcoming blood drive opportunities:

- Oct. 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Springfield Elks, 49 Park St., Springfield
- Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Leland and Gray High School, 2042 Route 30, Townshend
- Oct. 26, from 1 - 6 p.m., West Rutland Town Hall, 35 Marble St., West Rutland
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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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Remembering Earl Horton

Those of us who have lived in Chester 60 or more years will remember Earl Horton. Earl ran a radio repair shop in his house located across the street from Lisa's Market.

I went to Earl's once with my father to have a radio repaired. Entering his shop all you could see were cabinet radios all around the shop. These radios were packed in so tight that there were only narrow paths throughout the shop.

Around the shop on shelves were dozens of tabletop radios and radio repair equipment, tube testers, and such. Earl was known for taking in radios to repair but was very slow repairing them. The best approach was to stand there in his shop and wait for Earl to repair your radio.

In the late 1920s, there was a small group of men in Springfield and Chester who were pioneers in developing a radio station in Springfield. Earl Horton and Don Monier were involved in this venture.

By 1932 a studio was established in the Woolson Block in Springfield. The transmitter was on Mt. Ararat on Cherry Hill. Earl Horton was instrumental in developing this station. The station's call letters were WNBX. Today, this station is in Keene as WKNE.

In the 1930s, few automobiles came with a radio. Earl was the man to go to if you wanted a radio installed in your car. Earl had a natural gift with the new technology, radio. I remember Earl being the projectionist at the Park Theater when I was a kid. The Park Theater was located up over the Moon Dog Café.

Some may recall Earl was Chief of the Yosemite Firehouse. A number of years ago George Bittner had for sale on eBay a fireman's uniform belonging to Earl Horton. I called George telling him we'd like the uniform for our museum. George liked the idea and told me to bid on it. Whatever the final bid was, George would sell it to us for half the final price. Thanks, George.

At the Chester Historical Society we have a nice collection of firefighting items from Yosemite and the Chester Fire Department near the footbridge. We couldn't let Horton's uniform get away.

The blue dress uniform is in

excellent condition and complete with the visor cap. Over the left pocket is Earl's fire badge. This badge reads: "Asst Chief, Chester Depot Fire Dept." Earl was also chief for many years. Assistant chief might date to earlier in Earl's career or perhaps he later stepped down as chief to make room for new blood.

Ted Spaulding told me that Yosemite had a 1939 International Sea Land firetruck they bought new. It was in the early 1950s that this firetruck was repowered with a larger GMC motor. The 1931 American LaFrance firetruck at Yosemite today was bought used.

At the historical society we have an interesting and early Yosemite ledger. A few notable entries below:

"June 26, 1886, The engine (Hunneman Hand Pumper) was taken out for practice in front of Town Hall. Water was thrown over the eagle weathervane on top of Town Hall."

"June 5, 1888 Central Hotel (now the Fullerton) and Pierce's Drug Store were destroyed by fire. No doubt Yosemite fought bravely and saved adjoining buildings."

"August 25, 1891 Voted to come out in uniform Thursday August 27, 1891 at 6:00PM in honor of President Harrison who is to stop a few minutes in the Depot."

"Sept 27, 1915 4:00AM basement of Town Hall was ablaze from piles of wood, boxes etc. Had a hard fight to save the Hall. Burned up through the Post Office, Town Office, restaurant and also around the stairs, got to upper hall in one place where seat

was built in, cellar timbers badly charred, estimated loss \$2000."

These old ledgers offer a rare glimpse of days gone by and are an excellent historical record.

Ted Spaulding's father, Ed, and Earl's wife, Ethel, were brother and sister, or Ted's aunt and uncle. The generosity Ted has shown the Chester Historical Society in gifting Chester artifacts for our collections is greatly appreciated and will be a source of many future articles.

Sources for this article include Ted Spaulding, Bunni Putnam, and Danny Clemons.

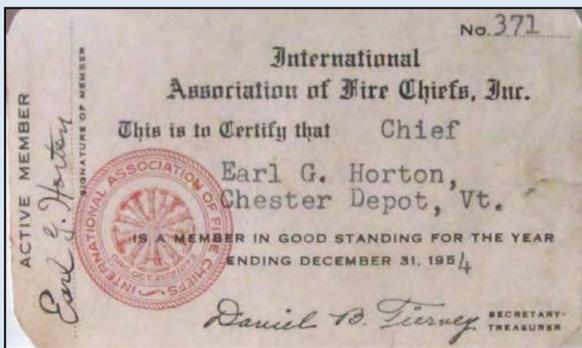
This weeks old saying is from a woman Ted once knew. "My house is being reconciled with a new condition, indecent lighting, and a lunk head." Another time someone had died. She said, "He died of spontaneous combustion."



Earl Horton's Yosemite uniform. PHOTO PROVIDED BY CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Earl Horton's Assistant Chief badge. PHOTO PROVIDED BY CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Earl Horton's 1954 membership card, signed. PHOTO PROVIDED

Walpole Historical Society presents "United Tastes" authors

WALPOLE, N.H. - The first American cookbook, "American Cookery," by Amelia Simmons, was published in Hartford, Conn., in 1796. It was reprinted 16 years later in Walpole, N.H.

The Walpole Historical Society has invited a pair of authors who have written about that early compilation of recipes, both English and specifically American, in a book entitled "United Tastes: The Making of the First American Cookbook."

Keith Stavely and Kathleen Fitzgerald will be at the Walpole Town Hall with an illustrated talk Friday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m., to discuss the social circumstances and culinary traditions that led to America's first cookbook.

Recently, "American Cookery" has received a great deal of attention. The Library of Congress has designated

it one of the 88 "Books That Shaped America," and writers about food, both journalists and historians, talk frequently and enthusiastically about it.

Yet in all of this current discussion, there has been no attempt to reconstruct the social circumstances and culinary traditions that shaped the book that helped shape America. "United Tastes" fills this gap, showing how "American Cookery" - an inexpensive collection of mainly British recipes, interspersed with a few American favorites - was part of an effort to promote a particular version of American national identity. It also describes in compelling detail the social structure, the homes, the farms, and the foods of early Connecticut and the Connecticut River Valley.



Keith Stavely and Kathleen Fitzgerald. PHOTO PROVIDED

The authors will also answer questions about the book, which has been termed "a second revolution," a cookbook by an America for Americans.

The event is free, open to the public, and refreshments will be served. For more information, go to www.walpolehistory.org.

Jill Mudgett speaks on Vermont mountain identity

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. - On Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m., Jill Mudgett will be speaking at Weathersfield Meeting House on "The Hills of Home: Mountains and Identity in Vermont History."

Vermonters have strong ideas about the importance of their mountain topography. Where did our pride in Vermont's landscape come from, and why is it that we see our shared identity as rooted in the land? Evolving human ideas about the Vermont mountains form the base of this lecture. The story begins with the state's founders and moves forward through Vermont history to explain how environmental understandings changed over time. This lecture by historian Jill Mudgett is timely and relevant in its relationship to current interdisciplinary scholarship, and offers us tools to understand the origins and meaning of our own strongly held attachments to the Vermont landscape.

This talk is free, open to the public, and accessible to those with disabilities. For more information, contact Weathersfield Historical Society at 802-885-9517 or jpelton@vermontel.net.

"The Hills of Home: Mountains and Identity in Vermont History" is a Vermont Humanities Council program hosted by Weathersfield Historical Society. Supported in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this program do not necessarily represent those of the NEH or VHC.

Art and Historical Society open house

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Howard Coffin will present "Vermont's Remarkable Sharpshooters and Gettysburg" at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20. The program will be held at the Precision Valley Baptist Church, next to the SAHS Facility on Route 106 in North Springfield. Parking will be available at the church. The SAHS annual business meeting will take place shortly before the program at 1:30 p.m.

Vermont sent far more sharpshooters to the Union armies than any other state, on a per capita basis. By the hundreds, Vermont marksmen passed the rigorous marksmanship test to join one of three Vermont companies. And sharpshooters from this state played a little-known but major role at Gettysburg, the great Union victory that changed the Civil War's course. Historian Howard Coffin will discuss his recent research into this little recognized group and consider the reasons why Vermont may have been so well represented in this elite group of marksmen.

The SAHS facility will be open from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Light refreshments will be available there before and after the program. This is a Vermont Humanities Council Speakers Bureau event and is free and open to all. For more information, contact SAHS at sahs@vermontel.net or by calling 802-886-7935.

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opinion

Op-Ed: Raising the wage is good for business

Want to hear something obvious? Raising the minimum wage increases the take-home pay for low-income workers without hurting job growth.

That's not just a sound bite from Sen. Bernie Sanders – it's now a proven economic fact.

A study released this month from the Center on Wage and Employment Dynamics at UC Berkeley shows that minimum wage increases are working as policy-makers intended: they increase pay for workers at the bottom and do not jeopardize job growth.

"For example, higher wages reduce employee turnover, thereby cutting employers' recruitment and retention costs and increasing workers' tenure and experience," the report states. "Positive employment effects can also arise when higher minimum wages draw working age adults into the labor force or induce them to increase their hours."

The study looked at food sector workers in six cities that have raised their minimum wages above \$10 an hour in recent years – Chicago, District of Columbia, Oakland, San Francisco, San Jose, and Seattle. The study, of its kind to look at impacts across several cities, used modern statistical methods and data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and compared the results with 173 metro counties across the country that did not increase their minimum wages.

The study knocks down several mistruths that opponents often tell about raising the minimum wage, making it clear that this common sense policy to raise the floor on our economy leads to workers with bigger paychecks and allows for continued job growth across the economy.

The Berkeley study also backs up what Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility members have been saying for years: taking care of your employees is also good business. VBSR business leaders know that when their workers are well paid and supported with strong workplace policies and benefits, they are easier to recruit, work harder, and are more productive.

Vermont legislators did the right thing this year by passing S.40, a bill raising the state's minimum wage over a series of several years until it hit \$15 an hour in the year 2024. This was not the quick route to \$15 an hour that many labor advocates wanted, but it was a measured, thoughtful approach that balanced the interests of workers and businesses.

Unfortunately, S.40 was vetoed by Gov. Phil Scott. VBSR believes the governor, who has a reputation as a thoughtful moderate, made a big error in stopping that pay raise for Vermont's most vulnerable workers.

Raising the minimum wage is both vital to a strong economy and to give Vermonters a leg up to achieve self-sufficiency – their American Dream.

The United States is projected to add 8 million new jobs to the economy between now and 2022, but most of that growth will occur in fields that pay only slightly more than the national minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour. Many of these new low-wage jobs are in vital parts of the economy, such as personal care aides or home health aides.

VBSR has long supported developing what we call "livable jobs" – a vision for economic growth centered on the creation of jobs with good wages and benefits. Income inequality has slowly chipped away at the earnings of lower and middle-income Vermonters.

Increasing the minimum wage slowly over the next six years to \$15 an hour would result in pay raises for nearly 90,000 Vermonters – many of them household breadwinners and single parents. Breaking these raises up over a six-year timeline also gives Vermont businesses time to plan and adjust.

In 2019, Vermont needs to lead on this issue and raise the minimum wage, give hardworking Vermonters a raise, and move toward a stronger and more sustainable economy that works for everyone.

VBSR looks forward to helping make that vision come true.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Fall is here, and with it the return of another school year. The return of our students means we will again be lucky enough to spend our days educating the next generation, seeing them learn new tools and skills, and watching their grins when they grasp a difficult task. The return of our students also means that between Safety Protocol testing, classroom work, projects, and homework assignments, we will be prepping for an active shooter scenario. Tragically, the return of another school year inevitably means the return of school shootings. It is not a question of if American students will die at the hands of gunmen this year; it is a question of when.

And yes, it could be in Vermont. Any illusion that Vermont is a bubble – immune from gun violence and the horrors of school shootings

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to thank all of my supporters all through Windsor County. I'm thankful to have met and have wonderful people beside me through this year on the Vermont State Senate. I look forward to meeting many more great people in Windsor County.

Just to say a little about who I am. I was born right here in Vermont. I grew up on a dairy farm in Bethel. I even owned my own herd of cows, which I farmed for five years until low milk prices pushed me back to forestry – which I enjoy doing, although. I have worked for myself for most of my life. I did work in sales for a couple of years.

I never thought I would consider running for office. However, from watching so many people struggle with high taxes to the point where I have seen friends have to sell their homes because they can't afford the taxes, and the fact that we don't have much opportunity here in Vermont for our children and future generations, I decided to run. Also, the school mergers that have taken place

Dear Editor,

Vermonters would be far better served if our local legislative representatives focused on what is happening in this state, rather than the lunatic asylum that is Washington, D.C. We face a whole array of really big problems right here at home. Much of our road and bridge infrastructure is in disrepair. Almost weekly we hear about raw human and animal sewage overflowing into our rivers and streams. The heroin and opiate epidemic continues to devastate our communities. Our rural schools are facing imminent forced closure at the hands

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to inform your readers about the candidacy of Wayne Townsend of Bethel, Vt. for senator representing Windsor County. Wayne is a farmer, a logger, and multigenerational Vermonter. The life experience he has accumulated coupled with his drive, common sense, and honest sense of humor, makes him uniquely qualified to hold office. Mr. Townsend has a deep reverence and respect for the traditional Vermont values that so many of us hold dear.

If elected, Wayne Townsend will go to Montpelier ready to work tirelessly

– was shattered earlier this year. On Feb. 15, 2018, Jack Sawyer was arrested and in a police interview outlined his detailed plan for shooting "as many as I can get" at Fair Haven Union High School.

A new "subject matter" has been added to our children's curriculum. The possibility that they could be shot and killed is their everyday reality now. And it is not normal. Students in other industrialized countries don't go to school fearing they will be shot. Teachers in the rest of the industrialized world don't walk the halls looking for escape routes or hiding spots for their students.

Thankfully, Vermont's elected officials reacted to the news of the closely averted Fair Haven school shooting, not just with prayers, but with action that will save lives. Gov. Phil Scott almost immediately out-

lined a package of common-sense gun violence prevention measures. Legislative leaders followed suit, taking testimony on those measures and ultimately passing the most comprehensive set of gun safety reforms the state has ever seen.

I'm an educator and a father. I am also a gun owner. And I fully support the common-sense gun safety measures that were passed. The gun lobby propaganda that scares people into believing that politicians want to take all of their guns away is just that – propaganda. The legislation passed will still allow me to keep all my guns. The legislation passed will enable me to take my rifle into the woods this fall and hunt. The legislation passed will also allow me to go to school and know that all of us in that building are a little bit safer. The legislation passed will allow me to

have left us with many mixed feelings. Now, my daughter will not have the opportunity to graduate from the same school her siblings graduated from. After talking to so many people throughout Vermont, I'm not the only person saddened by Act 46. I feel that policy should be looked at and thought through more passionately, seeing how it effects so many of us. I feel common sense would go a long-ways in Montpelier.

The carbon tax that is being talked about, and I believe is in the works, S.284, I believe is being sponsored by one of our sitting senators. I'm not much for attacking the ones I'm running against so I'm trying not to single anyone out. However, I have seen it floating around on the internet so it should be easy to find. The carbon tax would drive up fuel costs and gas prices, which would cost all of us more to get to work. And higher fuel costs means it costs more to get and ship things. So, it would drive up costs on many things, and I don't believe it would make a bit of difference on our carbon footprint: we are still

going to drive to work and heat our homes. So my vote on the carbon tax will be a "No."

As a hunter, I feel some of the same frustrations over S.55. Hunting and sportsmanship is a way of life for so many of us here in Vermont. So, protecting those rights will be something I will stand strong on. However, safety for our children is something I take very seriously. I feel there were other steps we could have taken that would be more effective than taking law-abiding citizens' rights away. Mental health help for people who could be a threat, and how we teach our children at home and in our schools, would go a long-ways. Try working together instead of being so divided. We are all in this together. We could accomplish so much more by being respectful to one another and considerate of one another's thoughts and feelings. Work together and compromise where we can.

I feel that by talking to more people on an issue will bring more thoughts, ideas, and answers to the table. If you

send my children off to their schools knowing that they are a little bit safer. It is only in America where politicians place their loyalty to the gun lobby over the safety of their constituents, where school shootings are an epidemic. To end this epidemic, politicians everywhere will need to follow Vermont's lead. To help ensure that happens, I encourage Vermonters to get out to the polls on Election Day and support Gov. Scott and all legislators who voted for the gun safety bills. Supporting these candidates on Election Day will show politicians throughout the country that they can put the safety of their constituents first and not pay a political price at the ballot box.

Sincerely,
Brian Emerson
Newbury, Vt.

elect me, I want to hear from my voters on any issue because I am working for you. I'm only doing this to try to make this state a better place for all of us. We all want better living for our children and future generations to come. So, I say, let's start working together to put Vermont back on top. Make Vermont more affordable and bring more opportunity here.

I have many ideas and other issues that are on my mind. However, I can only go on for so long, and take up so much space in this paper. If there is any issue you would like to know about how I stand on, feel free to contact me. I enjoy hearing from you; it's no bother, I'm happy to hear from you. I like the thoughts and ideas of so many of you. I am working for you.

My phone number is 802-417-9947. I need your votes to get there so please vote for Wayne Townsend for Windsor County, State Senate.

Sincerely,
Wayne Townsend
Bethel, Vt.

from Annmarie Christensen when she openly claims to have violent intentions toward them? I highly doubt it.

Regardless of what her personal political feelings may be, our state representatives are supposed to represent all of us within the parameters set forth in the Vermont Constitution. The residents of Cavendish and Weathersfield deserve better.

Sincerely,
Scott Ranney
Cavendish, Vt.

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Bow Baptist Church, 1102 Rt. 5

Sunday school at 10 a.m. Morning service at 11 a.m. Evening service at 6 p.m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7 p.m. Call 802-546-4902 or www.bowbaptist.com.

Open Bible Baptist Church, 168 Cemetery Rd.

Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Morning service at 11 a.m. Afternoon service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at 7 p.m. Sanctuary handicap accessible. Visit: obbvt.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Faith Christian Church, 582 Rockingham Rd.

Pastor Matt and Brenda Farkas welcome all to come and enjoy their services. Sunday worship and praise starts at 10 a.m. with the Message at 10:30 a.m. Children's Church (3-7 years) at 10:30 a.m. Holy Spirit service is on the first and third Sundays of the month at 6:30 p.m. Bible Study takes place on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. at the Flat Iron Exchange in Bellows Falls. For more information, call 802-591-1350. See us on TV: www.Sapatv.org - "Doing Life." www.fact8.com - "Say What!"

CAVENDISH-PROCTORSVILLE, VT.

Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main St.

Sundays at 10 a.m. More at CavendishBaptist.com or call 802-226-7131.

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church, Main St.

Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m. Call 802-228-3451.

Gethsemane Episcopal Church, 89 Depot St. Proctorsville

Join us for worship Sundays at 11 a.m. followed by a coffee hour. For more information, call 802-226-7967 or go to Facebook @GethsemaneVT.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

North Charlestown United Methodist Church, Rt. 12A River Rd.

Sunday worship begins at 9 a.m. Church is handicap accessible. Contact 603-826-0381.

Charlestown Congregational Church, 71 Main St.

Sunday service on starts at 10 a.m. All are welcome. For more information, call 603-826-3335.

CHESTER, VT.

St. Joseph's Church, 96 S. Main St.

Mass at 4 p.m. on Saturday and Thursday at 9 a.m. Confession from 3 - 3:30 p.m.

Fern Cook, 1929 - 2018

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Fern (Gragen) Cook, 89, died Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018 at her home. She was born Sept. 21, 1929 in Rutland, Vt., daughter of Elizabeth (Prindle) Gragen and Raymond Gragen. She was married to Wendell Cook Dec. 20, 1948. Fern was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, a member of the Catholic Daughters and the Altar Society. She enjoyed all types of arts and crafts. For many years, she worked as a teacher's aide in the Springfield school system.

Fern is survived by her husband of 70 years; five sons Thomas Cook (Debbie) of Cohasset, Mass., Dana Cook of Mount Holly, Vt., David Cook (Darla) of Reading, Vt., Wendell Cook II of North Springfield,

Vt., and Andrew Cook of Langdon, N.H.; 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter Jane (Cook) Kelso of Troy, N.Y.

Friends may call at the Davis Memorial Chapel Thursday, Oct. 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be held Friday, Oct. 12 at 11 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Springfield, Vt. Graveside committal services will follow at 3 p.m. in Pleasant View Cemetery, Randolph, Vt.

Memorial donations may be made to visiting Nurse and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire, P.O. Box 881, Brattleboro, VT 05302; or to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10 Pleasant St., Springfield, VT 05156.

Nettie M. Slattery, 1927 - 2018

SHELburne, Vt. - Nettie Mae "Betty" Ellis Slattery, 90, passed away peacefully Friday, Sept. 28, 2018 at The Arbors in Shelburne, Vt. while surrounded by her loving family and friends.

Nettie Mae was born Dec. 28, 1927 in Charlestown, N.H., the daughter of the late Joseph David and Ruth Lawyer Ellis. She married James F. Slattery Jr. June 12, 1948 at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in Burlington, Vt.

After high school, Nettie spent most of her years as a secretary for insurance firms in the Burlington area. She loved gardening, sewing, and cooking for her family. Her passion was working with engineers in development of her land in Fletcher, Vt.

Nettie Mae is survived by her three children James F. Slattery III and his wife Pamela of Essex Jct. and their daughters Amie, Jamie, and Sara Jean; Sharon L. Slattery of Cavendish, Vt.; Steven P. Slattery of Fort Myers, Fla. and his children Kristine and Michael; and grandsons Jeffrey and twins Jason and Greg Lawrence. She also leaves behind several great-grandchildren, close friends, and



Nettie M. Slattery, 1927 - 2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

relatives. Nettie Mae is preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, James F. Slattery, and daughter Patricia A. Slattery of Wells, Maine.

The family extends their most sincere thanks to the staff at Shelburne Bay, The Arbors at Shelburne, and the VNA Hospice of Chittenden County. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be directed to the VNA Hospice of Chittenden County, 1110 Prim Rd. Colchester, VT 05446.

From the family of Lester Cook

The family of Lester "Cookie" Cook would like to extend our deepest appreciation to all of you who showed comfort and kindness to us in our time of sorrow. We would especially like to thank Westminster Fire and Rescue, Westminster Congregational Church and the Women's Fellowship, Fenton and Hennessy Funeral Home, and to all of you whom provided food, flowers, words of comfort, and a laugh every now and then, as Dad would want.

Thank you,
Ken, Christine, and family
Mike, Ginger, and family
Andy and family

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

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

First Universalist Parish of Chester, Rt. 103. 211 North St.

On Sunday, Oct. 14, at 9:30 a.m., Rev. Kevin Carson will present the theological origins of Unitarians and Universalists from ancient Greeks to the Reformation. Music will include a medieval chant by Hildegard von Bingen, an Orlando di Lasso motet, and a renaissance mandolin ensemble. Service is followed by light refreshments and conversation. Free child care available for children under 5. The building is handicap accessible with an elevator to the downstairs. More at www.chestervtu.org or 802-875-3257.

Chester Baptist Church, 162 Main St.

Sunday school at 9 a.m. for children and adults. Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. Childcare is provided for toddlers through pre-school. Youth group meets Thursdays at 6 p.m. and prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m. Parking is on the street or in the lot at the rear of the building. Wheelchair accessible. Call 802-875-2638. Email churchoffice@chesterbaptist.org or visit www.chesterbaptist.org.

LONDONDERRY, VT.

The Village Church, 35 Church St., Belmont, Vt.

The Sunday service and children's church is at 9:30 a.m. Contact 802-259-2440; vbch.weebly.com.

First Baptist Church, 62 Crescent St., S. Londonderry, Vt.

Worship services are at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. For more information, visit www.firstbaptistlondonderryvt.org or call 802-856-7266.

Second Congregational Church, 2051 N. Main St.

Worship service is at 9:30 a.m. For more information, please call the church office, 802-824-6453.

LUDLOW, VT.

Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St.

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

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

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

Pamela J. Anderson, 1953 - 2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Pamela J. Anderson, 64, passed away Sunday evening, Sept. 30, 2018 at the Springfield Hospital in Springfield, Vt. She was born Dec. 13, 1953 in Springfield, Vt., the daughter of Robert D. and Elaine (Campbell) Whitney. She attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School.

She was employed with Ames Department Store, Dunkin Donuts, The Subway, and most recently she was employed as deli manager with the Scenic State Deli all in Spring-

field, Vt. She was also involved in paramedic training.

Pamela loved nature, loved music, loved spending time with family and friends, and was a mother figure to many.

She is survived by her son Dillon W. Blodgett of Springfield, her daughter Kelly Garcia of Belen, N.M., and two grandchildren Mason Gigure and Emily Garcia.

She was predeceased by her parents and one brother Jerry Whitney. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Seeley Morton, 1944 - 2018

CHESTER, Vt. - Seeley Morton passed away Oct. 2, 2018 at the Gill Home in Ludlow, Vt. Seeley was born July 19, 1944 at Rutland Hospital to John and Harriet (Weston) Morton. He was delivered by doctors Seeley Estabrook and Richard Seeley.

He graduated from Springfield High School in 1962. Later, he received his Bachelor of Science in education from Castleton State College in 1967. Hired out of his student teaching experience by Charles Nason, he taught for 32 years. He started teaching at the Simonsville School where he was the last teacher as the building closed and everyone moved to Chester-Andover Elementary School. At Chester-Andover, he was a fifth and sixth grade language arts and social studies teacher. He also instructed in a tutorial reading program. Through an educational grant from the state, he incorporated an advanced reading program. Later, he taught a multi-age curriculum.

He was fortunate to be in a community where volunteerism was richly showcased. This enabled him to facilitate a group of parents, contractors, and volunteers to build Bicycle Motocross, BMX track at the Chester Pinnacle. Later, he would enjoy that same community energy working with Chester's Recycle program, Eager Beaver, and Chester's Green-Up program. This led to a decade of employment at the Springfield Recycle Center. He served as

co-chairman to the River Valley Duck's Unlimited for two years. He was on the Board of Directors for the Windsor County South Credit Union. He devoted a great amount of time to the Boy Scout Troop 206 as Scout Master and Assistant Scout Master. He also served as selectman for the Town of Chester.

He joined Bellows Falls Elks Club #1619. There he was elected Elk of the Year in 1986. Later, he transferred to Springfield Elks Lodge #1560. He received a commendation for his efforts as chairman of the scholarship committee. He became a social member of The Greatest Sportsmen's Club in Duane, N.Y. as a lifetime member.

He enjoyed family, friends, hunting camp, a good game of pitch, and visits to the Adirondacks.

He is predeceased by his parents, brothers Wilbur Quimby and Robert Morton, and a sister Stasia Carey. He is survived by his wife Linda of 47 years, a daughter Beth, and son Kevin (Lexi), and grandson Aiden.

As per his wishes, there will be no visiting hours. Instead, a celebration of life will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018 at the Springfield Elks Lodge.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Elks' Scholarship Fund, c/o Springfield Elks Lodge #1560, 49 Park St. Springfield, VT 05156.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 90 Park St.

Vespers on Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Liturgy on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 802-885-2615 or go to www.htocvt.org.

Precision Valley Baptist Church, 69 Rt. 106

Adult Bible Study on Sundays from 9-9:45 a.m. Services start at 10 a.m. Located right next to Cota & Cota.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.

"Soul, Soil, and Our Social Network: Or How I Became a Fungist" with Rev. Mellen Kennedy and Laurel Green Sunday, Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. Let's ground ourselves, literally, in the earth we stand on. Join us for an exploration of our connection with the invisible world beneath our feet. Please bring some organic material such as leaves with you. Stay for the Souper Sunday lunch after the service. Free for newcomers. All are welcome. Call 802-885-3327 or go to www.uspringfieldvt.org.

WALPOLE, N.H.

First Congregational Church of Walpole / United Church of Christ, 15 Washington Sq.

We will host a delegate, Danniford Masunungure, from Zimbabwe from Oct. 12 - 29. He will be speaking Sunday, Oct. 14 during the Sunday service at 10 a.m. A potluck lunch will follow in Fellowship Hall. Wheelchair accessible with ramps and elevator. Call 603-756-4075 or email walpolechurch@yahoo.com.

St. John's Church, corner of Westminster and Elm St.

Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Services begin at 10 a.m., followed by coffee hour. For more information about Art After School program, our outreach efforts, call 603-756-4533.

All Church Services are listed online at www.vermontjournal.com. Click "News," then choose "Obituaries & Services."

Ronald P. Butler Sr., 1932 - 2018

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - Ronald P. Butler Sr., 86, passed away unexpectedly at his home Monday morning, Oct. 1, 2018. He was born Feb. 12, 1932 in Proctorsville, Vt., the son of Roy A. and Luella M. (Place) Butler. He attended Cavendish schools and graduated from Chester High School.

On April 15, 1953, Ron married Shirley Stevens in Salina, Kan.

He served in the United States Air Force for four years, and the United States Army for 20 years, serving during the Korean War and the Vietnam War. After retiring from the Army, he served as town clerk and treasurer for the Town of Cavendish for 23 years, retiring in 1994.

He enjoyed photography, gardening, dancing, bird watching, and vacationing in Aruba.

He is survived by his wife Shirley of Proctorsville; three sons Steven Butler of Perryville, Md., Ronald P. Butler Jr. of Buxton, Maine, and Garry Butler of Wallingford, Vt.;

two daughters Tina Butler and Laura Butler both of Proctorsville, Vt.; two brothers Richard Butler of Baltimore, Vt. and Ellsworth Butler of Cavendish, Vt.; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and six great-great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by his parents and by one brother Gordon Butler.

A graveside service was held Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018 at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Proctorsville, Vt. Reverend Gerry Piper, pastor of the United Methodist Church in Springfield, officiated.

Contributions may be made in his memory to the Proctorsville Volunteer Fire Department, 513 Main Street, Proctorsville, VT 05153 or to the Ludlow Ambulance Service, 19 West Hill, Ludlow, VT 05149.

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

Anthony W. Heath, 1948 - 2018

LANGDON, N.H. - Anthony W. Heath, 70, of Route 123A died Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018 after a period of declining health. Anthony was born in Island Falls, Maine June 28 1948, the son of Faustina (Wing) Heath. He was raised and educated in Sherman Mills, Maine and graduated in 1966. Anthony enjoyed working on the family-owned dairy farm.

Tony loved to climb Mt. Katahdin in Baxter State Park, Maine. He spent the summers with his uncle, Ralph Heath, who was a park ranger on the mountain, helping with tourists until his uncle was killed in a freak spring snowstorm after helping two women stranded on the mountain.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, 1966 - 1969. While in the service, he received a commendation for his service with the 69th Signal Battalion and 593D Signal Company as an outside plant repairman while in the Saigon/Tan Son Nhut area. He also received a letter of appreciation from the U.S. Army Infantry School. He was involved in the Tet Offensive and received the Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Stars as well as a Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device in 1960.

Tony moved to New Hampshire in 1970. He worked on local farms and in 1972 received his CDL, driving

for Agway as well as St. Johnsbury Trucking, and retired from Brattleboro Haulage due to health.

He leaves his wife Cynthia (Prescott) Heath whom he married in Maine May 21, 1987; two step-daughters Anne Graney (Joe) of New Jersey and Lisa Robichaud (Chris) of New Hampshire; one grandson Kyle Stetson of Keene; and six granddaughters, Keanna Bingham, McKenna Bingham, Hailey Robichaud, and Laci Robichaud of New Hampshire and Izabella Graney and Alivia Graney of New Jersey; five sisters Yvonne Patterson of Maine, Lillian Smith of Rose, N.Y., JoAnn Woodward of Maine, Carol McNally of Maine, and Darlene Heath of Maine. Tony also leaves many nieces and nephew whom he had a special place in his heart for each and every one. He is predeceased by his parents Faustina Wing Heath, who died Oct. 4, 2014, and Leonard Ingalls Heath, who died Dec. 4, 1997; and his daughter Michelle Stetson who died at the age of 39 Nov. 16, 2010.

There will be a graveside service 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11 in the Lower Langdon Cemetery, Langdon, N.H. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to Fall Mountain Friendly Meals, P.O. Box 191, Alstead, NH 03602.

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REGION – Vermonters love to see birds around their home, and putting out bird feeders is a popular way to attract our feathered friends to backyards. Vermont is among the top states in the country for people who report feeding and watching birds near their home.

However, birds aren't the only wildlife attracted by birdseed. Vermont's abundant bear population is increasingly coming into conflict with people as they raid people's bird feeders, often leading the bear to continue to seek food sources in residential areas. As a result, the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department urges Vermonters to hold off on putting bird feeders out until snow is well established. With plenty of seeds and berries on the landscape, birds have enough native foods to tide them over until bears are hibernating.

"Nature provides birds with ample natural food options, from flowers to seeds to fruits and insects," says John Buck, Vermont Fish & Wildlife's migratory bird biologist. "Vermonters can plant a variety of native plants and provide other resources that will naturally attract birds from spring



Planting native plants and providing for birds' natural habitat requirements allows residents to enjoy birds year-round without the use of bird feeders.

PHOTO BY EVERETT MARSHALL

through fall. These natural food sources are healthy for birds and provide bird-lovers with a safe alternative to putting out bird feeders. Providing natural food sources also helps prevent a concentration of birds in one place around a feeder, reducing the likelihood of disease transmission and unnatural predation rates."

As Vermonters put their gardens and yards to bed this fall, Buck has several recommendations for fall

plantings, as well as seeds to procure for the spring, that will safely encourage birds in backyards:

- Maintain natural diversity in your yard by adding fruiting shrubs, mixed-age trees, tall grasses, and bare patches to welcome several species and fulfill multiple habitat requirements.
- Plant a variety of native plants to provide food sources for birds, such as dogwood, choke cherry, or high bush blueberry. A list of local native shrubs that attract birds and other wildlife can be found at www.vt-fishandwildlife.com.

- Purchase seeds for spring planting including black-eyed Susan, milkweed, and coneflowers.
- Help birds overcome parasites by providing dust baths made of equal parts fine sand and wood ash in a birdbath or small planter.
- Provide water year-round.

For more information, go to www.tinyurl.com/VtBackyardHabitat.

Vinyl siding cleaning and maintenance tips

StatePoint - The type of siding you have on your home can affect how you spend your weekends, as some options require more maintenance and upkeep than others.

"While stucco, wood siding, fiber cement siding and engineered wood all require regular painting and caulking to look their best, today's vinyl siding needs only periodic cleaning with mild soap and water from a garden hose to achieve the same result," says Kevin Mickle, product manager at ProVia, a manufacturer of siding and other exterior building products.

For maximum curb appeal, the experts at ProVia are offering the following tips for maintaining and selecting vinyl siding.

To clean vinyl siding, use a soft cloth or ordinary long-handled, soft bristle brush. For textured surfaces, use only a soft bristle brush to keep the grooves in the texture stain-free. For best results, start at the bottom of the house and work your way up, taking care to rinse the cleaning solution completely before it dries. During

this process, cover any brick facing so it's not affected by the runoff. To remove mold and mildew, use a solution of 30 percent vinegar and 70 percent water.

Before using a power washer, read the washer's instructions carefully, as well as the recommendations of the siding manufacturer. Some manufacturers advise against the use of pressure washers on their products or have limitations on the amount of pressure and the cleaners that can be used. If you do choose to use a power washer, hold it at eye level to keep water on top of the siding where it can clean most effectively.

Ensure your cleaner of choice won't harm your siding. Spot check a small area first. Never use cleaners containing organic solvents, undiluted chlorine bleach, liquid grease remover, nail polish remover, or furniture polish.

When doing any home maintenance project involving stains, sealants and wet concrete, or when spraying the lawn with insecticides or herbicides, cover vinyl siding to protect its color.

Keeping siding away from signifi-

cant heat sources - do your barbecuing many paces away from the house and keep readily ignitable materials such as dry leaves, mulch, and trash away from the structure.

Whether you're building a home or upgrading your current exterior cladding, make an informed selection. Look for the VSI Product Certification Program label. This means the vinyl siding has gone through a third-party inspection process and was independently verified to meet or exceed the industry standard for quality. One brand meeting these rigorous standards is ProVia, which specializes in elegance and endurance and offers three types of professional-class vinyl siding to choose from: insulated, traditional, and decorative. All of their cladding is created with a Super Polymer Formulation for enhanced durability. To learn more, visit www.provia.com/siding.

Want to take your weekends back? By selecting vinyl siding for your home, you can get all the charm and curb appeal that traditional materials offer with a simpler maintenance routine.

Southern Vermont Hydroponics to present in Charlestown

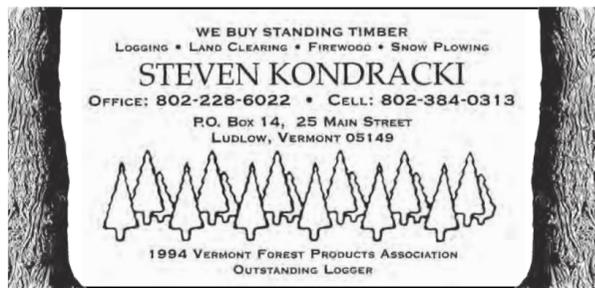
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - On Oct. 21, Casey Hodge from Southern Vermont Hydroponics will present a workshop at 4 p.m. in St. Luke's Par-



Build your own hydroponics set up. STOCK PHOTO

ish in Charlestown, N.H., demonstrating how to build your own low-cost hydroponics grow set up for the home. These set ups do not take up a lot of space yet can make it possible to grow an abundance of fresh food in your home this winter. It is easy, it is fun, and nothing beats eating fresh.

This seminar is free, and a light meal is provided. To register call 978-496-5006 or email lifestylematters.nh@gmail.com. St. Luke's Parish is located at 188 Main Street, Charlestown, N.H.



Black and white – a reemerging home design trend

StatePoint - Black and white always has been a classic color pairing, and this neutral palette has resurged as one of today's hottest design trends.

Whether your look is modern or traditional, knowing how to properly use black and white can provide balance and boldness to a home. Here are some tips to help integrate this trend into your space.

Create a luxurious living room

They say the darker the wall color, the smaller the space feels - but that's not entirely true when black walls are paired with the right light accents. In the right instances, black and white go together like yin and yang, transforming living rooms into picture-perfect



Use black and white for contrast and design throughout your home. PHOTO PROVIDED

spaces. "You can either go heavy on the black, with black painted walls or wallpaper, or make it the accent color and opt for white walls," says Danielle DeBoe Harper, interior designer and senior creative content manager at Moen, a leading manufacturer of kitchen and bath fixtures. "In a white-heavy room, include touches like artwork in black frames, a black

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StatePoint - Whether it's for entertaining purposes or to maximize living space for their families, homeowners are increasingly upgrading their outdoor spaces.

In fact, 88 percent of homeowners taking on landscaping projects upgrade outdoor living elements, such as furniture and heating features, to make spending time outside more comfortable, according to the Houzz 2018 Landscaping Survey.

To embrace the trend, consider the following.

Add living room touches

Create a flawless outdoor retreat with comfortable lounge chairs and all-weather sectionals that look like they belong inside. Go all out with color and bold furnishings - shades of magenta and teal go perfectly with nature's green elements. However, if you prefer neutrals, up the design factor with bright planters and accent pieces, or hang vibrant tiled artwork that can withstand the elements.

If you have an indoor patio or pergola, hanging decorative curtains provides style, shade, and privacy. Finalize the space with cushioned floor seats and activities, like board games and books, for the ultimate entertaining destination.

Include a beverage station

Have refreshments nearby with fun serving ware and a bar cart stocked with cocktail fixings - ice, lemons, olives, water, and soda - along with fruit juices and colorful sugar to rim glasses so even the kids can get in on the merriment. Add pretty patterned glassware, umbrella stir sticks, and a cocktail shaker to get the party start-



Give your home a refreshed look.

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Refresh common areas

Guests will access your home's entryway and powder room. Spruce up these spaces with a fresh coat of paint or by simply repainting the trim a crisp white. This can completely transform your home, making it look brighter and feel larger. With the right tools, you can pull off this impactful project with ease.

One of the most important tools you'll need is a premium painter's tape, like FrogTape brand painter's tape, to protect walls and floors. Treated with PaintBlock Technology, FrogTape can be used on a variety of surfaces to deliver the sharpest paint lines for professional-looking results, allowing you to get the job done faster and eliminating the need for touch-ups - which means more time spent outside.

To add a finishing touch, include

accents like colorful throw rugs, fresh flowers, and greenery.

Go green

Create a peaceful sanctuary outdoors with fresh flowers and greenery. If you don't have a green thumb, display low-maintenance verbena, lavender, and decorative grasses in attractive pots.

If you have minimal space, opt for a wall-mounted garden to add life and texture without creating a footprint. One easy way to do this is to repurpose an old wooden ladder and secure it to a wall. Succulents and herbs are easy to tend to and kids will love having a summer project to upkeep. Plus, nothing will impress guests more than clipping fresh herbs during your next cookout.

For more painting projects and décor tips, visit www.FrogTape.com.

Button up your home

CAVENDISH, Vt. - The Cavendish Energy Committee will host a free do-it-yourself "Button Up" home efficiency improvements weatherization workshop Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018 at 6 p.m. in the town office meeting room, 37 High Street in Cavendish. Residents of Cavendish or any other town are invited to attend.

Get some practical, hands-on guidance on how you can reduce heating and cooling costs in your home through do-it-yourself measures, including weather stripping your doors and windows, sealing the air leaks in your basement and attic, and installing interior storm windows. Any Vermont resident or property owner committing to undertake at least one new energy effi-



Button up your home from the elements this upcoming winter season.

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ciency product kit.

The presentation will be both informational and educational, focusing on the steps to take in order to weatherize your home. There will be plenty of time for questions, and at the end of the workshop you will understand more about the way homes use energy and what you can do to make your home more efficient. You can also get information necessary to secure a home energy assessment or audit, and you can also learn about the best financing options.

Refreshments will be served. For more information about the evening, please call Cheryl Leiner at 802-226-7820 or Peter LaBelle at 802-226-7250.

Rockingham Old House Award winners reception

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission will host a reception for the town's 2018 Old House Award winners Wednesday, Oct. 17, from 5 to 6 p.m. at Wunderbar, 22 Rockingham St., Bellows Falls. The public is invited to meet the winners and learn about the 2019 awards contest, which will kick off in the spring.

These annual awards sponsored by the commission are designed to recognize property owners in the town of Rockingham who are maintaining and restoring their historic homes and commercial and industrial buildings. Eligible properties are older homes and businesses that have been renovated, painted, or otherwise enhanced on the exterior in the past five years. Brass plaques are distributed to the winners.

This year's winners are:

- Celia and John Bohannon, owners of the Thompson-Minard

House at 23 Pleasant St., Saxtons River. Built in 1900, this home is described as having "an eclectically ornamented design unique in the [Saxtons River] historic district."

- Mary Fredette, owner of the Dorr and Jennie Thayer House at 10 Front St., Bellows Falls. The home is a Queen Anne Victorian built circa 1893.

- Robert McBride, owner of 82 Canal St., Bellows Falls. This Greek revival home was built circa 1840.

- OddBellows Corp. owner of 22 Rockingham St., Bellows Falls. Formerly home to the old JJ Newberry's and Oddfellows Hall, this 1938 commercial building now houses two eating establishments, including Wunderbar.



Awards for the Rockingham Old House restoration project to be presented.

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Those receiving honorable mention by the commission are David and Dawn Kersula, owners of 6 Temple Place, and Hurricane Acres LLC of Walpole, owner of 227 Rockingham St., both in Bellows Falls.

For more information about the event or the Old House Awards, contact Susan Reing, town historic preservation coordinator, at clg@rockbf.org.

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fireplace or a black painted floor and ceiling moldings. In a black-heavy area, use white trim and rugs to offset dark walls for a contemporary look, or organic wood accents to create a unique boho feel."

In modern homes, DeBoe Harper recommends incorporating a pair of bold buffalo check chairs or large scale black and white photos. For a more traditional approach, she suggests using silk black and white striped curtains, or painting the ceiling in a black and white herringbone design.

Turn up the heat in your kitchen

Also known as entertaining central, your kitchen is the perfect location for some wow factor. The boldness of black and white will seriously impress your guests.

"A lot of homeowners want the clean kitchen look, so they're afraid to bring in a dark, dramatic color," says DeBoe Harper. "In reality, incorporating black cabinets or fix-

tures into an all-white kitchen can give it an upscale, current feel that's still streamlined - and doesn't require cluttering your countertops with accent pieces."

Consider combining a matte black faucet, such as Moen's Sleek kitchen faucet, with a white backsplash and counters, or mixing black bentwood café chairs around a modern white tulip table for a more eclectic approach.

Shower your bathroom with style

Black and white can give your bathroom a clean, crisp look. Infuse black accents through a matte black faucet and coordinating accessories, like those from Moen's Genta bathroom suite, or through black and white floor tiles in a geometric print. Towels also provide an opportunity to add texture and visual interest, whether it's a modern floral or traditional houndstooth.

For a seriously eye-catching shower, install black and white striped tile. Keep the bathroom's walls white, so the tiles really pop, expanding the stripes to the ceiling to emphasize the

height of your bathroom walls and make it feel bigger - the thinner the stripes, the bigger the statement.

"Integrating black and white makes your space feel sophisticated, yet playful and on trend," adds DeBoe Harper. "Use these tips to achieve the ideal balance in your home."

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BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

Front Porch Half Marathon

Each year, Bellows Falls Front Porch Half Marathon sneaks up on me. It really shouldn't. It is always held the Saturday prior to Columbus Day weekend. This year, the race took place Saturday, Sept. 29, which by date is the earliest it can be run. That is because Columbus Day - or should we say Indigenous Peoples Day - was Oct. 8 this time around and that is as early as it gets. Both those dates actually snuck up on me you could say.

There are actually two races annually staged. One is the half marathon and the other is an eight-miler. Registration for both of these events begins months in advance. Generally, the majority of competitors don't sign up until the last few weeks or days. Race spokesperson Morgan Potter doesn't even know the quality of some of the runners until the race is run.

"There are always surprises," Potter said. "I think it is very cool that people from any number of states will take part every year."

This time around there were over 100 participants, including competitors from Florida, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Ohio, Tennessee, and Texas. None of those runners claimed the top three positions in either race, but they were part of the over all flavor of what is turning into many runners' dream every year.

Potter said, "We're super excited about this event and the positive impact it has on our community. Each year we get great support from the Town of Rockingham, the police and fire department, Westminster Fire, and many community members who give their time to help us out. Last year one of our donations went to Friends For Change, a local youth organization created after the Boys and Girls Club was defunded. We have also started a scholarship for a BFUHS graduating senior who plans to pursue a degree in fitness and/or wellness. This year's money is targeted for the scholarship."

Every year, a good number of the participants are attracted by a phenomenon of the runners' world - a desire to run a half marathon in every state. The Front Porch race is a wonderful scenic route, which is praised by the out-of-town runners. The race begins at the Depot at the Waypoint Center, includes streets in the village of Bellows Falls, travels out through Gageville, passes through streets in Saxtons River including the Vermont Academy campus, over the Hall Covered Bridge on the way back. It takes runners on the dirt road to historic Barbers Park - which is only a name or distant memory to most - and back to the Square in Bellows Falls. The eight-mile race turns at the Hall Bridge and returns to Bellows Falls.

Patrick Clark, who resides in Walpole, N.H. and finished third a year ago, improved his time by more than a minute and a half and captured the half marathon this year in 1:35:04. Elizabeth Markison, of West Dover, Vt., was second only five minutes behind followed by Alexandra Bryar of Somerville, Mass., who grew up in Grafton.

Luke Teschner of White River Junction captured the eight-mile competition in a course record 51:21 in the fifth year of the event. Brian Lashway of Charlestown, N.H., was a little over a minute behind to finish second, while former Bellows Falls Terrier standout Nicolas Potter was third. Potter is expected to join the Marines in a few weeks.

Next year's race will jump two weeks on the calendar and will be staged



Patrick Clark finished third in the Front Porch Half Marathon a year ago, but he came back this year and won.

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Luke Teschner of White River Junction won the eight-mile race.

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Former BF Terrier runner Nicholas Potter finished third in the Eight-miler competition.

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Elizabeth Markison placed second in the half marathon competition.

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Oct. 12, and Potter encourages "community members who live on the route to step out on their porches on race day next year, enjoy the determination on the faces passing by, and help us cheer on the runners as they work to accomplish an amazing goal," which in every case could be a completely different expectation.

High school football

For the second week in a row, no area high school football team found themselves suffering a loss. Bellows Falls stayed alive in their battle for second place in Vermont's Division II, by whacking Mount Abraham 46-16, while spring remains in the competition for a home play-off game with a 40-24 conquest of Oxbow. Both teams won on their home turf convincingly. The Cosmos are now 3-3. Fall Mountain, who won the last time out, was idle.

Bellows Fall's Bob Lockerby was pleased with his team's victory feeling that "our commitment to details has improved and is important to our overall success. In the end, the little things will make the difference, and we have to be ready when it matters." The Terriers host Fair Haven on Senior Night Friday, Oct. 12 in a crucial Division II contest.

The Purple and White scored three first-quarter touchdowns and took a 20-0 lead. On the second play from scrimmage, Brady Clark, who rushed for 111 yards on the day, broke loose on a 47-yard run to paydirt. Griffin Waryas passed to Sam Mellish for the two-point conversion. A 2-yard run by Julian Christiansen and a Waryas pass of 25 yards to Dylan Clark completed the first stanza scoring.

The tally was 34-8 Bellows Falls at the half. Brady Clark came up with his second touchdown on a 40-yard run with Jed Lober rushing for the two-point extra points. Then Andrew Elliott, who rushed for 92 yards in the game, added a 35-yard touchdown run. In the second half, Waryas dropped off a 26-yard screen pass to Lober and Hunter Smith had a 2-yard scoring run for the final two scores for the locals.

Jeff Rainville, Reno Tuttle, Dylan Clark, and Aiden and Hunter Smith were all involved in six or more tackles for the Bellows Falls defensively.

Cosmo leader Todd Aiken says his team "started slow, had some good runs early, but penalties and mistakes again made it a sloppy first quarter." The Cosmos have a habit of starting slow, and they may have overcome that in the win over Oxbow, but chances are they will have to clean things up to compete with

Windsor this Friday night at Brown Field.

Jacob Stepler, who had three touchdowns on the night, ran for a 35-yard touchdown in the opening quarter to put his team ahead 6-0. Springfield led 14-6 after one stanza, as Stepler added a 23-yard scoring run and a Sam Presch rush for extra points offset an Oxbow touchdown and the game stood at 14-12.

Two second quarter touchdowns allowed the Green and White to take control. The Cosmos looked in trouble at one time, but Aiken said, "Our defense stood tall and forced a punt." Then Stepler broke loose for a 37-yard touchdown run and Presch, on a fourth and 7, found Noah Zierfus on a 68-yard pass play for a touchdown for a 28-12 halftime advantage. Ryan Kirker rushed for one two-point conversion.

In the second half, the Cosmos scored when Presch saw a passing play break down and he scrambled 10 yards for a score, and there was another pass connection between Presch and Zierfus of 21 yards. Aiken gave credit to Bryson Jester and Donovan Sprano for strong rushing attempts in addition to the rushers who scored.

Aiken said during the contest he "saw a different attitude in our line play and overall toughness. Then the focus was on Windsor as soon as the Oxbow game ended."

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



Terrier running back Andrew Elliott is off on his 35-yard touchdown run. The Terriers host Fair Haven this Friday for Senior Night.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Cosmos quarterback is under pressure in the Bellows Falls game. This week in a victory versus Oxbow, Presch took off a scramble when his receivers were covered and scored.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

Curling Club to hold open house

HARTFORD, Vt. - Remember the last Winter Olympics? Many people watched the fast-growing sport of curling last February and many people tried it. But many still wonder what it is all about. While it is easy to understand curling, to truly appreciate the game you have to experience it.

The Upper Valley Curling Club plays regularly at the Barwood Are-



Upper Valley Curling Club. PHOTO PROVIDED

na in White River Junction, and the club members want to share the game. They will hold an open house at the arena Saturday, Oct. 20, 6 to 8 p.m. The event is free, but for planning purposes, they ask that you register at their website www.uppervalleycurling.org.

Experienced curlers will demonstrate the basic elements of the game and will answer questions about throwing the stone, sweeping, and scoring. They will also talk about strategy. Since the arena will be quite cold, you are asked to wear warm clothing, including hats and gloves, and to wear clean shoes with non-skid soles.

For more information about the curling club, please go to www.uppervalleycurling.org or email uppervalleycurling@gmail.com.

The Barwood Arena is located behind the high school in White River Junction at 45 Highland Ave.

Bly, Town, Lyn are 2018 speedway champs

CLAREMONT, N.H. - Claremont Speedway opened its doors to the 2018 season on a chilly May 4 night with Aaron Fellows, Super Stock; Chris Riendeau, Street Stock; and Josh Rondeau, Wild Cat, each earning a stop in Daddy's Pizza Victory Lane.

While none of the trio would hoist a championship trophy 21 weeks later, all three would be back in the winner's circle again, Ascutey's Riendeau scoring an astonishing 11 feature wins before all was said and done. Fellows, despite running only an abbreviated schedule for the Richardson Racing team, would lead his division with five feature victories.

The third-mile oval staged an improbable table-running season of 21 completed events in 21 weeks, twice using its new next-day rain date policy and once running double R.E. Hinkley Super Street features when late-show showers forced the night's final feature to be postponed. After losing seven events to rain a season earlier, the

21/21 campaign was refreshing.

Pepsi Street Stocker Bryan Town, the division's king a decade earlier won on week two, as did Mark McClay in the Super Streets and Rondeau, again, in the Wild Cats. The speedbowl's defending 2017 champs had yet to get untracked.

Zach Lyn, the defending Wild Cat king, scored his first victory of the summer on week four. Ricky Bly, who'd earned his career-first Super Street championship in 2017 had yet to tame his new ride, while it's notable that Dylan Bodreau - wheeling Bly's champ car from the previous summer - would take his first of three victory laps on week seven.

Bly finally put it all together on week 11, topping the Mike Richardson Memorial segment race and, although it was a non-points event, the Sunapee speedster showed all on hand that the king was back. At the half-season mark, Town and Riendeau were firmly locked in a battle for the crown vacated by Tyler Janovsky last September. It was an epic back-and-forth that would continue until

the final lap of the season.

When the 20th event of the season was completed Sept. 21, Lyn - with six feature wins under his belt - had already clinched his second consecutive T-Bird Mini Mart Wild Cat championship. Bly and Town held slim leads in their respective points chases, with both Bodreau and Riendeau hoping for big things in the season's 21st and final night of racing.

Both would score feature wins in the finale, but Bly and Town each earned runner-up trophies to end their hard-fought campaigns as track champions.

Bly earned his second title by a slim, 911-904, margin when 21 weeks of racing had been completed. Town's 2018 championship summer was even more of a nail biter, as the hometown pilot edged Riendeau by only two markers, 1,015-1,013. Had he dropped a single position in any of the season's 21 feature races, he and Riendeau would have ended the summer tied.

Bly, Town, and Lyn will each celebrate their championship season

when the third-mile speedplant holds its annual awards banquet. Feted as Rookies of The Year will be Matt Sonnhalter, Super Street; Robbie Streeter, Street Stock; and Kyle Templeton, Wild Cat. Templeton, a four-time 2018 feature winner, finished second to Lyn in the points parade.

Other significant feature winners during the 2018 speedway season included Grantham's Mike Willis Jr., who won a 100-lap Tri-Track Modified Series event in late May, Nutmeg State open-wheel star Ronnie Silk, the winner of two extra distance, big money Modified shows, Maniac Jacob Dore, victorious in the Granite State Pro Stock Series biggie, and Emerson Cayer, who pocketed more than \$3,000 for his win in the NEMST Four-Cylinder Nationals race in September.

Another notable September achievement was the presentation of \$2,000 to the Friends of Norris Cotton Cancer Center from the Claremont Speedway family, an annual endeavor of the third-mile oval's management, competitors, and fans.

High school fall sports schedule, Week 8

FRIDAY, OCT. 12 -

Cross Country:

• Varsity Fall Mountain @ Keene HS CVC Championship

Football:

• Varsity Fair Haven @ Bellows Falls 7 p.m.
• Varsity Windsor @ Springfield 7 p.m.

Soccer:

• Boys Varsity Bellows Falls @ Black River 6 p.m.
• Boys JV/Varsity Fair Haven @ Leland & Gray 4 p.m.
• Boys Varsity Fall Mountain @ Monadnock 4 p.m.

• Girls JV/Varsity Campbell @ Fall Mountain 6 p.m.

Volleyball:

• Varsity Campbell @ Fall Mountain 6:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 13 -

Field Hockey:

• Varsity/JV Bellows Falls @ Fair Haven 11 a.m./12:15 p.m.

Football:

• Varsity Fall Mountain @ Bishop Brady 2 p.m.

Soccer:

• Boys JV Windsor @ Fall Mountain 10 a.m.
• Boys Varsity Twin Valley @ Green Mountain 4 p.m.
• Boys JV/Varsity Rivendell @ Leland & Gray 1 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 15 -

Field Hockey:

• Varsity/JV Burr & Burton @ Bellows Falls 4/5:15 p.m.

Soccer:

• Boys Varsity Black River @ Long Trail 4 p.m.

• Girls Varsity Green Mountain @ Leland & Gray 4 p.m.

Volleyball:

• Varsity Mascoma Valley @ Fall Mountain 6:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 16 -

• Cross Country:
• Varsity Meet @ Bellows Falls 3 p.m.

Field Hockey:

• Varsity Springfield @ Windsor 4 p.m.

Soccer:

• Boys Varsity Green Mountain @ Twin Valley 6 p.m.
• Boys JV/Varsity Hillsboro-Deering @ Fall Mountain 4/6 p.m.
• Boys Varsity Leland & Gray @ Mill River 4 p.m.

• Boys Varsity Proctor @ Bellows Falls 4 p.m.
• Boys Varsity Springfield @ Arlington 4 p.m.

• Boys JV Leland & Gray @ Windsor 4 p.m.

• Girls Varsity Black River @ Arlington 4 p.m.

• Girls JV/Varsity Fall Mountain @ Hopkinton 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17 -

• Field Hockey:
• JV/Varsity Bellows Falls @ Brattleboro 4:30/6 p.m.

Soccer:

• Girls JV/Varsity Green Mountain @ Otter Valley 4 p.m.

• Girls Varsity Leland & Gray @ Bellows Falls 4 p.m.

• Girls JV/Varsity Springfield @ Hartford 4/6 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 18 -

• Soccer:
• Boys Varsity Bellows Falls @ Mount St. Joseph 4 p.m.

• Boys Varsity Conant @ Fall Mountain 6 p.m.

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• Boys Varsity Otter Valley @ Leland & Gray 4 p.m.

• Boys JV Brattleboro @ Fall Mountain 4 p.m.

• Girls JV Brattleboro @ Fall Mountain 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 19 -

• Field Hockey:
• Varsity Woodstock @ Springfield 4 p.m.

Football:

• Varsity Bellows Falls @ U-32 7 p.m.
• Varsity Mascoma Valley @ Fall Mountain 7 p.m.

Soccer:

• Boys Varsity Black River @ Proctor 4 p.m.
• Boys JV/Varsity Stratton @ Leland & Gray 4 p.m.

• Boys Varsity Windsor @ Springfield 4 p.m.

• Girls JV/Varsity Bellows Falls @ Green Mountain 4 p.m.

• Girls Varsity Black River @ Long Trail 4 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, OCT. 20 -

Football:

• Varsity Springfield @ Poultney 1 p.m.

Soccer:

• Boys Varsity Green Mountain @ Mount St. Joseph 11 a.m.

• Girls Varsity Windsor @ Leland & Gray 1 p.m.

• Girls JV/Varsity Woodstock @ Springfield 5/7 p.m.

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arts & entertainment

Saxtons River chili contest —

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. — The hearty smells of chili will waft through the air Saturday, Oct. 20 as the Saxtons River Rec hosts its annual chili contest from noon to 2 p.m. in the yard at Main Street Arts on Main Street.

For a small fee, participants are entitled to endless samples of the chili entries, cornbread to cleanse their palates, and a ballot to choose their favorites in the individual and business categories. Proceeds benefit the Rec and its youth soccer program.

Businesses and individuals may register to participate in the contest by contacting Samantha Fletcher at 802-869-1407 before 9 p.m.

The event features live music, a bake sale, and other fundraising activities. Rain site is the basement of Christ's Church.



Layla Maiocco serves up the Saxtons River Inn's chili entry to Heidi Lauricella at last year's chili contest to benefit the Saxtons River Rec Area. PHOTO PROVIDED

A Taste of Fall to raise funds for the food shelf

LUDLOW, Vt. — Fall is in the air and it's time to taste the season! The Black River Middle and High School faculty and staff will hold "A Taste of Fall" Thursday, Oct. 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Ludlow Community Center to benefit Black River Good Neighbors, the local food shelf.

This event has become a tradition in Ludlow. Over a dozen local restaurants and bakeries will supply a sampling of seasonal local favorites for all to enjoy. Buy tickets and use them to sample each vendor's tasty offerings. Each ticket grants the holder one culinary sampling of his or her

choice. The more tickets you buy, the more samples you try. And all the money goes to help feed those who are less fortunate.

The Ludlow Community Center is located at 37 Main Street in Ludlow, between the high school and the Black River Good Neighbors' food shelf and thrift store. For more information, please call 802-228-3663.

Jeffrey Spring is VAULT's Open Studio featured artist

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — There's a lot going on in the Springfield area over the upcoming statewide Vermont Open Studio Tour Oct. 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Gallery at the VAULT on 68 Main Street, exhibiting the work of 160 artists, is your information center.

Stop by to meet photographer Jeffrey Spring who will be at VAULT on both days from 1 to 3 p.m. and will bring a special selection of his work to exhibit and sell. Jeffrey's experience in building sets for Universal Studios and numerous Broadway productions direct his images to be built into a supporting environment. Jeffrey explains that, "Like a theatrical presentation, careful balance of light, setting and elemental emphasis, all effect the way the work is observed and, as a result, can be repeatedly interpreted. Each piece is different in presentation and construction."

VAULT is right next door to the Copper Fox Restaurant, open from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 9 p.m., Wednesday through Monday, so that includes



Jeffrey Spring, "Dinghy."

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Crafts, fiber and wool; and L.G. Mansfield Artworks, watercolor paintings.

Gallery at the VAULT will be open Oct. 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Regular hours are Wednesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Open Studio Weekend.

A brand new exhibit at the Great Hall is close by on 100 River Street. "Healing, The Transformative Imagery of Art" is a celebration of Springfield Hospital's 105th anniversary. Twelve artists explore the connections between the arts, healing, and health in painting, sculpture, glass, fiber, and mixed media. The Great Hall will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

Next to the Great Hall is Trout River Brewery. Sample their craft beer and have something to eat at the Food Truck, beginning at noon on Saturday. Other Open Studios in the area include Rich DeTrano, woodturner; Robert O'Brien, watercolor paintings; Angie Follensbee-Hall, mixed media; Sunrise Hill Farm and

and Monday 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Stop in anytime to pick up your free Open Studio booklet. For VAULT's full range of classes and exhibits, see www.galleryvault.org.

Open Studio Weekend is a statewide celebration of the visual arts and creative process, offering a unique opportunity for visitors to meet a wide variety of artists and craftspeople in their studios, some of which are only open to the public during this event. The Vermont Crafts Council is a nonprofit organization serving the Vermont visual arts community. Open Studio Weekend is supported by the Vermont Arts Council and by the Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing.

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Independent and Assisted Living

The Meaning of Maps is next OLLI program

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — William Morris, a cartographer, will present the next OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program Tuesday, Oct. 16. "The Meaning of Maps" will be presented at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Catholic Church on Pleasant Street in Springfield, Vt.

The state of cartographic technology in 2018 is radically different than it was even two decades ago. Morris will describe how satellites, the internet, and mobile devices have rewired our present understanding of geography.

Morris is a senior analyst at Faraday Inc., a Middlebury based company, which is an artificial intelligence platform for business-to-consumer customers. They use advanced machine learning techniques to optimize revenue output.



"The Meaning of Maps" with William Morris. PHOTO PROVIDED

Morris describes his job as "I am a data plumber. My work involves applying the strength of spatial relationships to real-world challenges in the realms of governance, agriculture and environmental conservation."

OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning In-

stitute, 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 for the semester includes nine programs. Nonmembers are encouraged and welcome to at-

tend individual lectures for a single program fee. Memberships, as well as single program fees, may be paid at the program.

The following OLLI program will be just one week later Tuesday, Oct. 23, and will be "The Black Bear: Nature's Voracious Omnivore," with by one of the group's favorite presenters, naturalist educator Kurt Valenta.

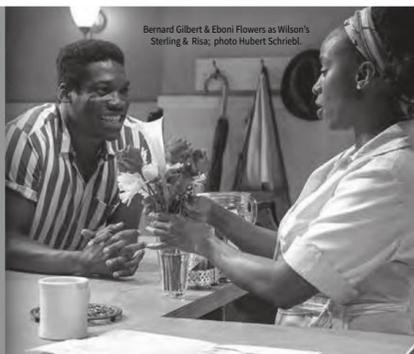
Brochures have been distributed throughout the area towns at businesses, the local libraries, town halls, and Chamber of Commerce offices. The complete Springfield and statewide program list is available at www.learn.uvm.edu/olli. Choose statewide programs from the menu, and then scroll to Springfield.

Ida Mae Specker returns

JAMAICA, Vt. — Local folk icon, Ida Mae Specker, returns to the historic Jamaica Town Hall Thursday, Oct. 18. A third generation fiddle player, Ida Mae was born in a one-room cabin in the woods of Vermont. Along with her older sister Lila, she learned to play the fiddle at a very early age from her father, John Specker. Reviewer Dan Bolles lauded her visceral, woozy grit and states that "much like her father, Ida Mae Specker is a profoundly gifted and technically sound fiddler.

Her multifaceted bowing technique is particularly impressive. In terms of raw energy, Single Girl (2013 solo album) stands about a country mile from the majority of bluegrass and old-time releases."

The show, hosted by the Jamaica Community Arts Council, will begin at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. and a suggested donation. For more information, go to www.JamaicaCommunityArts.org or www.IdaMaeSpecker.com.



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Enter your scarecrow to the best scarecrow competition —

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. — Scarecrows will gather in Saxtons River when contestants submit their best harvest figures Saturday, Oct. 20 for the Main Street Arts Best Scarecrow Competition.

Entries will be judged during the Saxtons River Rec chili contest held on the MSA green from noon to 2 p.m. Entries are welcome any time before noon.

There is no charge to enter, and individuals and families are encouraged to put their creativity to work to make figures that will become part of the fall scene in the village.

Further information is available by contacting MSA at info@mainstreetarts.org, 802-869-2566, or on Facebook or Twitter.



Best Scarecrow Competition, Oct. 20.
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Enter yours for a chance to win!
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Big Woods raises the roof —

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. — Four voices, powerful medicine. That's one way to describe Big Woods, the Vermont cappella quartet of performers with a shared passion for close harmonies. These veteran singers, musicians, and composers will perform in Proctorsville's Raise the Roof concert series Sunday, Oct. 14 at Gethsemane Church. The pristine acoustics of the 1895 wooden church create the perfect setting for a cappella voices, making the music of Big Woods feel like hearing poetry on the wing.

The group unites their diverse talents to perform music from traditions around the world and American roots genres - from heart stopping to foot stomping. Big Woods is made up of Will Danforth, singer-songwriter and traditional acoustic artist; Becky Graber, director of the Brattleboro Women's Chorus and Animaterra Women's Chorus; Amanda Witman,



Big Woods Voices.

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founder of the wildly popular Brattleboro Pub Sing; and Alan Blood longtime bass singer for the Blanche Moyses Chorale, I Cantori, and House Blend. What better way to spend a

late fall Sunday afternoon.

The concert begins at 4 p.m. at Gethsemane Church at 89 Depot St. There is an admission fee at the door.

Free movie night at the library —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Join us at the Springfield Town Library Friday, Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m. for a fun movie musical based on the Newsboys Strike of 1899 in New York City. Enjoy refreshments from the Springfield Co-op and maybe even sing along! This PG movie stars Christian Bale, Bill Pullman, and

Robert Duvall. The strike evokes the themes of "Bread and Roses, Too," our 2018 Vermont Reads title.

This program is sponsored by the Springfield Town Library, Vermont Humanities Council, in collaboration with the Springfield Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Springfield Art and Historical Society,

and the Springfield Co-op. It is free, accessible to people with disabilities, and open to the public.

The Springfield Library is located at 43 Main Street, Springfield, Vt. For more information, contact 802-885-3108 or stlas@vermontel.net.

Tusk to perform tribute to Fleetwood Mac —

CLAREMONT, N.H. — From Fly on the Wall Concerts, Tusk, the #1 Tribute to Fleetwood Mac in the world, returns to the Claremont Opera House, 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018 to an excited and growing fan base.

No wigs, no backing tracks, no gimmicks, just five musicians recreating the music of Fleetwood Mac to perfection with note for note renditions that no other Fleetwood Mac tribute on the touring scene today can come close to duplicating. Tusk covers all the great hits of Fleetwood Mac, which has featured the talents of Mick Fleetwood, Christine and John McVie, Lindsey Buckingham, Stevie Nicks, and others over the years. The five seasoned, well-respected musicians comprising Tusk have been making music together in various combinations and styles, in original outfits and in cover bands, for over 25 years. It seemed only fitting that they should come together to form the Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute, and pay homage to a group that dominated the charts during the band members' formative years.

Authentic-sounding and always respectful, Tusk leaves no stone unturned in replicating the sounds of one of the world's best-loved, top-selling bands.

Fans who saw this band last year are already gathering friends and ordering their favorite seats. Area restaurants will be busy so COH sug-

gests you call them ahead to book a reservation. Sweetfire BBQ will be at the event with a cash bar serving beer and wine available before the show and during intermission. Ticket can be purchased in house at 58 Opera House Square, by phone at 603-542-433, or online at www.claremontoperahouse.org.



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Claremont Opera House offers educational programs —

CLAREMONT, N.H. — Claremont Opera House offers educational programs during the school season to enhance the education of children. Area home schools, schools, and even a few adults attend these educational, life enhancing, entertaining programs. This season, all of the programs including one movie and the four live theatrical programs from Bright Star Theatre are at 10 a.m. on Fridays. Each year, Bright Star Touring Theatre serves nearly 2,000 audiences in schools, theaters, libraries, museums, and more across the country. The company has gained international acclaim, working with the Department of Defense schools at military bases in Europe and with the Anglo-American School of Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia.

The first of these five programs at Claremont Opera House is 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 19 with a performance of their acclaimed show "Count Mathula."

This math adventure is meant to help the good Count learn that numbers, math problems,



Count Mathula.

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and even equations can be fun! What happens when the Count can't count? Count Mathula, the Count of Mathsylvania, is planning a party for all of his loyal subjects. However, the good Count has long ago decided that he can't be bothered with the difficulties of mathematics. Through this math adventure, the good Count learns numbers, math problems, and even equations can be fun! In this

highly interactive show, the audience helps out as the clumsy Count learns to love math as much as the students! This program is rated STEM and is best appreciated by audiences in grades K through five and by anyone young at heart.

Other upcoming events are "Wonder the Movie" Nov. 16, "George Washington Carver" for black history month Feb. 1, "Jack's Great Space Adventure" March 29, and "One Small Step" May 3. More information is available online at www.claremontoperahouse.org.

Tickets are usually available at the door, but it is best to call 603-542-4433 for reservation.

Dash to the Dam costumed 5K —

TOWNSEND, Vt. — On Oct. 20, West River Valley Thrives, a substance use education and prevention organization focusing primarily on youth, will host their third annual costumed 5K run/walk along the West River Trail in Townshend, with registration starting at 9 a.m. At 10 a.m., runners will race from the "Old Route 30" trailhead to the Townshend Dam Rec Area. At the finish, there will be food, drinks, prizes, and activities for everyone. Children under 5 run for free. Wear a costume - runner or not - and you might win a prize!

For more information and to register, visit West River Valley Thrives website at www.wrvthrives.com, scroll down, and click on the registration button. You may also call Nick Plante at 802-365-4700.

This race is a fundraiser to ben-

efit the programs of West River Valley Thrives, a youth substance use education and prevention organization in Townshend, Vt., serving the upper West River Valley towns.

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outdoor news

Neighborhood newts

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Imagine this: You walk along a familiar path in your neighborhood one day, when you glance down and spot a small, bright orange creature. It looks like a lizard, but is it? Then you start to wonder... where did it come from? How did it get here? Why haven't I noticed one before? To learn the answers to these and other questions - and meet some of these tiny, wild neighbors - join us at the Springfield Town Library on Wednesday, Oct. 17, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Newts will be presented by Laurie Coonradt who has an extensive background in environmental education. The Springfield Town Library is located



Newt.

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at 43 Main Street, Springfield, Vt.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information,

please contact the Springfield Town Library at 802-885-3108 or stlas@vermontel.net.

Muzzleloader antlerless deer permit winners announced

MONTPELIER, Vt. - Deer hunters who applied for a Vermont muzzleloader season antlerless deer permit by the Aug. 29 deadline can now go to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife website, www.vtfishandwildlife.com, to see if they won a permit.

Fish & Wildlife announced the winners Sept. 26, after conducting a randomized computer drawing. Permit winners are listed in two categories: regular lottery winners and landowners. Landowners who apply for a landowner antlerless permit are prohibited by law from posting their land against hunting.

"Hunters can go to our website to find out if they are recipients of a muzzleloader season antlerless permit," said Fish & Wildlife Commissioner Louis Porter. "Knowing early if they've won will help them plan their hunting this fall."

Permit recipients will need to re-print their licenses, which have been reformatted to include their antlerless permits. Paper "postcard" permits will not be sent in regular mail.

A total of 27,000 December muzzleloader season antlerless permits are authorized for use in 18 of Vermont's 21 Wildlife Management Units, which is estimated to result in 3,914 antlerless deer being taken.



A lottery drawing for winners of Vermont muzzleloader season antlerless deer permits was held Sept. 26. Results are posted on the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department website.

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The department says it has several thousand unallocated antlerless deer permits to be used in the Dec. 1-9 muzzleloader deer season after it held its annual permit lottery. These permits can be purchased on the department's website on a first come, first served basis.

A person who won a permit in the lottery may not purchase a second permit unless they take a deer with their first permit in the December

season and then only if they have not reached their three-deer annual limit or two-deer muzzleloader season limit.

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

"Harvesting antlerless deer affords Vermont hunters the chance to secure locally sourced food for their families," Porter noted. "It also helps the department balance the deer population with the available habitat."

Walk to the Windmill Oct. 13

PUTNEY, Vt. - This is one special and very different hike! Leaders from the Putney Mountain Association and Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association will guide hikers from different starting points, via different routes, to converge upon the site of the ancient windmill that inspired the names for Windmill Mountain, Windmill Hill, and Windmill Ridge. This free, coordinated hike will take place Saturday, Oct. 13, beginning at either 10 or 11 a.m. and ending around 2 p.m. The times depend upon the routes taken. Because of necessary carpooling to and from different trailheads, advance registration is required so that detailed directions and information about the routes may be given and the

groups can be relatively even in size. The rain date is Sunday, Oct. 14.

The plan is for participants to meet at noon at the site of the ancient windmill, located at the junction of five different hiking trails, for a celebration of shared history and conservation, past and present, by the two volunteer organizations that made these protected lands and their trails possible. At the celebration, hikers will learn about the Five Corners, the early ridgeline settlement there, and the history of the ridge and its conservation by the Putney Mountain Association and the Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association. Picnic lunch will follow.

Participants should bring water, a bag lunch, insect repellent, and perhaps a walking stick. All trail routes

are rated medium, but several have steep sections. The five starting and parking points are the trailheads at Putney Mountain, Grassy Brook, and Holden Trail; plus private houses on Banning Road and Windmill Hill Road South. Trails taken will traverse parts of Putney, Brookline, and Westminster.

For information and required registration, please contact Elizabeth Bissell at ehfbissell@gmail.com or 802-387-4587. A map showing the different routes and giving information about their rate of difficulty and their start times and locations may be found at www.putneymountain.org or www.windmillhillpinnacle.org. The Pinnacle Association is also on Facebook at www.facebook.com/windmillhillpinnacle.

Halloween Wildlife Festival and Jack-O'-Lantern Hike

CASTLETON, Vt. - Looking for a "wild" family-based adventure for Halloween this year? The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is inviting families to attend the sixth annual Halloween Wildlife Festival and Jack-o'-Lantern Hike at the Kehoe Education Center on Point of Pines Road in Castleton. The event takes place Friday, Oct. 26, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The festival features a fun and educational Halloween campfire show led by students from Green Mountain College's environmental education and interpretation program. Kids will learn about the creepy, crawly critters that reside in Vermont and have a chance to get decked out in their costumes before the traditional trick-or-treat night. The 20-minute campfire program will run at 5, 6, and 7 p.m.

Other activities include a nature hike along a trail that is lit by carved pumpkins, wildlife-related activities, face painting, and a pho-



Trick-or-treaters of all ages are invited to the Kehoe Education Center to learn about the creepy crawly critters that make Halloween fun.

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to booth. Snacks will include apple cider, caramel apples, and other seasonal treats.

"October is a perfect time to highlight the fun of Halloween while focusing on the critters that make it so

special," said Alison Thomas, education coordinator. "This event gives families a chance to enjoy the season in a fun way and to learn these animals may not be so scary after all."

Admission and activities are free and open to the general public, and all ages are welcome. No registration is required. Costumes are encouraged, but not required.

The Edward F. Kehoe Green Mountain Conservation Camp is operated by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. This event is sponsored by the Fish & Wildlife Department and Green Mountain College.

For more information about the event, contact Corey Hart at corey.hart@vermont.gov or 802-265-2279. Organizers are seeking donations of pumpkins for the event, so anyone with spare pumpkins is asked to please get in touch with Hart as well. For directions to the Edward F. Kehoe Green Mountain Conservation Camp, visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com/node/253.

Keep deer healthy, don't use urine lures

REGION - The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is reminding hunters of a regulation designed to help keep Vermont deer healthy by banning the use of any deer lure containing deer urine or other deer bodily fluids.

The infectious agent of Chronic Wasting Disease, a fatal disease of deer, is a mutant protein or "prion" that can be passed in urine. This mutant protein can bind to soils

and remain infectious for many years. There is no way to test live animals, and infected animals can spread CWD for years before showing any symptoms.

CWD is 100 percent fatal to deer and moose. It causes irreversible population declines and has been impossible to eliminate once it becomes established in a population. CWD has not been detected in Vermont.

"No single buck is worth risking the health of Vermont's entire deer herd," offers Nick Fortin, Vermont's deer bi-

ologist.

"If CWD is ever detected in Vermont, local deer numbers would have to be greatly reduced to attempt to remove the disease before it becomes established," said Vermont director of wildlife Mark Scott. "This reduction would have to be done for at least five years."

More information about Chronic Wasting Disease can be found at www.cwd-info.org and by typing CWD in the "Search" section at www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

Common Nighthawks program

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Longtime residents of the Connecticut River Valley may remember the foraging flights of Common Nighthawks over our towns and villages. Sadly, few if any Common Nighthawks are seen routinely anymore on summer evenings. The Vermont Breeding Bird Atlas conducted in 2003 to 2007 found a 91 percent loss from the 1976-1981 atlas. One of the reasons for the decline in breeding birds was "loss of preferred nesting areas, especially gravel on flat-roofed buildings."

Despite this grim news, all is not lost. Common Nighthawks may be seen as they migrate south through the Connecticut River Valley in August and September. What can

we do to bring the Common Nighthawks back to the Connecticut River Valley as breeding birds? Come to the Springfield UU and hear New Hampshire Audubon's Becky Suomala Friday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. to find out!



Female Nighthawk with two chicks.

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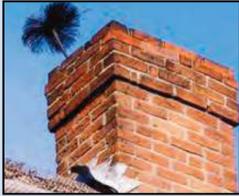
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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY, OCT. 13 - CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – “The Sacred Art of Storytelling” workshop with Rev. Mellen Kennedy will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the South Parish UU Church, 252 Main St. in Charlestown. The workshop will include worship, didactic presentations, examples of effective storytelling, and practical work in carefully structured small groups conducive for learning. There is a fee for those who are not members of the Springfield or Charlestown UU Congregations. Scholarships are available. Please bring your own lunch. To register

and for more information, visit www.uuspringfieldvt.org/category/heartbeat.

SUNDAY, OCT. 14 - CAVENDISH, Vt. – Come to a free Essential Oils 101 class on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Proctorsville. Learn the benefits and best uses of essential oils.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Dances of Universal Peace will return to Unitarian Universalist Church, Springfield on Sunday, Oct. 14, from noon – 2 p.m. The Dances are simple, joyous, meditative, multicultural, circle dances that use sacred phrases, chants, music, and movements to touch the spiritual essence within ourselves and recognize it in others. No musical or dance experience of any kind is required, and everyone is welcomed to join in. No charge; however, donations are gratefully accepted.

MONDAY, OCT. 15 - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Three-week Fall Cleanse and Detox

Workshop begins Monday, Oct. 15 from 6 - 8 p.m. and continues Monday, Oct. 22 and Oct. 29. No fasting or juicing. Location is Return to Wellness Natural Medicine clinic, 11A Hospital Ct, Suite. 6, in Bellows Falls. Please call 802-732-8428 to sign up and for cost information.

SATURDAY, OCT. 20 - PERU, Vt. – Reiki II Certification class is being offered by Reiki Master and author Jennifer Rose Esposito on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. at New Spring Farm, 135 Batchelder Barn Road in Peru. Prerequisite of Reiki I Certification is necessary for this class. For pricing details and to register, email Jennifer at peaceparadisising@gmail.com.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join us for a full day painting and drawing problem-solving workshop with award-winning artist Robert Seaman on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the United Church in Bellows Falls. The workshop will provide instruction and individual help on problem solving in paintings or drawings. The workshop is organized by the Saxtons River Art Guild. Contact Carolyn Berglund at 603-352-7398 for additional information, or to register for the workshop.

WINDSOR, Vt. – Join us for a Blake Hill Preserves Holiday Jam Cooking Class on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 9 a.m. – noon or 2 – 5 p.m. at

Blake Hill at Artisans Park in Windsor. We will be making our limited edition jam brimming with cranberries, raspberries, strawberries, plums, cherries, and a hint of holiday spice. Take home six free jars of holiday jam made in class, with gift wrapping, to make this the perfect handmade holiday gift! Vicky Allard, Blake Hill's owner and executive chef, will be teaching classic jam making techniques, how to infuse flavors to create your own unique jam, tips on a perfect jam set, and safe canning practices. Bring a friend and save 10 percent on your admission cost. Registration required, call 802-674-4529 or email Mary Ball at mball@blackhillpreserves.com.

SUNDAYS - CHESTER, Vt. – The Odd Bobbins Spinning Group meets on the second Sunday of the month from 2 – 4 p.m. at Six Loose Ladies, 287 Main Street in Chester. The Odd Bobbins meet monthly to spin in company, exchange fiber, and learn from each other. Occasional guest instructors and fiber producers attend. For more details, visit www.sixlooseladies.com. TFN

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Sweaty Sunday Sizzle class at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Proctorsville on Sundays at 9 a.m. Move your body, build your endurance, increase your oxygen uptake while having a blast. Join Stacy for a donation only and she will

teach you some dance moves that will add fireworks to your weekend.

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

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS - CAVENDISH, Vt. – Join Denise at DG Bodyworks in Proctorsville for Bootcamp Classes on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Let Denise work you towards your health and fitness goals with an amazing workout that will leave you coming back for more.

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. 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.

TUESDAYS AND SATURDAYS - CAVENDISH, Vt. – Enjoy weekly yoga classes at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Proctorsville on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 8 a.m. All-level classes designed to improve core strength and balance, stretch and strengthen muscles, and promote a sense of well-being.

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

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Join DG Bodyworks for Low Impact Aerobic exercise done in the chair or on a fitball on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. from Oct. 10 thru Nov. 14. Strength training exercises to improve bone density and muscular strength, balance exercises and yoga stretches to relieve tension and improve range of motion. Space is limited so call Lori at 603-401-8123 to reserve your space.

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

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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 SATURDAYS - SHREWSBURY, Vt. – Serenity Gentle Yoga in the Barn at Sol Luna Farm, 329 Old Farm Road in Shrewsbury on Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 10 - 11:15 a.m. This gentle yoga class helps to lengthen, stretch and strengthen the body gradually, while bringing mindful awareness to the breath. The class culminates with the healing vibrations of a Crystal Singing Bowl “Sound Bath.” Your first yoga class is free. For more information visit www.sollunafarm.com or call 802-492-9393.

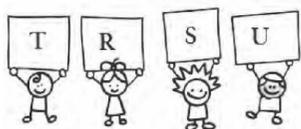
WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS - TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Tai Chi for Fall Prevention beginner classes run in 6-week cycles on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 - 10 a.m. at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Road, Townshend. Class are free, some restrictions may apply. To find out more 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 Proctorsville. This is a soft and grounding practice to improve alignment, balance and prevent or relieve postural pains; reduce stress, and strengthen legs and core muscles. Available to all levels. There is a monthly tuition cost. To learn more about the classes, please contact Djemila at 802-490-0225, or email: djem.translator@gmail.com.

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Advanced Tai Chi class at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Proctorsville on Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. Join Djemila to take your Tai Chi to the next level. To learn more about the classes, please contact Djemila at 802-490-0225, or email: djem.translator@gmail.com.

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If interested, send a cover letter, resume and 3 references to: **Laurie Cloud**
Two Rivers Supervisory Union
716 VT Route 103 South
Chester, VT 05143
laurie.cloud@trsu.org

Green Mountain Unified School District Invitation to Bid For Snow Removal Services at Green Mountain Union High School and Chester-Andover Elementary School

Bid Requirements:

1. Bids must include per storm cost of plowing and sanding costs as well as seasonal contract cost; bid should also include cost to removal snow from around buildings.
2. Bidder must meet with Maintenance Directors at both schools to discuss each schools needs.
3. Bidder may also submit a separate bid for roof shoveling.
4. Bid should also include payment requirements.

Bid Due Date:

All submittals must be sealed and delivered no later than 3:00 PM on Thursday, October 18th, 2018 for public opening at that time. All bids are to be submitted to the following address with the words “GMUSD Snow Removal” clearly stated on the envelope. All bids must be mailed or hand delivered in a sealed envelope. NO FAXES OR E-MAILS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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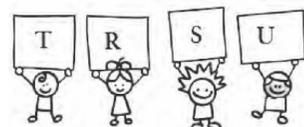
Cheryl Hammond, Business Manager
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For Site Visits, please contact:

Todd Parah, Maintenance Director
Green Mountain Union High School
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Chester, VT 05143
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And
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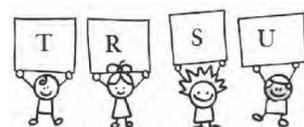


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609 VT Route 103S (on the Fletcher Farm Campus)
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Full Time Para-professional needed for New Student at Black River High School/ Middle School

Black River High School/Middle School is seeking a full-time Paraprofessional to work with a new student with intense needs. This is Full Time, 5 days a week, School Year. There may be additional hours for meetings and team consultations. Experience and knowledge of child development and positive behavioral supports required.

Candidate must be reliable, energetic, patient, work well as part of a team and be physically able to engage in the busy routines of the school.

Qualified candidates must meet the requirements of a highly qualified Para-Professional (Associates degree or successful completion of the Para-Pro Exam).

If interested, send a cover letter, resume and 3 references to:

Karen Trimboli
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Qualifications include: Highly qualified para educator or Associates degree. Ability to plan and implement activities with students in grades K-6. Preference will be given to individuals with previous connection to the school and or community.

Program Assistants
15 hours per week 37 week positions M-Thursday
2:45-5:30
\$15/hour
Site: Chester Andover Elementary School, Cavendish Town Elementary School
Qualifications include: Highly qualified para educator or Associates degree. Ability to plan and implement activities with students in grades K-6. Preference will be given to individuals with previous connection to the school and or community.

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Site: Chester Andover Elementary School, Cavendish Town Elementary School, Ludlow Elementary School, Mount Holly School
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Homework Helper
1.5-5 hours per week 2:45-4:15
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\$20 per hour
Site: Chester Andover Elementary School, Cavendish Town Elementary School, Mount Holly School
Qualifications include: Teacher, highly qualified para educator. Associates degree of background in Elementary Education. Preference will be given to individuals with previous connection to the school and or community

Half Day Tuesday Staff
12:00-5:00pm on Tuesday afternoon during the school year in-service days
\$12-\$18 per hour
Site: Cavendish Town Elementary School
Qualifications: 18 years old, ability to plan and implement activities with students in grades K-6.

Applicants are encouraged to apply with a resume and references electronically to:

Venissa White
After School Program Director
venissa.white@trsu.org
TRSU
609 VT Route 103
Ludlow, VT 05149

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CHESTER, Vt. – Join the Six Loose Ladies for Knit Nite on Thursdays from 5 – 8 p.m. at the Six Loose Ladies shop in Chester. This is not only for knitting but also to crochet or spin or work on any other portable fiber project. We also serve sweets in the evenings (many Ladies like to bake). Whether you want to learn to knit or crochet, or consult with a more experienced knitter, this is a great time to join us. For more information visit www.sixlooseladies.com. TFN

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

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

CHESTER, Vt. - Melissa Lovell Post will teach international folk dancing Fridays, from 10:30-noon at the Chester Town Hall, located at 556 Elm St. in Chester, Vt. Classes will run until early June 2019. The classes will be geared for beginners and intermediate-level dancers. No partner is necessary. Casual, comfortable clothing is suggested. It is helpful to wear supportive shoes that slide easily on a wooden floor. For more information, please contact Melissa at 802-875-4102 or goodwood@vermontel.net.

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

WEEKLY - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Youth and adult swim lessons are available at Edgar May Health and Recreation throughout the year. Check their website

for days, times and details at www.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 on-going classes to earn your high school diploma. Anyone interested contact 802-546-0879 or visit Vermont Adult Learning at 363 River St. in North Springfield. TFN

CLUBS

MONDAY, OCT. 15 – CHESTER, Vt. – Please join the Chester Senior Citizens Club for their monthly luncheon meeting on Monday, Oct. 15 at 11:30 a.m. at the Chester Congregational Church on Main Street. Artist Roberta Streeter will give a presentation. Hope you can join us. If you need a ride, just call Georgia at 802-875-6242.

SATURDAY, OCT. 20 – STRAITTON, Vt. – Join the Green Mountain Club Manchester Section for a late color season hike up Stratton

Mountain on Saturday, Oct. 20 from the Kelley Stand Rd., down to Stratton Pond and back to the Kelley Stand Rd. Total distance 11 miles, 1,800 feet elevation gain, moderate hike except for the distance. Meet at 8 a.m. at the Bondville Post Office to car pool to the trailhead. Bring extra layers, hat, gloves or mittens, raincoat just in case, headlamp just in case, lunch and snacks, poles are helpful for the downhill. RSVP mandatory to Dave Ratti at dbrspruce@gmail.com or 802-366-0698.

MONDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Community Chorus rehearsals are on Monday evenings 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 to 1:30 p.m. Enter via side door opposite bank drive-through. Visit www.ludlowrotary.com or contact club President Jill Tofferi at ludlowrotary@gmail.com. TFN

WEDNESDAYS – LUDLOW, Vt. - Looking for a friendly game of bridge? Want to learn how to play or update your rusty skills? We play every

Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High St. in Ludlow. You are most welcome to join us. For more information, call 802-228-2983.

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

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***Case Managers I/II – Adult Services Division (37.5 hours/week) (SIGN ON BONUS)** - HCERS is accepting applications for a Case Manager position, based at the Springfield location, to provide service coordination, access to resources and direct supports to adults living with mental health and/or substance abuse issues. The ideal candidate will be strengths-based, highly organized, understanding of co-occurring issues, and solid in their computer and communication skills. Bachelor's degree in psychology, social work, or related field is required; Reliable transportation is required, as the person needs to have the ability to travel.

*****Area Manager - Crisis - (SIGN ON BONUS)** - Full time 40.00hrs/week position available in Windsor County out of the Springfield office. Area Manager is responsible for day to day operations to include case consultation, direct supervision of crisis screeners, ensuring quality of services delivered and 24 hour on call supervisory shifts on a weekly rotation with other supervisory staff. The Area Manager is responsible for maintaining relationships with community partners to standards of excellence. Applicants should have excellent written and oral communication skills, supervisory experience, and extensive knowledge of the Vermont state mental health system of care including designation as a QMHP, or eligible for designation, strong clinical assessment skills and the ability to function under pressure are a must. Clinical master's degree preferred, licensed or license eligible (will consider crisis experience in lieu of education). Crisis experience. Leadership experience. Flexible schedule offered.

Residential Specialists - HCERS is currently seeking residential specialists at Meadowview Recovery Residence in Brattleboro, VT, Hilltop Recovery Residence in Bellows Falls, and Alternatives Residence in Springfield Vermont. A residential specialist assists with the operation of this group home for individuals with various mental health experiences. An applicant should demonstrate an understanding of team dynamics, an understanding of mental health, have organizational and communication skills and a willingness to learn. Applicants with relevant Bachelor's degree or residential mental health experience preferred. Great team and rewarding work!

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DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB) WESTMINSTER INSTITUTE US Rt. 5, Westminster Legal Notice

The Westminster Development Review Board will meet at 6:30 pm on Monday, November 5, 2018 to consider the following:

Application #19-21 (Robert Feinberg) – property located at 3435 Westminster West Road. The Applicant is requesting a Change of Use (Adding Apartment Over Barn). This Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 314 Conditional Use; Section 445 Village District Zone - Change of Use to Conditional Use (apartment); Article XI Flood Hazard Areas of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Application #19-22 (Sarah Carlisle) – property located at 574 Cross Road. The Applicant is requesting a Change of Use (Adding a Massage Studio in Existing House). This Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 314 Conditional Use; Section 446 Residential District Zone - Change of Use to Conditional Use (home business) of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

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

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

Help Wanted:
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Town of Plymouth
Public Notice of Hearing
Before the Planning Commission and Zoning Board

A Public Hearing before the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of the Town of Plymouth will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, at 7:00 pm, at the Municipal Building, 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, VT, to consider:

Applicant: Duston and Stacey Ladieu
Proposal: addition of an attached mudroom and 2-car garage, with storage on the lower levels
Location: 96 Echo View Drive, Plymouth
Application No. 2018 – 13

Dated: October 3, 2018
Michael Coleman, Chair

TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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King Crossword

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8 Creche trio
12 Swelled head
13 Acknowledged
14 Touch
15 Its capital is Gaborone
17 Give a darn
18 Massive weight
19 Mistake in print
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26 Badly lit
28 Ancient African kingdom
32 Help surreptitiously
34 "– Town"
36 Billions of years
37 Now
39 Off-tattooed word
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Salome's Stars

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your ego might be hurt when a colleague turns down your offer to help. But accept it as a rejection of your offer, not of you. A friend from the past could re-emerge by week's end.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A flow of positive energy turns a work project you didn't want to do into something you actually love doing. Now, take that attitude into your social, intimate life — and enjoy what follows.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Working hard to meet your professional goals is fine. But don't neglect your private life, especially where it concerns your more cherished relationships.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) "Patience" remains the key word in dealing with an emotionally sensitive situation involving a close friend or family member. Help comes your way by week's end.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) With new information coming in, it's a good time to rethink some of your goals without taking suggestions from others, no matter how well-meaning they might be.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Making progress on your project is relatively easy in the early part of the week. A problem could arise mid-week. But all goes swimmingly once it's resolved.

BORN THIS WEEK: Holding fast to your principles, no matter what, inspires others to follow your example.

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CLUBS CONT.

THURSDAYS -

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

CHESTER, Vt. - The Bookies is a book club at Phoenix Books Misty Valley in Chester for adults that love books and want to talk about them. Instead of reading a set book, participants are welcome to share books among each other, give suggestions, and chat about everything books. Snacks will be provided. This event is free and open to the public the second Thursday every month.

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, OCT. 13 -

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Join us for a Free Community Supper at the Springfield United Methodist Church

on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 5 p.m. at 10 Valley Street, in Springfield. Menu includes spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, and dessert. All are welcome. For more information, call 802-885-3456.

HARTLAND, Vt. - The Windsor County Democrats Committee will hold a Pasta & Politics dinner on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 5 p.m., at Damon Hall in Hartland. Special invited guests include: Sen. Patrick Leahy, Sen. Bernie Sanders, Rep. Peter Welch, Candidate for Governor Christine Hallquist, Secretary of State Jim Condos, Treasurer Beth Pearce, Auditor Doug Hoffer, Attorney General TJ Donovan, Candidates for Windsor Senate District—Sen. Alison Clarkson, Sen. Dick McCormack, Sen. Alice Nitka—and many Windsor County House candidates. Menu includes lasagna, penne pasta, and spaghetti with fresh salads and bread, followed by

dessert, all provided by volunteers from the Windsor County Democratic Committee. There is a suggested donation. Live music and 50/50 raffle. For more information, call Bill Kuch at 802-885-6388 or email wfk101@comcast.net

CHESTER, Vt. - Join us for the Leaf Peepers Pancake Feast from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Chester. Whether it becomes breakfast, brunch, or lunch, anyone can enjoy an earlier start on the day or a delicious break amid shopping or sightseeing! The fast menu features homemade pancakes, bacon, blueberries, real Chester maple syrup, cider, and hot beverages with continuous table seating inside Willard Hall, located at the rear of the church, down the outside stairs by the back garden. Children under 6 eat free. No reservations are necessary, just come and enjoy the beauty of autumn with this leaf peeper special.

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - The First Congregational Church, Route 5, Westminster, will hold a Fall Crockpot Church supper on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 5-7 p.m. Dinner will be buffet style with many different entrees kept hot in crockpots. There will be something for everyone from meatballs to chili to vegetarian dishes. Dinner will be accompanied by bread, tossed salad, coffee, tea, milk and dessert. Children under 5 eat free. Bring a friend, bring your family, all are welcome!

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17 -
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Join us for a Free Community Lunch on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at First Congregational Church United Church of Christ, 77 Main Street in Springfield from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Menu includes tomato mac 'n' cheese, tossed salad, homemade rolls, blueberry crisp a la mode. No take out. All are welcome.

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

WEDNESDAYS -
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Free community lunch at the First Congregational Church in Springfield, 77 Main Street, on the third Wednesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All are welcome. TFN

WEEKDAYS -
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center serves lunch 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Monday through Friday to area seniors. The Senior Meals menu for the week is available by calling 802-463-3907.

The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center is located at 18 Tuttle St. We are wheelchair and walker accessible with plenty of parking. TFN

EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCT. 12 -

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - The Charlestown Recreation Department will be hosting a Dodge Ball Tournament on Friday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Charlestown Middle School Gym on Main Street in Charlestown. Teams will need to be 6 people, all at least 11 years old. Registration starts at 6 p.m. There is a team fee. General admission is per person, either a small fee or a donation of nonperishable food to be donated to the local food shelf. Concessions will be available.

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Join us for the Bartonville October Grange Dinner on Friday, Oct. 12 from 5 - 7 p.m. Located at 116 Upper Bartonville Road, Rockingham (across from the old State Police Barracks). Menu includes lasagna served with toss salad, garlic bread and dessert. Children under the age of 5 eat for free. If you have any questions, please call 802-376-5504.

CHESTER, Vt. - Former Cavendish resident, Micki Smith, will preview and sign her new book, "Fanny's Destiny," on Friday, Oct. 12 at 1 p.m. at Six Loose Ladies Yarn & Fiber Shop on the Main Street Green in Chester. Micki was a founding member of Fiber Arts in Vermont the nonprofit that runs the Six Loose Ladies Yarn & Fiber Shop. For more information, contact Micki Smith at 240-472-0777 or email mickiknits@aol.com.

FRIDAY, OCT. 12 - SATURDAY, OCT. 13

ACWORTH, N.H. - The Female Charitable Society of the United Church of Acworth will hold their Fall Rummage Sale on Friday, Oct. 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Church on the Hill in Acworth. They will be selling clothing, household goods, and white elephants.

SATURDAY, OCT. 13 -

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - The Charlestown Recreation Department will be hosting its first annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. near and around south Main Street in Charlestown. Look for kids' activities, a Crafts Fair, music, games, pie eating contest, Cornhole Tournament and much, much more. For complete details, visit the Charlestown Recreation Department's Facebook page.

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - PVA Hockey is hosting free Community Street Hockey Pickup Games on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Saxtons River Rec area, 75 Pleasant Valley Road in Saxtons River. Equipment (helmets and sticks) will be available if you do not have your own. Rain or shine. Food (hotdogs, popcorn, drinks, etc.) will

be available. No commitment to PVA is required to participate in this event.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Visit the "Stone Arch Bridge Exhibit" in the Townshend Historical Society booth at the Townshend Pumpkin Festival on The Common (junction of Routes 30 & 35) on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Learn about Townshend's six historic stone arch bridges built more than 100 years ago. At 2 p.m., join local historian Charlie Merchant for a formal tour. Support the community effort to repair and preserve these special bridges. For more information on the tour, contact Charlie at 802-365-7937.

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Bartonville Grange #481 will be hosting a Fall Flea Market on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 116 Upper Bartonville Road in Rockingham. Spaces are available outside with a limited amount of tables available inside as well. Bring your own tables, tents, etc. for outside spaces. Tables will be provided for inside spaces. Table fee must be paid in full in advance. For pricing information or to reserve your spot, call Mindi at 802-376-4293. Leave a message and she will call you back. Grange Members will have the kitchen open with food for sale throughout the day serving baked goods, hot dogs, chips, chili and cornbread and drink.

CHESTER, Vt. - Cody O'Brien Racing Team 27 will be holding its 4th annual Gift Basket Party Fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 13 at the Chester Town Hall. Doors will open at noon to view baskets and we will start drawing tickets at 1:30 p.m. Your entry donation covers a light lunch and 25 tickets. There will be around 100 baskets to choose from. All proceeds will help support Cody's dirt track racing dream. We are also selling 50/50 raffle tickets if you can't make the party. Contact Kristin O'Brien at 802-289-1404 to purchase tickets or with questions. We also accept donations of baskets if anyone would like to donate.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Cars and Planes 2018 event at Hartness State Airport in Springfield on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fly in with your plane (antique, classic, modern or experimental) or drive in with your car or truck (old, new, fancy or plain). EAA Young Eagles free flights for kids 8 to 17, spaces limited, first come, first serve sign up. Come and meet Catamount CAP Squadron, Springfield Aviation FBO and New England Soaring Association. Call 802-263-5544 for more information.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The North School Preservation Society will be holding their last yard sale of the season on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at North School, located at 49 Main St. in North Springfield. Access and parking are off lower School St. Check out our Holiday Room, which is overflowing with Christmas and Easter decorations. There will be a dollar-a-bag book sale in the Book Room beginning at 1 p.m. Vintage books excluded. There will also be a dollar-a-bag sale on selected items outside on the tarp.



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Join us Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at First Congregational Church on Main Street in Springfield for our annual Corn Chowder Bazaar.

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NORTH CLARENDON, Vt. – Experimental Aviation Association (EAA) Chapter 968, the Green Mountain Flyers, is hosting its annual fall foliage special, the Leaf-Peeper Fly-In/Drive-in Breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 9 to noon, at Rutland-Southern Vermont Regional Airport, 1002 Airport Road, North Clarendon in the Columbia Air hangar. For the all-you-can-eat breakfast, the chapter appreciates donations. More information at EAA968@vermontel.net or the chapter website, www.968.eaachapter.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls, assisted by New Hampshire author and poet Jim Fowler of the River Voices Writing Group, will host Second Saturday Open Mic on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 1 p.m. The Open Mic is held by having poets read from their works or a favorite book. The poets sit around a circle, taking turns reading poetry. Call 802-463-9404 for event reservations. www.villagesquarebooks.com/event/poetry-open-mic

SATURDAY, OCT. 13 AND SUNDAY, OCT. 14 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Experience local Springfield art during the Vermont Open Studio Tour on Oct. 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Gallery at the VAULT on 68 Main St., exhibiting the work of 160 artists. Stop by to meet Photographer Jeffrey Spring who will be at VAULT on both days from 1 – 3 p.m. Also catch a brand new exhibit at the Great Hall on 100 River Street called "Healing, The Transformative Imagery of Art." It is a celebration of Springfield Hospital's 105 Anniversary. Twelve artists explore the connections between the arts, healing, and health in painting, sculpture, glass, fiber, and mixed media.

SUNDAY, OCT. 14 – CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Charlestown Recreation Department Fall Festival continues on Sunday, Oct. 14 starting at 7 a.m. The Charlestown Rotary will host a breakfast at 7 a.m. at The Town Hall on Summer Street, Charlestown. Starting at 10 a.m., the Charlestown Recreation Department will be hosting a Disc Golf Tournament at Patch Park off of Rt. 11 in Charlestown, N.H. Register that day or preregister at the Charlestown Town Office. Concessions will be available. Also at Patch Park, from 10 a.m. to noon, the Charlestown Area PTA will be hosting a pumpkin carving/decorating event. The PTA will supply the pumpkins (while supplies last). Participants should bring their own carving utensils and decorating materials. At 7 p.m. the River Theater Company and the Fort at No. 4 join forces to bring you "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." Visit the website for details and ticket information at www.fortat4.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Please join us for the 131st Bellows Falls Fire Prevention Parade on Sunday, Oct. 14 in Bellows Falls. Line up will begin at noon at the Bellows Falls Fire Station and the parade will begin at 1 p.m. Refreshments and awards will follow at the Bellows Falls Fire Station. This year's fire prevention theme is: "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere." For more information, contact 802-463-4343.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Humane Society is hosting a Reiki/Massage Clinic for animals and their humans on Sunday, Oct. 14 from 3 - 5 p.m. By donation. Reiki and massage are healing, relaxing, & revitalizing for both humans and animals. All donations go to the Humane Society. Your

pets need to be up to date with their rabies certificates and please bring cats in a cat carrier, and dogs on a leash. If the weather is poor, we will be inside in their community room. No appointment is needed. For more information, please email Lauren Potter, Adjunct Faculty CCSNH, Usui-Holy Fire Reiki and Karuna Reiki Master Teacher & Practitioner at laurenpottervt@gmail.com.

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Meet the winners of the 2018 Rockingham Old House Awards at a reception on Wednesday, Oct. 17 from 5 to 6 p.m. at Wunderbar, 22 Rockingham St., Bellows Falls. These annual awards, sponsored by the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission, are designed to recognize property owners in the town of Rockingham who are maintaining and restoring their historic homes and commercial and industrial buildings. The public is invited.

SATURDAY, OCT. 20 – RUTLAND, Vt. – Join us Saturday, Oct. 20 at The Pit in Rutland for our first ever home brewers competition fundraiser for the animals. Enter your own homebrew or come by to taste and vote on your favorite. There will be beer, samples, music, and raffles. Proceeds go to the Rutland County Humane Society. Visit www.rchsvt.org/donations or email Amelia@rchsvt.org for more information.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield United Methodist Church's Fall Rummage Sale will be Saturday, Oct. 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 10 Valley Street in Springfield. There will be many great items available as well as coffee and donuts for sale! Everyone is welcome! For more information, call 802-885-3456.

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Join us for TUSK, the ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute on Saturday, Oct. 20 at 8 p.m. at the Claremont Opera House, 58 Opera House Square in Claremont. For ticket information, visit www.claremontoperahouse.org or call 603-542-4433.

KILLINGTON, Vt. – The 18th annual Killington Bridal Show

is happening on Sunday, Oct. 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Killington Grand Hotel & Conference Center in Killington. Wedding services and destination prizes for raffle. General Prize Drawings begin at 1 p.m. with Grand Prize Drawings at 2:15 p.m. Tickets and registration at www.killingtonbridalshow.com. With four paid tickets, bride's ticket is free! Meet and greet the area's top wedding professionals and see the latest trends and the newest ideas to help you plan your wedding. Taste classic pairings and cake samples and see the newest in romantic fun colors, flowers and cake design! For questions and more information, call 802-459-2897.

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

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Church of Christ to host Christian Perspectives Film Series on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., through Nov. 14. Downstairs Fellowship Hall can be accessed through the back entrance of the building, Chester Rd., Route 11 in Springfield. All are welcome.

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

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

FARMERS MARKET

SATURDAYS - 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!

KIDS CORNER

MONDAY, OCT. 15 – MANCHESTER, Vt. – Taconic Music is pleased to announce a new opportunity for area violin, viola, cello and double bass students, ages 7 and up, to participate in a string ensemble. Directed by cellist Karen Svirsky and violinist Joana Genova, the Taconic Junior Ensemble will rehearse on Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Zion Episcopal Church in Manchester. The Fall session, which begins Monday, Oct. 15, will consist of 7 rehearsals and culminate in a public performance. Prior ensemble experience is not required, but all students must be able to read music. For information, please contact Joana Genova at directors@taconicmusic.org.

THURSDAY, OCT. 18 – LUDLOW, Vt. – "Read with Sailor" at Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow on Thursday, Oct. 18 from 3 – 4 p.m. If you haven't been to the library to meet Sailor the Reading Dog,

here's your chance. Sailor and his friend Arlene visit once a month and are always excited meet new friends. Sailor especially enjoys being read to and can't wait to hear a new story or two. Reading to a dog is known to strengthen the reader's confidence while providing an opportunity to practice literacy skills.

FRIDAY, OCT. 19 – LUDLOW, Vt. – Halloween Party Prep for Teens and Tweens at Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow on Friday, Oct. 19 from 3 – 4 p.m. Feeling creative? Are you artistic? Do you have an idea for the perfect Halloween themed game? Stop by this afternoon and help create some epic games and decorations for our Halloween party.



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TUESDAYS IN OCTOBER – LUDLOW, Vt. – Kids grades K & up join us for Crafty Tuesdays in October from 3 – 4 p.m. at Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow. Halloween is around the corner, so let's make a silly or creepy witch to kick the holiday off in style. Oct. 23 - Paper Bag Witches; Oct. 30 - Glowing Pumpkins and Witches.

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

WEDNESDAYS – LUDLOW, Vt. – Kids ages 5 and under are welcome to join us for "Fall Story Time" at Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow on Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. through Nov. 14. Early literacy activities, STEM explorations, music, and more.

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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LIBRARIES

THURSDAY, OCT. 18 – ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Veteran journalist Mark Timney will explore evaluating news sources in the rapidly changing digital information age on Thursday, Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. at the Rockingham Library. Almost everything we could ever want to know is available online, but how can we tell the good sources from the bad ones, discern fact from assumption and distinguish "fake" news from the real thing? This Vermont Humanities program is free, accessible to people with disabilities, and open to the public.

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

or on Facebook. TFN

THURSDAYS – ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Join genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard on a quest to discover your family roots on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Rockingham Library. If you own a laptop, please bring it along. With the many free databases available at the library, it's hard to tell what you might find. Both beginners and seasoned genealogists are welcome. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 802-463-4270, or email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org or go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org. TFN

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

SATURDAYS – 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.

MEETINGS

THURSDAY, OCT. 11 – SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – The Women's Fellowship Group will be holding its monthly meeting at Christ Church on Thursday, Oct. 11 beginning at 9 a.m. in the church dining room. This is the annual apple pie preparation meeting where all gather for fellowship while preparing delicious apple pies to freeze. These pies will be offered for sale at the Christmas Stocking Bazaar in November and throughout the holiday season. Christ's Church welcomes all. If there are any questions about our service or any of our programs, please call the church at 802-869-2340 and your call will be returned.

SATURDAY, OCT. 20 – BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – The 47th annual meeting of the New England Coalition on Nuclear Pollution is Saturday, Oct. 20 at 1:30 p.m. at 118 Elliot St. in Brattleboro, Vt. The public is encouraged to attend. Bring a friend.

FRIDAY, OCT. 26 – WEST LEBANON, N.H. – Join business leaders from across the region at the Fall Business Leaders Housing Breakfast on Friday, Oct. 26 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Fireside Inn in West Lebanon. This fall's event will explore the regional nature of our housing challenge and current possibilities for change with Dartmouth College geographer Garrett Dash Nelson. We'll also hear the latest on the Upper Valley housing market from local realtors. Business leaders and community members can register online for this free event at www.VitalCommunities.org/Housing.

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY, OCT. 15 – BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – The Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services is hosting a listening forum at Brattleboro Union High School, in Brattleboro, on Monday, Oct. 15, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. to give victims and survivors of crime, including business owners and family members, a chance to speak out about their experiences in the criminal justice system. Stakeholders and service providers will be on hand to listen and provide support. We are here to help in any way we can. This event is free and open to the public. Visit the CCVS website for specific details at www.ccvs.vermont.gov/news/vermont-crime-victim-forums.

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

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - 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 – 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 TwinStateDSC@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

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital's Restless Leg Syndrome support group, starting Wednesday, Oct. 10 from 4 – 5 p.m. The group will meet each Wednesday, through Nov. 14, or as long as there is sufficient interest. Meetings will be held at the Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center at 133 Grafton Road (Route 35) in Townshend. While there is no need to register, if you are interested in participating, please contact Sue at susantweedy90@gmail.com or at 802-221-0498.

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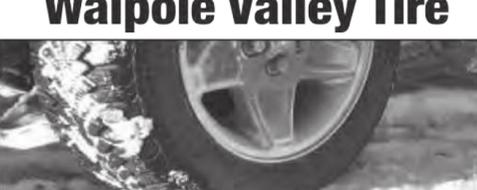
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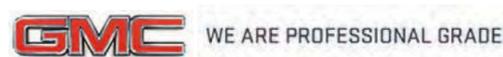
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