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BF Auxiliary donates winter warmth

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Unit of Post #37 once again have brought much needed warmth to the veterans of Vermont and New Hampshire. Teaming up with other auxiliary units of Vermont, they have knitted their way to keeping our heroes warm during the fall and winter. Our veterans can pick from beautiful items such as knitted hats, scarfs, mittens, and booties – oh yes, our male veterans also wear booties. “Nancy Wright has been leading the way for these fundraisers for many years and looks forward to taking care of our veterans, our heroes, our friends, each and every year,” says Commander Smokey Aumand. Shown are Smokey Aumand and Nancy Wright by some of the knitted items on the tree.

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Idyllic Poet’s Seat at the Historic Riverfront Park

BY BETSY THURSTON

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – After almost two decades of work on the Bellows Falls Historic Riverfront Park and Trail System, the Poet’s Seat was dedicated this year Saturday, Oct. 20.

The Poet’s Seat is a scenic spot on the Connecticut River only a half mile round trip from the Square. The trail system is on 8-10 acres, offering fantastic views of the river and village access to the river for the first time in a century. The Poet’s Seat encompasses the entire majestic granite stone seats, archways, and the labyrinth which transports all who find themselves among the gigantic granite pieces looking down upon the vast Connecticut river.

Chris Glennon, member of the Bellows Falls Historical Society, has put over 1,000 hours of work himself. He described how to walk into the labyrinth. “As you enter, you walk with all the cares of the world. As you walk out of it, your cares are released.”

Walking the circular pattern to the center of the labyrinth, one

can’t help but slow down and listen to the wind in the trees.

The Poet’s Seat is an idyllic spot accessible to all. Walk or drive down the street to the left of the Flat Iron Exchange. Observe where the tracks go under the Square and the old paper mills on your left. Pass the Adams Grist Mill, stop for pictures, or schedule a tour with the Bellows Falls Historical Society. The Adams Grist Mill is beautifully restored and maintained. The museum is filled with antiques, and it serves as a reminder of the happenings in the village of Bellows Falls 150 years ago.

Parking is available past the Grist Mill on the left with a portable toilet on site. For the trail and labyrinth, there is closer parking located on the left by the fence and just a short walk through the gate brings you up to the Poet’s Seat.

Looking to the future, there is space for another possible seating area along the river, and the trail system hopes to connect trails with the Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association trails following the Saxtons River.

Where past meets the present,



The Poet’s Seat.

PHOTO BY BETSY THURSTON

Glennon described, “Just imagine you’re (down here) in the 18th century. There is an encampment of the Abenaki fishing and camping below the falls.”

The Bellows Falls Historical Society needs volunteers, and with plans

to connect trails there is much more work to done. The biggest problem is the constant maintenance, Glennon confided.

For information, contact them on Facebook or visit www.bellows-fallshistoricalsociety.org.

Local author premieres book on Ben Orr and The Cars

BY BILL LOCKWOOD

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Local freelance writer, regular The Vermont Journal and The Shopper contributor, and author of the online “Standing Room Only,” Joe Milliken has written a book, “Let’s Go! Benjamin Orr and The Cars.” It is the first-ever biography of Orr who was bass player and co-lead singer with Ric Ocasec of the ’70s and ’80s platinum-selling rock band, The Cars.

Milliken’s premier book event was Saturday, Nov. 17 at Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls. The event was attended by over 50 enthusiastic Ben Orr fans, Cars fans, and Ben’s friends and family.



Joe Milliken signing a copy of his “Let’s Go! Benjamin Orr and The Cars.”

PHOTO BY BILL LOCKWOOD



Standing room only crowd at Joe Milliken’s premier of his book.

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Mary, a retired teacher who comes to almost all the store’s events, said, “I’m not interested in this kind of music, but my grandchildren are.” Mary’s grandchildren are in their 30s.

Judi Wildfever, a Cars fan, came all the way from Hartford, Conn. She first heard of Milliken’s book on Facebook, and she brought a friend who said she had seen the Cars at a concert in Princeton, N.J. in the ’80s.

Milliken has a strong online presence. He said he has been researching the book for 11 years, and he grew a pre-publication list of over 1,000 fans.

Pat Fowler, co-owner of the store, said, “It’s a phenomenon.” She said people had been contacting them from all over.

Milliken’s father moved his family here when Joe was school age. He graduated from Fall Mountain High. A number of his friends dating back

to those years came to his event.

Milliken says he has always loved music, but he is not a musician. “But,” he says, “I can write about music.”

He first wrote about music in a now defunct Keene publication called “Entertainment Times.” He has been sports editor then co-editor of The Message and co-editor of the Green Mountain Messenger. Milliken decided to write a book about Orr following a suggestion from one of his online followers. He found Orr’s story fascinating, and he was hooked.

Orr was born in Cleveland and never wanted to be anything but a musician. He dropped out of high school and led a band that became the house band on a syndicated TV show. Orr became known as the “Elvis of Cleveland.” A new band that became The Cars moved to Boston to play the east coast college scene. They got a record contract, and the rest was history.

At the event, Milliken told of a recent trip to Cleveland for Orr’s induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the first native Clevelander to be inducted. Milliken said there will be a next book, but all he has decided so far is that it will be about music.

After blaze, Vermont Country Store busier than ever

CLARENDON, Vt. – When headlines reporting “Major Fire at Vermont Country Store Warehouse” hit the internet last month, the Orton family that owns and operates the retro retailer knew it had to reassure customers the blaze had ravaged a backup stockroom rather than its main off-site call and distribution center.

But that meant the self-described “Purveyors of the Practical and Hard-to-Find” would have to publicize the fact it has a main off-site call and distribution center. And for anyone running a \$100 million-a-year company founded on the sepia-tone image of marketing and mailing everything from the counter of a historic red-clapboard flagship store, such a task can be tricky. “We don’t want our customers to get the impression they’re not going to get personal service,” says Ann Warrell, community relations and communications manager.

So begins the Vermont Country Store’s challenge this holiday season – acknowledging the blaze consumed 5 percent of its inventory while accentuating that everything else not only remains open but also requires dozens more seasonal workers to juggle the remaining 95 percent of stock as well as box upon box of replacement items arriving daily.

“Our projection is to have a record season,” says Eliot Orton, part of the fourth and latest generation of family storekeepers. “We’re hiring.”

Back when the late Vrest Orton established the business in 1946, he was inspired by childhood memories of his father’s turn-of-the-century general store in North Calais.

“Most of the men came in the evenings to wait for the horse-drawn stage that brought the mail from Montpelier,” the founder is quoted in store publicity. “It smelled of harness, coffee, smoky

kerosene lamps, tobacco, and sugar maple wood burning in the big stove.”

Starting with a 36-item catalog sent to the family’s Christmas card list at the end of World War II, Vrest Orton went on to buy an 1827 building in Weston, population 545, and open a store, only to see it go national in 1952 when the Saturday Evening Post – then the most read magazine in the

country – published an article titled “The Happy Storekeeper of the Green Mountains.”

Three-quarters of a century later, Vrest’s son Lyman, 77, and fortysomething grandsons Cabot, Gardner, and Eliot still stock nostalgic lotions and notions. But the enterprise has grown

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JROTC volunteers at VA hospital

WHITE RIVER JCT., Vt. – On Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018 the Fall Mountain JROTC Cadets went to the VA hospital in White River Junction and volunteered 95 hours of community work! The cadets were led by senior instructor Bill Maynard, SFC Forde DeLibac, Legion Commander Smokey Aumand, and Bill Gallagher of North Walpole. The cadets painted inside a building, unloaded a manure truck to spread on the flowerbeds, cleaned out the greenhouse, and washed down five transportation vehicles. The VA then put on a private spaghetti luncheon for the JROTC where they got to mingle and speak with disabled veterans. Pictured are Scott Lofting, Brattleboro VFW; Commander Lyle Favreau, Norwich American Legion; JROTC cadets; and Comander Smokey Aumand.

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Trustees seek detailed plan of action for 66 Atkinson

BY BETSY THURSTON
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Tuesday, Nov. 13, the Bellows Falls Village Trustees deliberated on the property at 66 Atkinson St. and department requests for vehicle purchases.

Chris Glennon, owner of 66 Atkinson, proposed to encapsulate the slate roof with a tarp to prevent any slate from falling. His plan to gather materials and use volunteers to perform the work was not received well by some of the Trustees.

Village President Deborah Wright explained they had asked for a detailed plan and noted his proposal was not what was requested. James McAuliffe stated Glennon had not met the condition demanded of him. Jonathan Wright acknowledged Glennon's "document [was] not what we asked for, [but] it does solve the issue of the falling slate" and inquired about the safety measures to close the street.

Municipal Manager Wendy Harrison said the fencing and barriers



Temporary fencing surrounding the side of 66 Atkinson St.

PHOTO BY BETSY THURSTON

that "the whole roof system is unstable."

Glennon gave permission to secure the street with accessibility and the Trustees allowed him two weeks to procure the tarp, cover the roof, and to offer a realistic detailed plan of action at the next meeting.

The Trustees heard requests by wastewater facility manager Rob Wheeler and water department Chief Operator Brian Jolsyn for new trucks. The Trustees noted the request had been denied last year, but because they were budgeted, the request was accepted.

Police Chief Ron Lake also requested a new vehicle to replace the 2005 truck with its failed engine. Golec suggested auctions international to recoup some of the loss and wondered why the quotes Lake gathered were only for Ford.

Lake explained to the board that both GMC and Dodge were more expensive. They also took twice as long for the installation of law enforcement packages and the factory work done on those vehicles needed to be taken out of town. Lake chose Ford for the location of Faith's, formerly Durand, in Westminster for factory work. All other services are provided by J&M Auto.

Jonathan Wright suggested both departments needed a maintenance schedule to show costs per vehicle "so we as taxpayers know what [the vehicles] cost."

Wheeler admitted he performs routine maintenance, but Wright advocated for everything to be written down, "as a tool of continuity," he added.

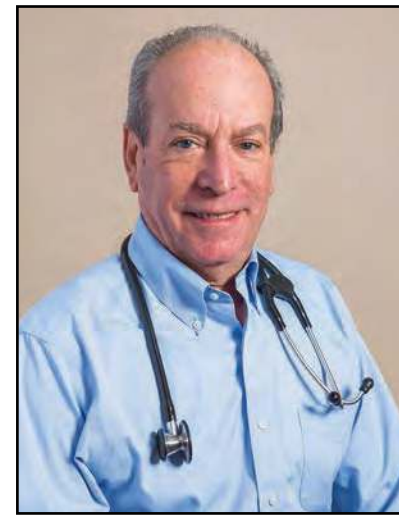
The next Village Trustees meeting is Nov. 27 after the VTrans Alternative Presentation beginning at 5 p.m. in the Bellows Falls Opera House Lower Theater.

were to be installed on Wednesday. Stefan Golec attested Glennon's willingness to work on the safety issues. Health officer Chuck Wise reminded the board that the conversations were centered around the slate, but

Dr. Ron Vallario joins Grace Cottage Family Health

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Dr. Ronald Vallario is now seeing patients at Grace Cottage Family Health three days a week. A native of New Jersey, Vallario is a graduate of Rutgers University, University of South Carolina, and Robert Wood Johnson Medical School; he completed his family medicine residency at North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill.

He is an assistant professor at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester, Mass. Before joining Grace Cottage, he was associate medical director and geriatrician at Summit ElderCare/Fallon Health in Worcester, Mass. Prior to that he was the medical director and



Ron Vallario, M.D.

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a primary care physician at Mountain Valley Medical Clinic in Londonderry, Vt. and an emergency department physician at Brattleboro Memorial Hospital.

Vallario and his wife, Michele, live in Bondville, Vt. and have three grown children. His hobbies are running, tennis, and photography.

"I have always been impressed with the history of Grace Cottage and its commitment to its community and its patients, and I have heard only good things about the hospital and its outstanding team of professionals," said Vallario, who practices primary care and family medicine.

To schedule an appointment with Vallario, call 802-365-4331.

Three-day Youth Thrive program

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Our upcoming Youth Thrive training is full for adults, but we are actively seeking additional youth and young adults to attend. If you know anyone age 25 and younger, please reach out to them.

Wondering what we can do to ensure a great future for all youth? Come to the three-day Youth Thrive training starting Tuesday, Nov. 27. We will be learning how the teen brain works and how trauma affects behavior. We will also look at how the community and organizations can work together to make sure all youth feel welcome and can succeed.

Youth Thrive is a new evidence-informed framework for approaching our work with adolescents aged 9-24. This powerful framework utilizes the most current science on adolescent brain development, trauma, and resilience so we can recognize, support, and build on protective and promotive factors for youth. Anyone who wants to be part of the solution to supporting youth in our community should attend.

Youth Thrive will take place 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 27, Dec. 18, and Jan. 15 with a Feb. 5 snow date. Participants should attend all three days. The training takes

YOUTH THRIVE

place at the Rockingham Free Public Library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls.

Lunch and light snacks provided.

Presented by Greater Falls Connections and Youth Services of Windham County. For more information contact Laura Schairbaum, Laura@greaterfallsconnections.org or 802-463-9927 x208.

Register at www.goo.gl/forms/ZEQ5gycae6faccl23.



HCRS new staff

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – HCRS welcomes the following new employees from left: Nicole Neff, residential specialist in Springfield; Paula Wright, crisis intervention specialist in Springfield; Chad Simmons, HRSA project coordinator in Brattleboro; Nicholas Cannon, residential specialist in Brattleboro; Amy Pandolfi, clinician in Springfield; Lily Hughes-Dunn, school-based clinician in Newfane; Dawne Morgan-Sanders, BCBA supervisor in Springfield; and Debra Hayes, school-based clinician in Hartford.

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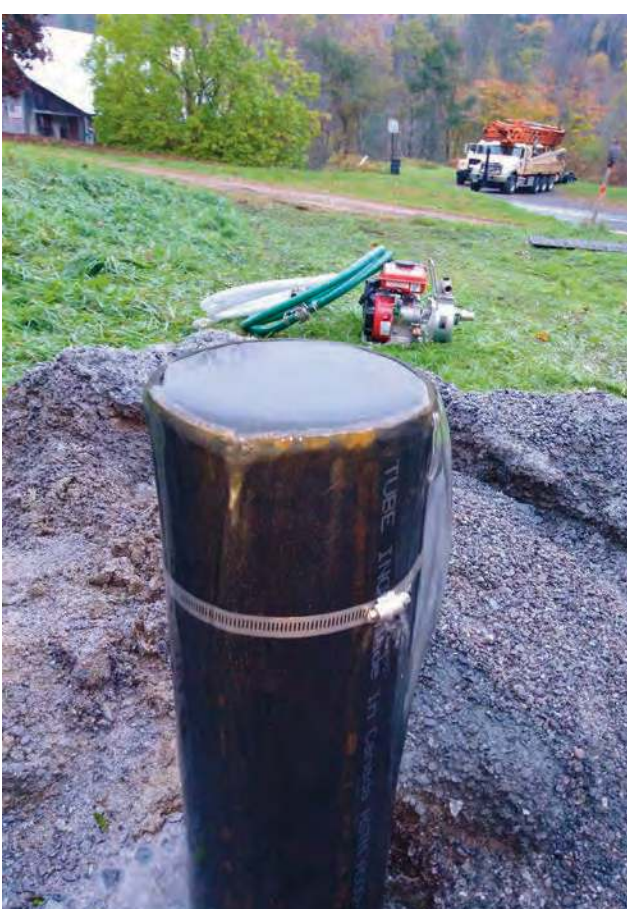
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Robert Crego named executive director of Southern Vt. AHEC

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Board of Directors of Southern Vermont Area Health Education Center announced that Robert Crego was named Southern Vermont AHEC's executive director, succeeding Marty Hammond upon her retirement at the end of October 2018.

Robert has worked in community development for nearly 30 years. He was founding executive director of Valley Cares and developer of the organization's 64-unit West River Valley Senior Housing project, a continuum of independent, supportive, and assisted living for seniors located in Townshend.

Prior to his work with Valley Cares, Robert was a grant writer and project developer for Grace Cottage Hospital, assisting in developing and supporting primary and acute care and eldercare initiatives.

Robert has 20 years of experience consulting with nonprofit organizations in Vermont, providing strategic and business planning, finance and asset management, program development and management, and grant writing. Over the years, Robert has obtained over \$30 million in public and private grant funding, primarily for affordable housing, education, and health care-related projects.

Prior to his hiring at AHEC, Robert was development manager for M&S Development in Brattleboro, where he helped the business plan and finance downtown mixed-use real estate projects.

Robert received a Master of Arts in teaching social studies from the University of New Hampshire in Durham, and a bachelor's degree in history from St. Lawrence University



Robert Crego.

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in Canton, N.Y.

The Southern Vermont Area Health Education Center is one of two regional AHECs in Vermont. These AHECs work in partnership with the Robert Larner, M.D. College of Medicine at the University of Vermont, College of Nursing and Health Sciences, College of Education and Social Services, and the UVM Medical Center Residency Programs.

Through this alliance with the University of Vermont, the two AHECs support and promote excellence in the health care system of Vermont and in the training of health practitioners through community-based education involving students, health care professionals, and community residents.

The U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration, the University of Vermont, the State of Ver-

mont and local community organizations provide funding for the AHECs. This four-way partnership enables a broad framework under which each AHEC tailors its program and activities to meet local health priorities. Southern Vermont AHEC was established in Springfield, Vt. in early 1999. It serves the five counties of Addison, Bennington, Rutland, Windham, and Windsor. Southern Vermont AHEC primarily focuses on rural health care workforce development to meet the needs of communities and health care professionals. Related to workforce development, the center works closely with the University of Vermont in supporting medical students and their community faculty prior to, during and after rotations.

BLAZE

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from its Weston hub to a second store in Rockingham, head office in Manchester, and call and distribution center in Clarendon – giving the operation a foothold in each of the state's four southernmost counties.

The business was preparing for a best-ever season when a Clarendon retiree watching a John Wayne movie looked out his front window the night of Oct. 20 and spotted flames shooting from a 16,000-square-foot warehouse across the road.

Forget the fact the local volunteer fire department, helped by a dozen neighboring units, quickly extinguished the blaze without any injuries. Initial police scanner chatter and press reports made many believe the nearby call and distribution center had been incinerated.

"The Vermont Country Store didn't burn up," Eliot Orton repeats today. "The fire will be largely unknown and unfelt to most customers."

But it's proving a challenge to staffers who simultaneously must restock and ship out products while fielding and deflecting press questions.

How large is the overall operation? How many people work there? How many catalogs are mailed – is it in the "tens of millions" claimed by Martha Stewart on her television show?

"We tend to not want to talk about us being a big company," CEO Jim Hall replies. "We talk about the store, we talk about the heritage."

And when that doesn't appease, they introduce another family member.

"Pixy stick?" asks Cabot Orton, offering candy. "How long has it been since you've had one of those?"

Although the store won't disclose staff numbers (a 2010 New York Times article reported the company then employed about 450 people), brother Eliot will say, "This time of year, we almost double the size of the workforce."

So much so, the business is continuing to advertise for help.

"We tap out the labor supply," Cabot Orton says. "We're all packing boxes and answering the phone."

Call and you may find yourself speaking with one of the brothers or fellow leaders on the administrative ladder, all of whom are happy to report the weather in Vermont as well as, yes, you really are talking to them.

"In the end there wasn't anything that burned up that we can't replace," Hall tells customers who've heard about the fire's resulting \$2 million inventory loss. "The majority of our product is made in the United States so we can get more relatively quickly. Vendors are doing backflips to get us product for Christmas."

A few particular items will require

patience. Take "Evening in Paris," a recently revived fragrance popular from its creation in 1928 until its discontinuance in the late 1960s. The tens of thousands of cobalt blue bottles charred in the blaze can't be replaced until early next year.

"She'll have to wait a little longer to get that," Eliot Orton says.

Specially, "will ship by 02/04/2019," the store's website notes. But Warrell, ever the spokeswoman, finds a phoenix amid the ashes.

"Valentine's Day," she suggests.

Written by Kevin O'Connor, VTDigger.org.



The Vermont Country Store gets busy after their warehouse fire. PHOTO PROVIDED BY TRIPADVISOR.COM

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Jasmine Boucher named 2018 DAR Good Citizen

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – It is a pleasure to announce that Jasmine Boucher has been named the 2018 Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen for Bellows Falls Union High School. Jasmine, a senior, is the daughter of Rick and Jennifer Boucher of Bellows Falls.

Jasmine was chosen based on the following criterion: dependability including truthfulness, loyalty, and punctuality; service including cooperation, courtesy, and consideration of others; leadership including personality, self-control, and ability to assume responsibility; and patriotism including unselfish interest in family, school, community, and nation. She fits these characteristics well.

Jasmine has demonstrated her dependability through her commitment to her academics, school activities, her job, and her community. She is reliable and conscientious and follows through on commitments. A determined student who works hard, she is a member of the Marilee Huntoon Jesse A. Judd Chapter of the National Honor Society at Bellows Falls Union High School. She is an active member of class activities and works hard to include others. Jasmine is someone whom people can count on as she takes initiative, does what she says she is going to do, and follows through with what she starts.

Always willing to help anyone in need, Jasmine is often one of the first to offer assistance without being asked. She has willingly participated in a variety of community service activities including an art camp counselor, concession worker at school sporting events, tour guide for incoming ninth graders, and track meet and field hockey helper. She is coop-



Jasmine Boucher is the BFUHS DAR Good Citizen. PHOTO PROVIDED

of success and failure. She understands it takes a team to accomplish great things; through her sportsmanship, she serves as a positive representative of BFUHS and the community. Willing to improve her skills, Jasmine takes constructive criticism well and uses it as an opportunity for growth. In times of difficulty, Jasmine is composed and strives to be her best.

Jasmine demonstrates empathy and compassion and serves as a positive role model and confidant for many of the younger students. She works hard to include others, and often supports the "underdog" who might be struggling. She is mature for her age, sees the "bigger picture" in life, and she works hard to achieve the goals she has set for herself. She takes pride in her school and community as she is supportive of her classmates, teammates, and the younger student athletes in the community.

Clearly a strong leader who cares about others, Jasmine is deserving of this award, and BFUHS is honored to have her represent us this year.

erative in the classroom, on the field and court, and takes into consideration the feelings of others.

While Jasmine is a quiet, humble leader who leads by example, she sets examples for her peers and younger students by holding herself to high standards in everything she does. She also demonstrates leadership by showing humility in times



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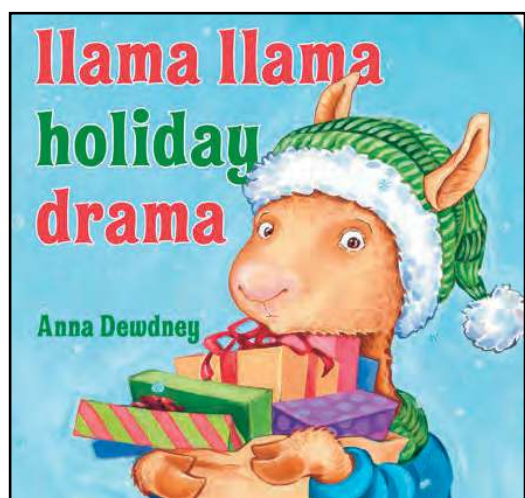
BFDDA open house weekend

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Downtown Development Alliance is planning an Open House Weekend for Friday, Nov. 23 through Monday, Nov. 26. Each day has a special title for the annual weekend, including: Plaid Friday, Small Business Saturday, Open House Sunday, and Cider Monday.

Our Shop Local cards are distributed at almost 60 locations throughout Bellows Falls, Rockingham, Saxtons River, and Westminster, Vt.

The following businesses have special activities planned.

- Athens Pizza & Family Restaurant
- Bellows Falls Community Bike Project - specials for Small Business Saturday
- Boccaccio's Salon - gift certificate and product specials
- Flat Iron Exchange - Drink specials and gift bags, Santa visits Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Halladays Flowers and Harvest Barn - Saturday wine tasting and refreshments, Sunday wreath class
- J & H Hardware and Sporting Goods - Plaid Friday discount on your purchase for customers wearing plaid, weekend sale
- Kendall's Kitchen - Discount on gift certificates. Open Friday, 7 a.m.



"Llama Llama Holiday Drama."

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- 2 p.m. for breakfast and lunch. Open 5-9 p.m. for dinner. Saturday and Sunday, open 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Closed Monday.

• LuLa Roe Cassandra Maxfield - Open house Saturday at 35 School St.

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• River Artisans Cooperative - open Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and

Monday
 • Saxtons River Inn - Vinnie Di Bernardo in the bar Saturday. Dessert with entrée

• Sherwin Art Glass - Open Studio Weekend with Walpole Artisans glassblowing demonstrations, free refreshments

• Windham Antiques - refreshments
 Village Square Booksellers will host several family-oriented events for the Bellows Falls Open House weekend.

Saturday, Nov. 24 at 1 p.m. Village Square Booksellers features Erin Rounds and author-illustrator John Steven Gurney for Indies First Day.

Erin Rounds' book, "Charlotte's Bones," is set in Vermont. In 1849, a crew building a railroad through Charlotte, Vt., dug up strange and beautiful bones in a farmer's field. Erin Rounds is a mom and a fourth grade ELA and social studies teacher. "Charlotte's Bones" is her first published work. Rounds lives in Springfield.

John Steven Gurney's book is called

"Bossy Pirate." It's mutiny on the high seas in this light-hearted lesson in playing well with others. Gurney has illustrated more than 140 chapter books, including the "A to Z Mysteries," "The Bailey School Kids," and "The Calendar Mysteries" series. He loves visiting schools to talk about illustration. He lives in Brattleboro.

Sunday, Nov. 25 at 1 p.m. will host Lesley Nase with a reading of "Who Paints the World" and "Llama Llama" related events. "Who Paints the World" is for all children who need to feel loved and supported. It is written for children who are very ill. We will have coloring pencils and paper along with "Llama Llama" coloring pages for this interactive event. Kids, come dressed in your favorite pajamas! Parents, starting Sunday, Nov. 25 and continuing until Tuesday, Nov. 27, bring a pair of new, unworn pajamas to donate to kids in need. For every new pair of pajamas donated, Penguin Young Readers will also donate a book.

Village Square Booksellers will also host specials throughout the Open House weekend.



Putney Craft Tour

PUTNEY, Vt. - From left to right: Representative Mike Mrowicki and Putney Craft Tour founders David Mischke, Bob Burch, Ken Pick, and Judy Hawkins accept proclamation by Gov. Phil Scott, declaring Thanksgiving Weekend, Nov. 23-25 as Putney Craft Tour Weekend in the state of Vermont. The Putney Craft Tour is the oldest continuing crafts studio tour in North America and has served as a model for the Vermont Crafts Council when it put together its own statewide tours. "Gov. Scott's willingness to recognize the Putney Craft Tour is a testament to the importance of the arts and crafts industry in Vermont. Quality craftsmanship, local talent, and artist entrepreneurship exist in abundance throughout our rural communities and we couldn't be happier to receive this recognition," said Pick.

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Steampunk and tabletop games

KILLINGTON, Vt. - The Steampunk Society of Vermont had the pleasure of hosting a few events at Carnage 21 in Killington, Vt. over the weekend of Nov. 3 and 4. Carnage is a Vermont based tabletop gaming convention, which held its 21st event this year. The theme of this year's convention was space exploration and science fiction. Steampunk, being a genre of science fiction, was a perfect addition to this year's Carnage convention.

The two events hosted by the Steampunk Society of Vermont were Splendid Teapot Racing and a Steampunk and Cosplay Fashion Show. For those unfamiliar with Splendid Teapot Racing, it involves converting remote control cars into mobile teapots. These teapot racers must navigate an obstacle course and are awarded points for



The Steampunk Society of Vermont join forces with Carnage for the Carnage Convention in Killington.

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appearance, entertainment value, bribing of the judges, speed, and more. Carnage attendees enjoyed running the complicated course in-

volving tunnels, bridges, and ramps. There were many crashes and lots of laughing. The winning racer for Best in Show was the "Tea Fighter" created by Rachel Coro, featuring weapons that fired and its own soundtrack pumped out from a speaker within the racer's teapot. Splendid Teapot Racing has been a part of the Springfield Steampunk Festival.

The Steampunk and Cosplay Fashion Show featured a wide variety of costumes from time travelers, circus entertainers, gunslingers, Ghostbusters, mad scientists, Labyrinth costumes, Grimm Fairy Tale characters, and more. Carnage attendees

also participated in the fashion show, as many were in costume for the various LARPs that were held at the convention. LARP stands for Live Action Role Play, where individuals physically portray their characters in a live game run by a game masters - those arranging the event and rules.

Carnage and the Steampunk Society of Vermont plan to team up again for next year's Carnage convention. Carnage will happen shortly after the 2019 Springfield Steampunk Festival. The next Steampunk Festival is planned for Sept. 21-22, 2019 and is a large fundraiser held at the Hartness House Inn. The proceeds generate funds for local students studying the STEAM subjects of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. The Steampunk Society of Vermont, a nonprofit organization, is currently recruiting for a 2019 festival coordinator. To learn more about the nonprofit, visit www.steampunksocietyvt.org.

Holiday cooking with cannabis



Holiday cooking with CBD oils.

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The holiday season is upon us! If you want to be everyone's favorite gift-giver this year, join us Thursday, Nov. 29, from 6-9 p.m. and learn how to make a variety of cannabis-infused presents for everybody on your list. Using high-CBD hemp extract, we will learn the basics of cooking with cannabis and how to create relaxing herbal sugar cookies, peppermint hard candies, fizzy bath bombs, and a luxurious lotion. Participants will help to make all gifts and get to take home their creations along with the recipes! There is a workshop fee, which includes materials.

Preregister at www.cannabotanicals.net/gift-workshop. Ten percent of proceeds to benefit No

More Deaths/No Mas Muertes.

Workshop leader Stephanie Boucher is a certified clinical herbalist, having graduated from the Vermont Center for Integrative Herbalism's three-year clinical herbalist training program. In addition to her traditional herbal training, she also holds a professional certificate in Cannabis Science and Medicine from the University of Vermont's Larner College of Medicine, and has over five years of experience in the cannabis industry. Stephanie is particularly interested in helping folks dealing with chronic stress and/or pain but is trained in a wide variety of health concerns.

Workshop will be held at the UU Meetinghouse, 21 Fairground Rd., Springfield, Vt.

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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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Cummings Hardware Store

In my earliest memories, I remember Marvin Cummings running the hardware store in Chester Depot. Recently, I found an April 1955 Springfield Reporter that has a story about Marvin Cummings buying the E.J. Davis Hardware Store. Below I reprint that story in its entirety.

"Karl W. Davis Retires From Hardware Business"

"Karl W. Davis, who since 1919 has operated the E.J. Davis Hardware Store in Chester Depot, has sold the store to Mr. Marvin Cummings. The business, originally established by P.H. Robbins 97 years ago, still occupies the original building which was built in 1858.

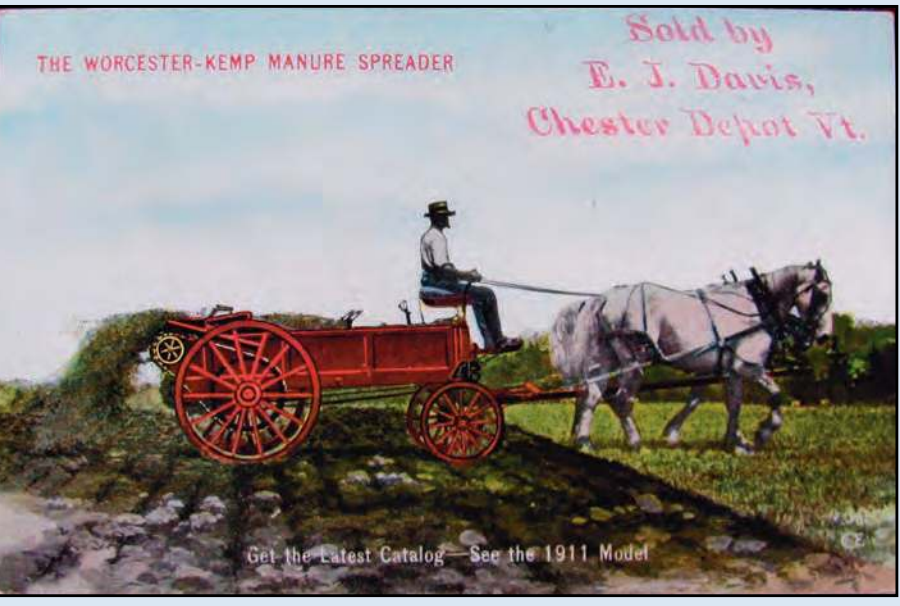
"Mr. Robbins was in partnership with George D. Barton from 1863 to 1865 and then with F.W. Marsh from 1865 to 1888. Mr. E.J. Davis became an employee of Mr. Robbins in 1892 and five years later on April 1, 1897, purchased the business and conducted it under the name of E.J. Davis Hardware Company. His son, Karl W. Davis, came into the business in 1919 after returning from World War I Service.

"In 1940 Karl W. Davis became manager of the business and in 1943 he purchased the business from his father. Mr. E.J. Davis died in August, 1943.

"Mr. Marvin Cummings began work in July, 1945, for Mr. Karl W. Davis, after serving during World War 2 with the Army in the European-African Campaign. Prior to the war he was employed by LaFountain Woolen Company of Springfield. On April 1, 1955, Mr. Cummings purchased the E.J. Davis Hardware Company and will continue to do business under that name."

Philemon Robbins

Philemon Robbins Sr. was a harness maker by trade, and came to Chester in 1806 from Templeton, Mass., and raised five children by his first wife. All five children died without heirs. He remarried Patty (Carter) Duncan



Worcester Manure Spreader Sold by E.J. Davis in 1911. PHOTO PROVIDED BY TED SPAULDING

who had three children. Philemon H. was the only surviving child.

P.H. Robbins was actively involved in Chester affairs. He was the secretary of Yo-Semite Firehouse and was a Mason at Olive Branch Lodge.

Karl W. Davis

Karl William Davis lived where Paul "Jerry" Bremer now lives. He enlisted for WWI in 1917 and trained as an aviation radio technician. Keep in mind radio was relatively new in 1917. Davis attended Harvard and MIT for radio training. He spent time in Miami, Fort Worth, and Philadelphia further honing his skills. After Philadelphia, he was sent overseas to a Naval Air Station in Killingholme, England until Nov. 11, 1918, which was when the Armistice was signed.

Marvin Cummings

Marvin Cummings saw duty in WWII in the Army in the European-African Campaign. Marvin's service in Africa and Europe would probably have been with George Patton's Seventh Army and/or with Mark Clark's Fifth Army in Italy. Many older Chester residents will remember Marvin and his family. His son, John, was a classmate of mine.

The photo with this article is a 1911 Trade Card from E.J. Davis' Hardware Store. For the 2019 Chester Historical Society calendar we used two of these color trade cards for the front and rear covers. Both of these trade cards were donated by Ted Spaulding. It is the best calendar we have produced thus far.

You can purchase these calendars at The Framery of Vermont, Chester Town Hall, Lisai's Market, Erskine's Feed Store, Vintage Vermont Antiques, Stone House Antiques Center, Salon 2000, and Chester Hardware. They make great gifts.

Recent cemetery

Recently Danny Clemons and I went cemeterying. We discovered an unusual grave in Newfane. The headstone reads "Lieut Henry Downs, Co I, 8th Vermont." Also Henry's wife, Lovisa is mentioned. She was a nurse in the Civil War. You can imagine Danny and I being interested in learning more.

I contacted my friend Dennis Charles. Dennis owns a photo of Lieutenant Downs and so had previously researched him. Imagine my surprise when Dennis told me he was a Medal of Honor recipient. Watch for this incredible story in an upcoming article I will write. Henry Downs, a long forgotten soldier, is about to be recognized. Dennis thinks his marker should be engraved listing him as a Medal of Honor recipient. Dennis also has some history on Lovisa's Civil War service.

This week's old saying is from an old-timer I once knew. Whenever he saw something as a good deal he would say, "That's a fair dinkum deal."

OLLI next program is "Classics of Hollywood's Golden Age"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Rick Winston will present the OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program Tuesday, Nov. 27. "Classics of Hollywood's Golden Age" 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.

Film historian Winston will show clips from 12 of his favorite films from 1935-1963. So many old films fall the test of time while a few are rediscovered by each generation of moviegoers. He'll discuss some of the elements of these classics from Hollywood's "Golden Age," including their writing, acting, directing, and cinematography.

Winston comes from the Montpelier area. He grew up in Yonkers, N.Y. and became hooked watching old films on TV at a young age. He went to Columbia College and the University of California Berkeley, where in his bio he writes, "There were many opportunities to catch up on films while putting off writing English Literature papers."

He moved to Vermont in 1970 and shortly afterward founded the Lightning Ridge Film Society, which morphed into the Savoy Theater in 1981. It plays classic films in Montpelier. He was one of the founders of Montpelier's Green Mountain Film Festival and was its programming director until 2012. He and his wife Andrea Serota sold the Savoy in 2009, and since then, he has been teaching film at Burlington College, the Community College of Vermont in Montpelier, the Montpelier Senior Activity Center. He speaks on film subjects to



Rick Winston will discuss films from Hollywood's Golden Age. STOCK PHOTO

groups such as OLLI throughout Vermont.

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

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

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

Membership for the semester includes nine programs. Non-members

are encouraged and welcome to attend 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 - rather than the usual two - Dec. 4, and will be Mark Breen, senior meteorologist at Fairbanks Museum, the Voice of VPR's "Eye on the Sky" giving us "This Winter's Forecast!"

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 online at www.learn.uvm.edu/olli. Choose statewide programs from the menu, and then scroll to Springfield.

The old Cambridgeport Mill

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - When Ron Patch was out and about, he came across the old Cambridgeport Mill. Here is what is left standing today.

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opinion

Op-Ed: Legislative preview for 2019

The VTDigger headline a day after the elections well captured the enthusiasm of the newly elected legislative majorities: “Democratic supermajority comes with sky-high expectations.” The final House tally was 102 Democrats and Progressives, 43 Republicans, and five independents. The Senate will be 24-6. Both chambers now have the two-thirds majorities needed to override any veto by Republican Gov. Phil Scott.

The Democrats will start with passing another \$15 an hour minimum wage bill and a payroll-taxed financed parental leave bill, both of which Scott vetoed last session. But that’s just the unfinished business. With unrestrained legislative power in their hands, all of the issues that excite the liberal imagination will compete for a high rank on the “must pass” list.

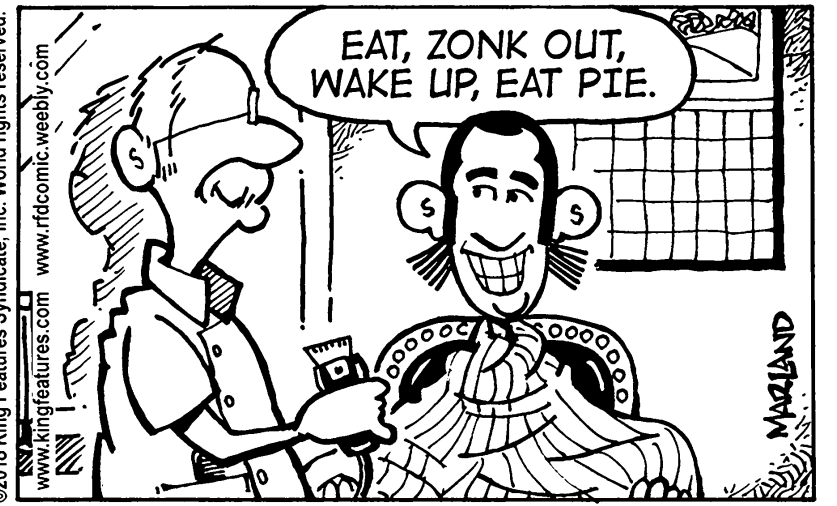
Carbon Tax: This measure, first offered in 2014, is now disguised as carbon pricing, pollution fees, decarbonization, cap-and-trade, greenhouse gas initiative, etc. after

the initial, straightforward “carbon tax” aroused massive resistance. The recent UN IPCC SR1.5 report, telling Americans that we have only a few years left before it will be too late to rescue the dying climate, will be weaponized to create a huge new tax resource for state government but produce no detectable effect on climate.

Welfare increases: The \$15 minimum wage will only benefit lower-wage workers who aren’t priced or automated out of their jobs. Much more compulsion will be needed to that assure everyone enjoys a “livable wage.” Mandating employers to pay it avoids making taxpayers pay it, but mandating that employers stay in Vermont could prove troublesome.

Act 250 Expansion: A stacked six-member legislative commission will report in January on how to strengthen Act 250 after 50 years. Likely recommendations: make Act 250 apply to the smaller developments not now covered, make every development satisfy

R.F.D.



by Mike Marland

regulators that it will have no net adverse effect on climate change, and mandate that almost all change occur in state-designated growth centers.

Health Care: High on the agenda will be forcing all individual Vermonters to buy state-approved health insurance or suffer a financial penalty. The legislature will compliantly support moving forward with the UVM Medical Center-dominated “All Payer” mega-system as a way station toward reviving the single payer plan that collapsed in December 2014.

Energy: It’s likely that the legislature will put into state law Gov. Shumlin’s fiat that Vermont must obtain 90 percent of its total energy needs from renewable sources by 2050. This fiat, once actually enacted, will invite legislators to push through a lengthy list of mandates, prohibitions, regulations, and taxes designed to drive up energy prices to benefit the Renewable Industrial Complex and its political friends.

Labor: The legislature may try to find some workaround to avoid complying with the Supreme Court’s holding that compelled “agency fees” to labor unions are blatantly unconstitutional.

Education: The legislature will cheerfully advance the centralization of control over public educa-

tion spurred by Act 46, and try to choke off every path for parents and children to escape to independent (non-unionized) schooling. They’ll make universal pre-K programs mandatory, publicly controlled, and unionized, despite no evidence that U-Pre-K actually improves educational outcomes. They’ll move onward toward replacing the school homestead property tax with income taxes, with little consideration of the effects of much higher income tax rates on the economy.

Gun Control: Having breached the constitutional barrier in 2018, the gun control advocates will try to ban “assault rifles” and prohibit possession of firearms not just by persons judicially adjudged as “ex-

treme risks” (current law), but also by persons subject to much less demanding “relief of abuse” orders.

The new legislature will be faced with a deepening liability for state employee and teacher pension and health care benefit obligations, now totaling an astounding \$4.5 billion. Failure to at least modestly reverse the trend will result in lowered bond ratings and higher cost of borrowing.

The 2018 legislative leadership recognized this problem and appropriated a one-time extra \$36.2 million, but with supermajorities clamoring for immediate spending on pet programs, it’s hard to see how reducing the pension fund inadequacies can compete.

The new legislative majorities

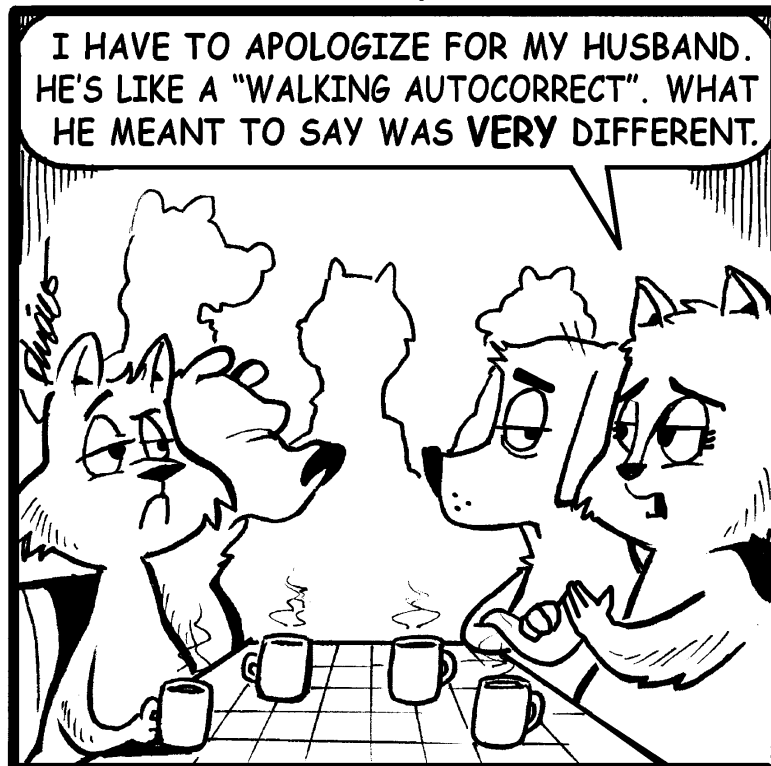
will be intoxicated with the declaration put into law in Gov. Shumlin’s 2012 budget bill that “Spending and revenue policies will reflect the public policy goals established in State law and recognize every person’s need for health, housing, dignified work, education, food, social security, and a healthy environment.”

That lofty purpose neglects a few other considerations, like a business friendly, job-creating economy, and most people’s need to keep the ever-growing Nanny State off of their backs and out of their wallets.

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

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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Amber Waves

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497 and Auxiliary wishes to thank all the generous donors who stopped by our Buddy Poppy drive sites Saturday, Nov 10. You made it a great success. Please continue to wear your Buddy Poppy proudly! We thank all the businesses that allowed us the opportunity to set up tables and greet the public. Specifically Ralphs and Jiffy Mart in Charlestown and Runnings, Wal-Mart, and Market Basket in Claremont. Thank you all.

Sincerely,
Tom St.Pierre, Quartermaster
Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497

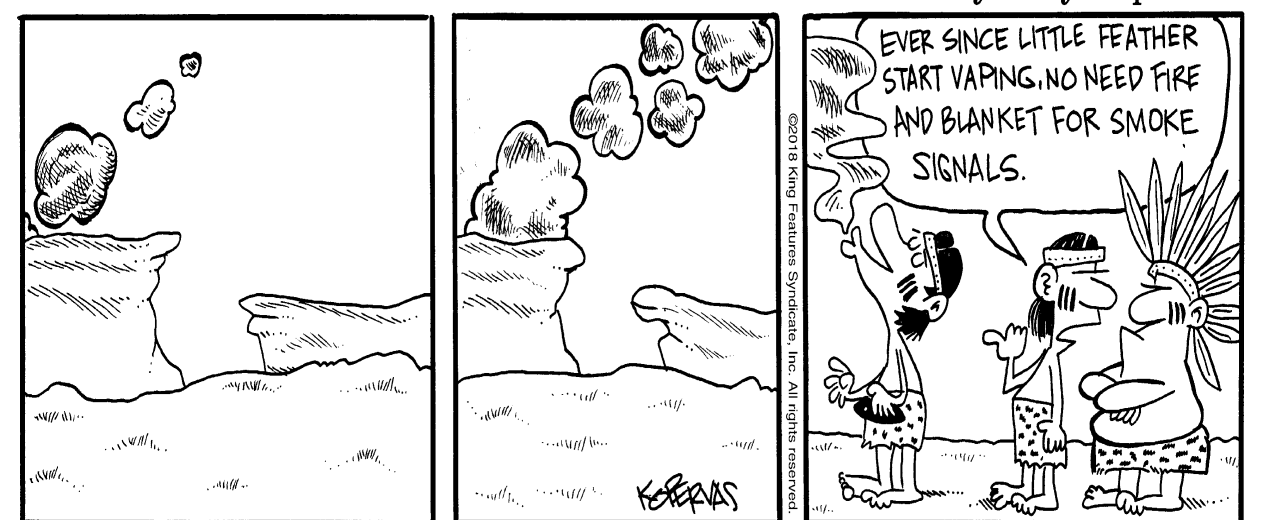
Dear Editor,

Over 100,000 Vermonters voted for me this month. I want to thank each and every person for their support.

Five months ago, I decided to undertake one of the biggest challenges and opportunities of my life. Running a statewide campaign for the first time was daunting. Running a statewide campaign against an incumbent even more, considering that only once in the last 50-

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



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Dear Editor,

I need to write this letter to express my disappointment and anger at a situation that has affected me since 2006.

Due to extensive knee replacement (revision) surgery that did not turn out right, I cannot bend my left knee anymore than 20 percent. Due to this, I have to use the handicap parking area. I need to open my left door wide in order to get out. My anger is: drivers who do not respect the handicap area. They park there and do not need it or park so close I cannot open my door wide, or most of the time, not at all. I cannot “squeeze” into my

car. Unless you are in this situation, you will not know what I’m talking about.

Please respect the handicap parking area and park more to the left of your area. You can get out there, and maybe I can.

As the saying goes, “But for the grace of God, go I.” Let’s hope it is never you. Then you would understand.

Sincerely,
Patricia Snyder
Andover, Vt.

ties, putting up signs and banners, arranging meet and greets, making calls night after night, volunteering for every parade we could find in the state, sharing words of encouragement, or just telling me “I voted for you” was very gratifying.

Even though the election results were disappointing, the support I received from people all across our state was humbling. The journey was an incredible experience and I am a better person as a result.

Vermonters welcomed me into this race, our team gave me a chance to win, and my family made this a special journey. I’m proud of our team and the campaign we ran.

Thank you Gail, Darren, Dawn, Hayden, Rachel, Casey, Shayne, Ben, and Tyler.

Thanks again, Vermont!

Sincerely,
Don Turner Jr.
Milton, Vt.

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Celtic worship service at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.
Holy Eucharist Services are offered at 8 a.m. (quiet service) and 10 a.m. (with music) every Sunday. Immanuel Church is handicap accessible.

Christ's Church, 24 Main St., Saxtons River
Sunday Service is 10 a.m. Service is followed by a potluck luncheon. For more information, call 802-376-6178. All welcome.

CAVENDISH-PROCTORSVILLE, VT.

St. James United Methodist Church, 570 Main St.
Worship service is at 8:30 a.m. with Pastor Earl Dionne. Sunday school and nursery available. For more information, call 802-674-3443.

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.

Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 99 Sullivan St., Claremont, N.H.
Saturdays at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m. 603-542-6273; frandrew@tregubovstudios.com; hroc.org.

Mabel T. Barlow, 1928-2018

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Mabel T. Barlow, 89, passed away Wednesday morning, Nov. 14, 2018 at Cedar Hill Health Care Center in Windsor, Vt. She was born Nov. 21, 1928 in Chester, Vt., the daughter of Guy and Gladys (Mowry) Trombley. She graduated from Springfield High School.

On April 30, 1949, she married Robert J. Barlow in Springfield, Vt., he predeceased her July 13, 2014.

With her husband, she owned and operated Barlow's Look Away Farm in Springfield, Vt., which included dairy cows, beef cattle, and a large maple sugaring operation.

She enjoyed flower gardening and vegetable gardening. She resided in Springfield most of her life. For the past several years, she resided at Cedar Hill in Windsor, Vt. and truly considered Cedar Hill her home.

She was a member of the First Congregational Church in Springfield and volunteered making mittens every year for the church bazaar, one year making over 100 pairs.

She is survived by one son Scott Barlow and his wife Joanne of Springfield; two daughters Jane Waysville and her husband John of Springfield and Twyla Sweetmoon of Marathon Shores, Fla.; three grandchildren Cristina Price and her husband Jeff, Jason Waysville and his wife Erin, and Nicholas Barlow and his wife Cailin; four great-grandchildren; and



Mabel T. Barlow, 1928-2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by one brother and five sisters.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018 at the First Congregational Church in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Gerry Piper officiated. Burial followed in the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaung Trail, Springfield, VT 05156 or to Cedar Hill Activities Fund, 49 Cedar Hill Drive, Windsor, VT 05089.

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

CHESTER, VT.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 313 Main St.
Sunday service is at 8 a.m. Service with music, Sunday School, and nursery care available at 10 a.m. Wednesday morning prayer at 9:40 a.m. Website www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org or call 802-875-6000.

First Universalist Parish of Chester, Rt. 103. 211 North St.
Sunday service is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday service is between September and June, 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.

Andover Community Church, 928 Weston-Andover Rd.
Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and worship service 10:45 a.m. For more information, go to www.andovercommunitychurch.org.

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.

GRAFTON, VT.

The Grafton Church (UCC and ABC), 55 Main St.
Worship begins at 10 a.m. All are welcome!

LONDONDERRY, VT.

Second Congregational Church of Londonderry, 2051 N. Main St.
Worship service is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school and child care available. For more information, please call the church office, 802-824-6453 or go to www.2ndcongregationalchurchvt.org.

LUDLOW, VT.

The United Church of Ludlow (UCC and Methodist), 48 Pleasant St.
Sundays starting at 10:15 a.m. followed by a time of fellowship and coffee hour. Call 802-228-4211 or email unitedchurch@tds.net. Visit us online at www.unitedchurch.us.

Ludlow Baptist Church, on the Green, 99 Main St.

Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Music Ministry, coffee and fellowship at 10:30 a.m. Worship service at 11 a.m. with nursery care provided. Evening Praise service is at 6:30 p.m. Prayer meetings and Bible study are Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to www.LudlowBaptist.org or call Pastor Jerry Scheumann calling 802-228-7600.

Judith M. Condon, 1938-2018

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Judith M. Condon, 80, of Green Street passed away Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018. Judith was born April 29, 1938, the daughter of Albert and Leila (Mooney) Freeman. She earned an associate's degree from Dean State College in Franklin, Mass. and worked as a seamstress. She was well known in Bellows Falls for her alterations and repairing clothing. She was a communicant of St. Charles Church. Judie loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them. She was great cook and also enjoyed knitting and reading.

On Sept. 9, 1957, she married Laurence Condon who predeceased her. Surviving are her children Mary Hughes and husband Dan of St. Johnsbury, Philip Condon of

Boerne, Texas, David Condon and wife Tonia Erickson of West Rutland, Brian Condon and wife Melanie of Brattleboro, and Mark Condon and wife Dalila of Bellows Falls; her brother Thomas Freeman and sister Kathleen Polizzi; her grandchildren Meghan Garvey and husband Brian, Caitlin Hughes, Michael Condon, Brendan Hughes, and Ryan Condon; and great-grandchildren Aidan and Emma Garvey.

There will be calling hours 4-6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23 at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt. A funeral mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 24 at St. Charles Church in Bellows Falls with burial to follow in the St. Charles Cemetery in Westminster, Vt.

Gene Marechoux, 1959-2018

SENECA FALLS, N.Y. – Gene Marechoux, 59, of Hawley St., Seneca Falls, N.Y., passed away Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018 at Geneva General Hospital, Geneva, N.Y.

Funeral services and burial, as per Gene's request, will be at the convenience of the family. There will be no prior calling hours.

Gene was born in Springfield, Vt., April 20, 1959, the son of the late Alexander and Alice Fife Marechoux. He had resided in Seneca Falls since 1999, moving from New York City. He had been employed as a carpenter for Carpenter's Union #277 of Syracuse, N.Y. Gene was both a goldsmith and a silversmith who had a talent for creating beautiful jewelry. He was also a great animal lover, especially of his pet dog, Rocky.

He is survived by his wife Dianna Turo Marechoux of Seneca Falls whom he married Sept. 30, 1983;

stepdaughter Shelly Baran of Waterloo, N.Y.; three brothers Scott Marechoux of Belmont, N.Y., Curtis Marechoux of Vermont, Jason Marechoux of Vermont; sister Laurie Marechoux of Vermont; step-grandchildren Christopher and Jacklyn Pagano, Catelyn Baran, and Ryan Avery; father-in-law Frank Turo of Savannah, N.Y.; two stepbrothers and two stepsisters; several sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Gene was predeceased by one brother Hunter Marechoux; a stepson David Avery; and his mother-in-law Laura Turo.

Arrangements are under the direction of Doran Funeral Home, Seneca Falls, N.Y.

Please consider leaving a condolence or lighting a candle in memory of Gene at www.doranfuneralhome.com.

PERKINSVILLE, VT.

First Congregational Church of Weathersfield, Weathersfield Center Rd.
Services are Sundays at 10 a.m. Coffee/social hour to follow. Day care will be provided for families with small children. All are welcome. Call 802-263-9394.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Church of Christ, Rt. 11, 972 Chester Rd.
Sunday school starts at 10 a.m. Worship service at 11 a.m. Wednesday Devotional is at 6:30 p.m. Enter through the back downstairs door. Check out the Facebook page: Springfield Church of Christ.

First Congregational Church UCC, 77 Main Street
Worship for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. with young people leaving for church school after the children's sermon. All are welcome to join us. Call 802-885-5728, email fccucc@vermontel.net, or go to www.fccuccspfdvt.org for additional information and directions.

Springfield Assembly of God, 269 River St.
Sunday school at 10 a.m. Sunday service begins at 11 a.m. Sunday evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study for all ages at 6 p.m. The church also has a bus to pick up children for Sunday school. Call anytime during the week to schedule a pick up. Call 802-885-4261.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.
Sunday, Nov. 25 "Virtues for Changing the World" with Rev. Buffy Boko at 10 a.m. As we work toward a more just, sustainable, and peaceful world, what ideals of behavior are we called to reach within ourselves? All are welcome. Call 802-885-3327 or go to www.uspringfieldvt.org.

WESTMINSTER, VT.

Christian Family Circle Chapel, 1512 Back Westminster Rd.
Sunday song service begins at 10 a.m., Sunday school at 10:30 a.m. Fellowship lunch on first Sunday of each month. Non-denominational. Visit www.christianfamilycirclechurch.com and like us on Facebook.

The First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Rt. 5
Regular Sunday worship is at 10 a.m. All are welcome! The church has a ramp and lift for wheelchair access and a handicapped bathroom. For more information, call 802-772-4148.

Joseph M. Allen, 1951-2018

CHESTER, Vt. – Joseph M. Allen, 67, of Chester, Vt., died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H., following an illness.

He was born in Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 29, 1951, son of John and Catherine (Yasigian) Allen. He was a graduate of Arlington Catholic High School in Arlington, Mass. and attended Babson College.

Joseph owned and operated the Cavendish General Store for many years, retiring in 1996. An avid coin collector, he enjoyed bird watching and loved his dog, Lacey.

Survivors include his son Jason Allen and his wife Terri of Andover, Vt.; two daughters Johanna Fairbanks and her husband Sean of Mount Holly, Vt.; and Sara Allen Druen and her husband Oliver of Springfield, Vt.; two sisters Mary Ames of Woburn, Mass. and Catherine Maynard of Lowell, Mass.; eight grandchildren Zoe, J.J., Marcus, Greta, Owen, Harrison, Elliot, and Laura; and several



Joseph M. Allen, 1951-2018. PHOTO PROVIDED

nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A celebration of life was held Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018 in the Davis Memorial Chapel, Springfield, Vt. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Chester-Andover Family Center, 908 Route 103, Chester, VT 05143.

Jason W. A. Haskell, 1979-2018

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Jason W. A. Haskell, 39, of Brattle Street passed away unexpectedly Friday, Nov. 9, 2018. Jason was born in Brattleboro Feb. 28, 1979, the son of Dennis Haskell and Cynthia Cobb. He was a graduate of Bellows Falls Union High School and worked in construction, farming, and also worked for Thomas Drilling in Spoford, N.H. Jason loved hunting, Chevy trucks, and John Deere tractors.

Jason is survived by his father

Dennis Haskell and stepmother Delilah (De) of Brattleboro; his mother Cynthia (Cindi) Haskell of Bellows Falls; his son Taylor Haskell of Grafton; his daughter Samantha Haskell of Illinois; his brothers Nicholas and Henry both of Brattleboro; and his sister Mikayla Sue Haskell of Claremont, N.H. He is predeceased by his daughter Michelle Katelyn Haskell.

There will be a graveside service 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25 in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Bellows Falls, Vt. There will be no calling hours.

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Taconic Music presents Thanksgiving concert

MANCHESTER, Vt. – Taconic Music artistic directors Joana Genova and Ariel Rudiakov invite the public to their always popular Thanksgiving concert Saturday, Nov. 24 at 4 p.m. at the Manchester Community Library. There is a suggested donation at the door.

The concert program reflects the bounty of the season – Antonin Dvorak's delightful Terzetto in C Major op. 74 for two violins and viola, featuring Deborah Buck and Joana Genova on violins and Ariel Rudiakov on viola; followed by Johannes Brahms' sublime quintet for clarinet and strings in B Minor, op. 110, in which the three musicians will be joined by Grammy-nomi-

nated artists Sophie Shao, cello, and Todd Palmer, clarinet.

Notes Rudiakov, "For many, this time of year is filled with a variety of



Todd Palmer, clarinet. PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN STEINER

emotions. Some sadness that summer and the bright colors of fall foliage are gone, but also looking forward to family gatherings, perhaps a bit of time off from work or school, or just the certain coziness that the late fall/early winter months can bring. For years, we have been happily bringing together time with friends, rehearsals, food, and concerts all under one roof. This year is no exception as we welcome close musical friends Deborah, Sophie, and Todd.

For more information about the Thanksgiving concert, Taconic Music's third annual New Year's Eve celebration, year-round offerings, and summer chamber music festival, visit www.taconicmusic.org.

HOLIDAY BAZAARS AND CRAFT FAIRS

SATURDAY, NOV. 24 – CLARENDON, Vt. – Holiday Market at North Clarendon Chapel Saturday, Nov. 24 from noon to 4 p.m. This fundraising event will help with restoration of the chapel. For more information, visit www.clarendonheritage.org or call 802-468-7047.

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River High School 39th annual Christmas Craft Fair comes to Ludlow Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018, featuring 50 quality artists and crafters displaying their talents; items for sale will include baskets, pottery, jewelry, fleece, goat cheese, hats, mittens, Vermont maple syrup, herbal soaps, dips, bird houses, ornaments, quilts, wooden folk art, handmade gift cards, photography, and plenty more. The Black River Senior Class will be selling fresh balsam wreaths and offering a homemade lunch. The Craft Fair will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 24. This will be a great time to get a head start on your holiday shopping and we promise there will be something for everyone! Stop by and see us. Parking is free and there

is no admission fee.

SATURDAY, DEC. 1 – LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Christmas Bazaar will be Saturday, Dec. 1, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Londonderry Congregational Church. We will have wreaths, hand-knitted items, Christmas decorations, white reindeer items, gifts, baked goods, a cookie table, local Vermont cheese, and maple syrup. Lunch will be prize-winning chili, clam chowder, homemade baked beans, sandwiches, and a dessert tray. Come and enjoy the fun.

CHESTER, Vt. – Join us for St. Luke's Christmas Tea and Sale Saturday, Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. through 3 p.m. at St. Luke's in Chester. Enjoy light sandwiches and scrumptious sweets along with your choice of coffee, tea, and hot-spiced cider. Age 5 and under free. Come join friends at inviting little tables festively decorated to eat and chat. Shop at Grandma's Attic for little collectibles, handmade ornaments, and Christmas decorations, and take home some specially baked goodies. Visit www.stlukeepiscopalvt.org

directions and information.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center, located at 18 Tuttle St., will hold its annual Holiday Bazaar Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The bazaar features knitted and hand-sewn items, arts & crafts, white elephant sale, jewelry, holiday decorations and ornaments, all available on our second floor. The first floor will feature homemade baked goods, raffles, and the Elf Café, open from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Featuring soup, hot dogs, sandwich rolls, and homemade pie. A beautiful quilt made by the senior center's quilting group will be raffled off. The Christmas Cash raffle tickets will only sell 100 tickets. We will be awarding over \$1,000 in cash prizes! All raffles will be drawn the day of the event. Tickets are still available at the center's office, which is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The center is handicap accessible and we have a lift available to take you to the second floor. Ample parking is available. Watch for signs next to the Fire Station on Rockingham Street.

REGION – On Saturday, Dec. 1, the fun begins with breakfast and a visit with Santa at Lempster Community School, 29 School Rd. in Lempster, from 9-11 a.m. Visit our 25-plus craft and gift vendors from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Or have breakfast with Santa from 9-10:30 a.m. at The Unity Elementary School, 864 2nd NH Turnpike. Visit the 25-plus craft vendors from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Then join us for lunch, noon to 2 p.m., with a story with Mrs. Claus at Vilas Middle School, 82 Mechanic St., Alstead, with 25-plus craft vendors at that location, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Grab a punch card at any location and have it filled on your visits to each location and be entered to win a prize.

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"The Night Before Christmas" reading from 12:45 - 1:15 at Wilder Memorial Library

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The 34th annual Christmas in Weston

WESTON, Vt. – Now in its 34th year, Christmas in Weston is a day-long event celebrating traditional holiday nostalgia taking place Saturday, Dec. 1, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Visitors are treated to a host of free, fun events and activities for all ages at galleries, shops, museums, and inns throughout the scenic village and enjoy delicious food at local restaurants. This magical holiday experience is featured current Nov./Dec. 2018 edition of Yankee Magazine.

This event is also an opportunity for the community to highlight a local charity that works tirelessly for those in our community in need of help. Funds raised through donations, raffle, and food sales at designated vendors from this event will go to Just Neighbors, an all-volunteer organization dedicated to providing short-term assistance to residents of Weston and neighboring mountain communities who experience sudden and overwhelming challenges in their living situations.

Visitors can start the morning off with a tantalizing breakfast at the Colonial House Inn, and tour the village on foot or by two horse-drawn wagons (weather permitting). Children will enjoy visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus and the petting zoo at The Vermont Country Store. For some hands-on activities, the little ones can make crafts at the historic Little School then go and enjoy a reading of "The Night Before Christmas" with Mimi Neff at the Wilder Memorial Library.

Later on, enjoy a hearty lunch at the Bryant House Restaurant, a cappuccino and cannoli at the Village Green Gallery, or enjoy grilled hamburgers and hot dogs cooked up hot by the Weston Fire Department, fol-

lowed up with an afternoon libation at The Landgrove Inn.

Those who linger into the latter part of the day can stay for the Inn at Weston's special Christmas dinner and night of holiday music. One-of-a-kind gifts are available at The Vermont Country Store, Weston Village Store, The Weston Village Christmas Shop, and The Village Green Gallery. Food on-the-go will be offered by the Weston Women's Club at their Holiday Cookie Sale and at the Little School where folks can enjoy hot soup, grilled sausage and peppers, baked goods, and hot cider.

This year, Weston Playhouse's new Walker Farm Theater will host magician Doug Eash who is "just plain cool." He will amaze the kid in all of us with two shows of magic and fun.

Music is alive in the village of Weston this year. The Church on the Hill will have live Christmas caroling featuring Patricia Connelly. In addition, Weston Playhouse Theatre Company will perform a reading of "A Christmas Carol" at the Old Parish Church with audience participation. Your hearts will be warmed with the caroling of the Burr & Burton Academy chorus as they welcome Santa to the Village Green for the lighting of the Weston Christmas Tree.

Weston, a jewel to be found, is a town for all ages, interests, and seasons. For more detailed information and the schedule of events for Christmas in Weston, visit the Village of Weston website at www.westonvt.com.

Schedule of events online at www.VermontJournal.com.

Second annual Christmas in Grafton

GRAFTON, Vt. – Christmas is a magical time of year and the second annual Christmas in Grafton Festival, Saturday, Dec. 1 and Sunday, Dec. 2, in the quintessential town of Grafton promises a dose of merriment to start the holiday season. The festival is full of free events, concerts and caroling, food and fun, holiday shopping, and more.

Festivities happening on both days include the annual Christmas Bazaar at the Grafton Chapel with food available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with additional vendors at the Grafton Elementary School. Grafton Fire and Rescue will be selling Christmas trees at Phelps Barn, and the Grafton Historical Society will be selling wreaths and other festive items. The Nature Museum will be offering arts and crafts projects for the whole family.

On Saturday, children will especially enjoy cookie decorating at MKT, meeting Santa at the Grafton Public Library and Christmas stories with Bill Toomey.

The holidays are not complete without music. Plan to stay around Saturday night to experience the angelic voices of Grammy-nominated vocal ensemble Seraphic Fire at 7 p.m. at the White Church. Tickets must be purchased in advance at www.seraphicfire.org.

What could be more fun for the whole family than a hayride around town? Hayrides will be departing every 30 minutes from the Grafton Inn on Sunday only.

On Sunday afternoon, the Belows Falls Union High School Wind Ensemble will perform. The



Enjoy Christmas festivities in Grafton. PHOTO PROVIDED

holiday weekend will be topped off with a tree lighting ceremony at the Grafton Public Library with Santa on hand followed by refreshments and gathering at The Grafton Inn.

If you're coming from afar or just want a special weekend away, the Grafton Inn will be offering a two-night lodging package specially designed around the festival. For details, please go to www.graftoninnvermont.com.

Start the day by picking up your Christmas in Grafton Passport at participating businesses. See www.graftonvermont.org for a complete list, or you can stop by the Grafton Information Board in the Phelps Barn parking lot. The passport is full of merchant discounts, and you can enter a chance to win a holiday basket packed with festive items contributed by local merchants. The winner will be announced at the Grafton Inn at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information, go to www.graftonvermont.org or www.graftoninnvermont.com.

Schedule of events online at www.VermontJournal.com.

Kick off the holidays in Brownsville

BROWNSVILLE, Vt. – On Saturday, Dec. 1, various committees of the Brownsville Community Church, West Windsor's Beautification Committee, and West Windsor Fire Department will sponsor three festive holiday events.

Brownsville Christmas Bazaar at Town Hall

Start the day with Christmas shopping at the famous Brownsville Christmas Bazaar from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the West Windsor Town Hall. The ladies of the United Methodist Women's group have, once again, pulled together a fine gathering of artisans and crafters who will be selling their wares at the Christmas Bazaar. Shoppers at the bazaar will enjoy Christmas music by West Windsor fiddler, Adam Boyce.

Shoppers can also recharge with a fine lunch starting at 11 a.m., when the ladies will be offering an array of delicacies including homemade soups, salads, and sandwiches as well as freshly baked desserts.

This dedicated group of women has accomplished many things this past year. All of the monies that the United Methodist Women raise through seasonal bazaars, craft sales, and food events go to various charities as well as to sustain the greater church community. The group openly encourages any like-minded individuals to join them in their efforts. Contact Gail Britton at 802-674-6805 for more information on the bazaar. Contact Ann Matthews for information on the United Methodist Women's group at 802-484-5502.

Holiday tree lighting and visit from Santa
At approximately 4 p.m. at the West Windsor Town Hall, there will be the town holiday tree lighting. There will be caroling, a fire pit, tasty refreshments, and two special visitors from the North Pole! Contact Jim Curry of the West Windsor Beautification Committee at 802-484-0138 for more information on the Brownsville Holiday Tree Lighting festivities.

Thank you to West Windsor Fire Department who put up the lights on the holiday trees and who will transport Mr. and Mrs. Claus into town.

Christmas concert at Brownsville Community Church

At 5:30 p.m. the community will be treated to a concert of Christmas music at the Brownsville Community Church. Rev. Christian Huebner has arranged this concert, which will feature talented musicians of all ages. This concert is the last of a series of free, public concerts the Brownsville Community Church has offered to the public this year. Contact the Brownsville Community Church at bcchurchvt@gmail.com for more information on the Christmas Concert.

The Brownsville Community Church is located on the Brownsville-Hartland Road, between Albert Bridge School and the West Windsor Town Hall. The church phone number is 802-484-5944. Visit the Brownsville Community Church at www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org.

Admission is free for all the events Dec. 1 and a free-will offering will be accepted at the church concert to help offset costs. Kick off the holidays Dec. 1 in Brownsville. Enjoy the festivities and bring your friends, neighbors, and family!

Weston's wonderful Christmas Bazaar is back

WESTON, Vt. – The event, billed as "A Vermont village's answer to Black Friday," the 38th annual Christmas Bazaar will take place in the Weston Playhouse. The Christmas Bazaar takes place Nov. 24-25, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and there is no admission charge. Skip the chaos at the big box stores and find bargains in the relaxed atmosphere of the bazaar.

Every year the Weston Bazaar gets bigger and better – more vendors, finer merchandise, and greater attendance. The 2018 bazaar has the most vendors yet, with several new exhibi-

tors represented.

Well over 50 vendors will be occupying booths throughout the Weston Playhouse building. Almost all are local or regional artisans with crafts on display, and with plenty of merchandise that is Christmas-related: gifts, decorations, and even wreaths. Artisanal food vendors will be offering fancy baked goods as well as Vermont-produced maple syrup. Vendors will be selling lots of clothing, high-end woodenware, fine artwork, and jewelry. There will be raffles with many prizes to be won. It's the gift-

shopping equivalent of "Farm to Table" food shopping and dining.

Weather cooperating, lunch will be available from a gourmet food truck, with seating provided under a tent. Hot foods and "hand-helds" are on the planned menu.

Shop till you drop? Not at the Christmas Bazaar. Weston Theatre fa-

vorite David Bonanno will again offer chair massages – and maybe an acting lesson – to revive you.

So, for a sure and happy cure for Post-Turkey Syndrome, bring the family to the Christmas Bazaar. You'll find the Weston Playhouse on the west side of Route 100 in the center of Weston village.

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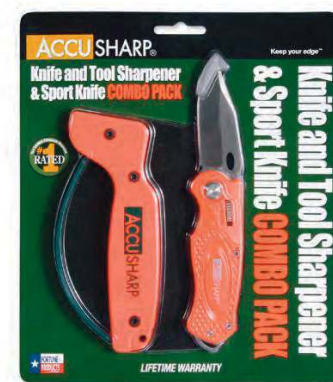
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The Green Mountain girls beat Bellows Falls 3-1. The fourth of Green Mountain's four Marble Valley League all-stars plays in green and is challenged by the Terriers' Birgess Schemm.

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The Green Mountain girls' soccer team was likely this area's most under-appreciated fall sports team when all this season's action was said and done. On the surface, a third seed is supposed to defeat a number six seed at home in post-season tournament action. However, Vergennes was not your ordinary number six seed. The Commodores played a Division I/II schedule during the regular season. If they were seeded by ability, they likely would have been one of the top two seeds and the Lady Chieftains would not be meeting them in the quarterfinals. Despite what was, Green Mountain did all they could before bowing to Vergennes 1-0. Chieftain goalie Alex Hutchins makes a save flanked by Reilly Merrill (2) on the left and all Marble Valley League All-Star Rachel Guerra (17) on the right.

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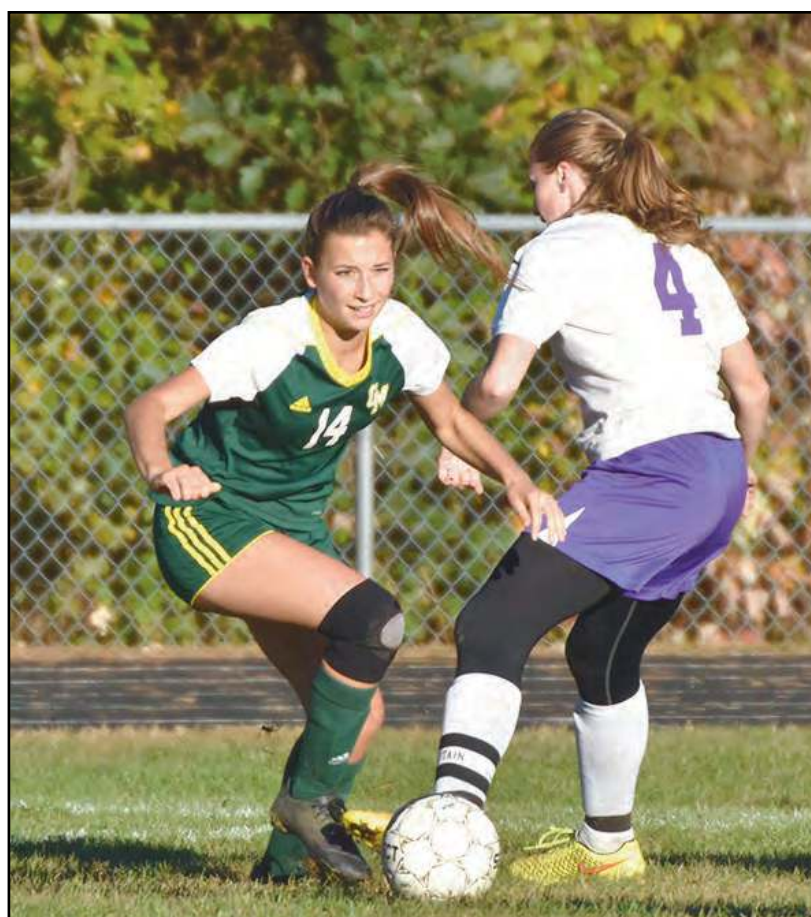
All Marble Valley League standout Maddie Wilson (3).

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Brigid Karl (11), one of two sisters from the Green Mountain girls' soccer team to make the all Marble Valley League All Star team. The Lady Chieftains posted a very strong 13-1 regular season record with their only regular season loss coming at the hands of Division IV Vermont State runner-up Proctor early in the season.

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The Bellows Falls girls' soccer team did have an improved team this fall, but it really did not show up much in the win column. They finished 1-13. Pictured are the Terriers in action versus their tough neighboring rival Green Mountain. Aeda Coger (4) from Green Mountain battles Jessica Roberts (4) of the Terriers.

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Bellows Falls won their fourth straight Vermont field hockey championship defeating South Burlington 2-0. Maya Waryasin broke open a scoreless game with 14:12 remaining in the contest with a rushing goal to put the Terriers ahead.

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The Packers have now won five consecutive titles in the Connecticut Valley Pee Wee Football League. One constant has been a part of all the titles: the coaches. They have been Bill Lockerby, Donny Fullam, Todd Swisher, and Jeff Potter.

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Abby Bradley capturing one of her many individual races in cross country this fall. The Vermont State champion in Division III is crossing another finish line.

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Stowe and Okemo open for the 2018-19 winter season

STOWE/LUDLOW, Vt. – A combination of world-class snowmaking and strong early-season snowfall allowed both Stowe and Okemo Mountain Resort to open earlier than in most prior years, Friday, Nov. 16.

Stowe will offer top-to-bottom skiing and riding with over 2,000 vertical feet of continuous terrain off of the Four Runner Quad chairlift on Mount Mansfield, Vermont's highest peak. Open trails on Mount Mansfield will consist of intermediate to advanced terrain, with beginner lifts and trails scheduled to open on Spruce Peak by Thanksgiving. The Four Runner Quad will be open starting at 8 a.m. for all weekdays throughout the season, and 7:30 a.m. on weekends and holidays.

Okemo will offer top-to-bottom skiing and riding with over 2,000 vertical feet of terrain serviced by the Sunburst Six, Green Ridge Triple, and South Ridge Quad A. Early season skiing and riding will be for intermediate and advanced abilities with very limited beginner terrain available. Lifts started running at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 16 and will run at 8 a.m. on weekends and during holiday periods.

"We are ecstatic for both Stowe and Okemo to be opening together as part of Vail Resorts Northeast Region for the first time, with our third Northeast resort, Mount Sunapee, scheduled to open on November 29,"



Okemo and Stowe open for the season.

PHOTO BY ROB BOSSI

said Doug Pierini, vice president and COO of the Northeast Region.

"I'm thrilled to welcome Okemo and Mount Sunapee to the Vail Resorts family and offer our Epic Pass holders in the Northeast even more value than ever before," said Bobby Murphy, vice president and general manager of Stowe Mountain Resort.

All guests are reminded that they must observe all posted signs, closures, and slow zones, especially during the early season. Closed trails may contain hazards due to early snow coverage. In addition, the resort's early season uphill policies are in effect. Please visit the resorts' websites for more information: www.okemo.com or www.stowe.com.

Killington receives Positive Snow Control for Audi FIS Ski World Cup

KILLINGTON, Vt. – Vermont's Killington Resort is pleased to have received a positive snow control announcement from Internal Ski Federation, the governing body of the Audi FIS Ski World Cup.

According to FIS: "This is to inform you that the Ladies' Audi FIS Ski World Cup races in Killington (USA) are confirmed following the official snow control from today 15th November 2018. As scheduled, the races will take place on 24th - 25th November 2018."

With this announcement, Killington Resort can assure international race teams and ski racing fans traveling to central Vermont

for Thanksgiving Weekend that both the Giant Slalom and Slalom races will take place as scheduled Nov. 24 and 25.

"The news of FIS approval on race course snow preparation has the entire resort excited to welcome international ski teams from more than 20 countries to Killington next week. This approval reinforces that Killington's snowmaking system and mountain operations teams are the best in the business at doing their craft and getting the race hill ready," commented Herwig Demschar, senior vice president, international business development at POWDR and World Cup local organizing committee

chairman. "Now in its third year at Killington Resort, you can expect this world-class event to be bigger and better with an expanded musical line-up and opportunities to meet and greet the athletes. The resort, POWDR, and town of Killington are thrilled to host the World Cup and once again bring elite ski racing to the East."

Killington Resort opened to season pass and express cardholders for skiing and snowboarding Oct. 19 followed by a public opening Oct. 20. With snowmaking now mostly concluded on Superstar trail, the World Cup race venue, Killington snowmakers continue snowmaking on Skylark to add a training run for World Cup racers. The snowmaking

team also continues to expand terrain for the public in the areas of Snowdon and Canyon while resurfacing current top-to-bottom skiing and riding.

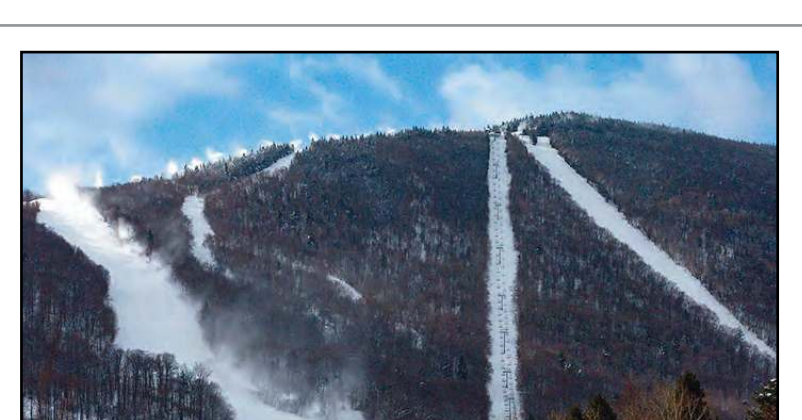
A full schedule of events at Killington Resort during World Cup Weekend including race start times, entertainment, free concerts by Paul Oakenfold, Michael Franti, KT Tunstall and Guster, plus information on many free parking and shuttle bus options is available at www.killington.com/worldcup. Killington strongly suggests to not bring bags to the venue; priority for security screening will be given to those without bags. Stay connected to the Killington Cup on social media with #beastworldcup.



BFMS annual ski sale

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Middle School PTO presents the annual Ski Sale, Saturday, Dec. 8 at BFMS cafeteria, 15 School St. in Bellows Falls. The sale runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Great prices on winter sports equipment. Food and drinks will also be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit BFMS students. Cash and checks accepted.

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Sugarbush opens

WARREN, Vt. – Thanks to great snowmaking temperatures and over a foot of natural snow, Sugarbush Resort opened for pass holders Friday, Nov. 16, ahead of schedule for this season. The official opening day was Saturday, Nov. 17 for the general public.

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Special kids' story time with four authors at Northshire Bookstore

MANCHESTER, Vt. – Join us Saturday, Nov. 24 at 11 a.m. for a special kids story time with four authors – Sandra Neil Wallace, Rich Wallace, Ann Braden, and Anne Carelli O'Brien – reading their new books.

Sandra Neil Wallace and Rich Wallace, "First Generation: 36 Trailblazing Immigrants and Refugees Who Make America Great"

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Ann Braden, "The Benefits of Being an Octopus"
Seventh-grader Zoey has her hands full as she takes care of her much younger



Story time at Northshire Bookstore.

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gun debate through the eyes of one girl, living on the edges of society, trying to find her way forward.

Anne O'Brien Carelli, "Skylark and Wallcreeper"

Hurricane Sandy is flooding New York City, and Lily is at a nursing home with her grandmother, Collette. Lily visits Collette often as she is beginning to lose her memories. When the National Guard shows up to evacuate the building and take them to safety at the Park Slope armory in Brooklyn, Lily's granny suddenly produces a red box she's hidden in a closet for years. Once they get to safety, Lily opens the box, where she finds an old, beautiful Montblanc pen. Granny tells Lily that the pen is very important and that she has to take care of it, as well as some letters written in French. But Lily loses the pen in the course of helping other nursing home residents, and as she searches the city trying to find it, she learns more about her grandmother's past in France. Told in alternating sections (2012 and 1944), this engaging book explores a deep friendship during difficult times and the importance of family.

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siblings after school every day while her mom works her shift at the pizza parlor. Not that her mom seems to appreciate it. At least there's Lenny, her mom's boyfriend. They all get to live in his nice, clean trailer. At school, Zoey tries to stay under the radar. Her only friend, Fuchsia, has her own issues. Zoey thinks how much easier everything would be if she were an octopus: eight arms to do eight things at once. One of her teachers forces her to join the debate club. Even though Zoey resists participating, debate ultimately leads her to see things in a new way. This moving debut novel explores the cultural divides around class and the

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Crystal and stone healing workshop

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – An introductory workshop about crystal and stone healing and wisdom will be offered Saturday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to noon, at 368 River St., Suite 110, Springfield, Vt. Participants will learn techniques to engage in respectful relationships with rocks, stones, and crystals and also how to find and empower your own personal healing stone.

Rocks, stones, and crystals have long been used for their healing properties, sacred energies, and as portals to spiritual connections. In our region, we live surrounded by many stones and rocks; deepening our connection with them can be empowering and healing for us,



Skye Stephenson, Ph.D.

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and for them.

The workshop will be facilitated by Skye Stephenson, Ph.D. Skye has been offering workshops about crystal and stone healing for a decade. She is licensed in Crystal Resonance Therapy and has travelled the world learning about sacred stones and healing methods using rocks, stones, and crystals. She is the author of a Crystal Card Oracle deck, a Crystal Healing diary, and other writing. She has an award-winning monthly healing column in the Monadnock region.

There is a cost for this workshop. Space is limited. For more information, email skystephenson@stone-spirit.org or call 603-762-1259.

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Albany Berkshire Ballet 44th annual tour of The Nutcracker –

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A holiday favorite, “The Nutcracker” tells the story of a young girl, Clara, and the magical dream she has one Christmas Eve. Set to Tchaikovsky’s timeless music, the story of “The Nutcracker” follows the adventures of Clara and her Nutcracker Prince as they conquer the Mouse King and embark on a magical jour-



Lily Klick, a student at Flood Brook School, will perform in the Albany Berkshire Ballet 44th annual tour of The Nutcracker.

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ney to The Land of Sweets.

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- Symphony Hall, Springfield, Mass., Dec. 15

For more information, please call the ABB at 413-445-5382, or visit www.berkshireballet.com for tour, ticketing, and box office information.

A comical look at owners and dogs at a dog show

LUDLOW, Vt. – “Best in Show” will be the next FOLA movie Saturday, Nov. 24 at 7 p.m. at Heald Auditorium in the Ludlow Town Hall.

Many of us enjoy the Thanksgiving Day Parade and then tune into the National Dog Show. If you would like to get a look behind the scenes and follow these comical fictional owners and dogs during their journey to a dog show, come to the Ludlow Town Hall and see “Best in Show.”

“Best in Show” is a 2000 American mockumentary comedy film

co-written by Christopher Guest and Eugene Levy and directed by Guest. The film is presented as a documentary of five dogs and their owners destined to show in the Mayflower Kennel Club Dog Show held in Philadelphia. Segments of the documentary continuously cycle among owners and handlers as each prepares to leave for the show, arrives at the hotel, prepares backstage, handles their dog’s performance, and appears in a post-show follow-up.

Among the comedic aspects of the film are similarities between the personalities and characteristics of the

owners and those of their dogs. The characters include a middle-class couple, an owner of a fishing goods store, a yuppie couple, two-time past winners, and a campy gay couple all portrayed by wonderful actors. Much of the dialogue was improvised.

The film has a 94 percent rating by Rotten Tomatoes. It is rated PG-13.

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

Lotus Two concert and holiday party

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Town Library and Friends of the Springfield Town Library invite you to a concert and holiday party at the library Sunday, Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. Music will be provided by Lotus Two, a musical duo composed of Paula Hansen-Graveline and Linda Schneck. Playing harp, flute, and piano, they will perform a diverse

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The Lonely Heartstring Band and The Stockwell Brothers

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present an evening of contemporary bluegrass and folk music with The Lonely Heartstring Band and The Stockwell Brothers at Next Stage Saturday, Nov. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

The Lonely Heartstring Band is Boston-based Berklee College of Music graduates George Clements, Patrick M’Gonigle, Charles Clements, Matt Wiltner, and Gabe Hirshfeld. Their music is a combination of old and new styles, melding the sounds of traditional bluegrass with modern songwriting and arranging. Featuring soulful instrumental virtuosity and soaring three-part harmonies, the quintet has generated a devoted following of music-lovers across North America, performing and headlining at major music festivals and venues since 2012, and winning the 2015 IBMA Momentum Award. Whether it’s a festival stage, theater, or intimate listening room, The Lonely Heartstring Band always delivers a dynamic, diverse, and heartfelt performance.

In five decades together, the Stockwell Brothers have played everything from classic bluegrass to folk rock to world beat music. Bruce, Barry, Alan, and Kelly Stockwell’s music continues to span traditional and progressive styles, but their well-honed signature sound spotlights new singer-songwriter material recast with varied rhythms and original arrangements featuring three-part vocal harmonies. They have performed alongside artists from Bill Monroe, Doc Watson, and Earl Scruggs to Mary-Chapin Carpenter, Jonathan Edwards, and Asleep At The Wheel, recorded with Mike Auldridge and Phil Rosenthal of the bluegrass supergroup The Seldom Scene, and toured throughout the United States and in Canada and Europe.

Next Stage is located at 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney, Vt. For information, call 802-387-0102. Advance tickets are available at www.nextstagearts.org.



The Lonely Heartstring Band.

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Fish & Wildlife asks hunters to report wildlife sightings

REGION – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is now offering all hunters the opportunity to participate in its annual deer hunter effort survey.

The survey is like a diary where hunters record how many hours they hunted and how many deer, moose, bears, or other wildlife they saw on each day of the November rifle season. This information helps the department evaluate how hunting pressure and the number of these animals varies throughout the season and around the state.

Vermont Fish & Wildlife has mailed survey cards to several thousand randomly selected hunters each year since 1999. That survey is now being offered for all licensed deer hunters through the Fish & Wildlife website and via a free app.

The app allows hunters to easily collect information in the field, at camp, or at home, even without cell service.

“The information we get from this survey is critically important for the



Vermont Fish & Wildlife has released a free app that allows hunters to record their wildlife sightings.

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management of deer and moose in Vermont,” said Nick Fortin, Fish and Wildlife’s deer project leader. “If we hear from more hunters, our population estimates will be more reliable

and our management will be more effective.”

For more information and to download the app, go to www.vt-fishandwildlife.com.

Vermont bald eagles nest successfully in 2018

REGION – This was another successful year for Vermont’s bald eagles with 23 known nesting pairs producing at least 33 successful young according to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department.

The bald eagle remains on the list of species protected under Vermont’s state endangered species law, but its continued recovery success may enable it to be delisted within the next five years.

“The continued recovery of bald eagles is the result of a long-term effort by our department and our partners to conserve the habitat these birds need to thrive,” said John Buck, migratory bird biologist with Vermont Fish & Wildlife.

Bald eagles declined in the 20th century nationwide due to loss of habitat, disturbance to nests, and the effects of the pesticide DDT.



Vermont’s bald eagles nested successfully this year with 23 known nesting pairs producing at least 33 young birds that fledged from their nests.

PHOTO BY JOHN HALL

of the continental U.S. and have been removed from the federal endangered species list but remain on Vermont’s state endangered species list as they continue to recover locally. “Vermonters have played a huge role in the recovery of bald eagles,” said Margaret Fowle, biologist with Audubon Vermont. “We work with a large number of citizen volunteers who help monitor nests, while the general public has aided in recovery efforts by maintaining a respectful distance from them during the critical nesting season.”

Vermonters can help researchers in their effort to

conserve birds by donating online to the nongame wildlife fund at www.vtfishandwildlife.com or by purchasing a conservation license plate for their vehicle.

Laws such as the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act, and a ban on DDT have aided in their recovery. Bald eagles have recovered in most

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Conversation on invasive species

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Agency of Natural Resources Secretary Julie Moore will host a gathering in Montpelier to discuss a variety of environmental topics Tuesday, Nov. 27. The conversation will start with a discussion on invasive species in Vermont. Secretary Moore will then open the floor to the public, inviting them to share thoughts, ideas, questions, and concerns about Vermont’s natural world – from land and water to plants and wildlife.

“I started hosting these community meetings last February because I wanted to open my office door to Vermonters,” said Secretary Moore. “These meetings are a great way for me to hear directly from a wide range of people on a variety of topics – from drought management to water quality projects.”

Invasive Plant coordinator Elizabeth Spinney will kick off a discussion of practical ways individuals and communities can take action to manage for invasive plants. Aquatic Invasive Species Management coordinator Josh Mulhollem will then highlight the state’s work with municipalities to develop management plans for invasive aquatic vegetation. While the meeting will begin with a conversation on invasive species, it will not be limited to this topic.

The gathering will be held in the Dewey Building at 1 National Life Dr. in Montpelier Nov. 27 at 4 p.m. For those not able to make it in person, a Facebook Live stream will be available at www.facebook.com/VTANR.

Farming with beneficial insects course

WALPOLE, N.H. – Learn how to support native beneficial insects in your farm, orchard, or garden! Join the Xerces Society and the Cheshire County Conservation District Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018, from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., at the Cheshire County Department of Correction at 825 Marlboro St. in Keene, N.H. for this full-day short course.

Conservation biological control is a science-based management strategy that seeks to integrate beneficial insects back into cropping systems for natural pest control. In this full-day course, you’ll learn about supporting beneficial insects that provide pest control, how common farm practices can impact beneficial insects, and how to assess and create farm habitat for beneficial insects.

Registration includes your own copy of the Xerces Society’s book, “Farming With Native Beneficial Insects,” and other habitat management resources. There will be light refreshments available for breakfast – lunch is BYO. Continuing education credits will also be provided for those who attend this course.



Join the biocontrol workshop.
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Preregistration is required! Space is limited, so please register early online at www.tinyurl.com/newhampshirebc. If you would like to attend, but cost is prohibitive, please contact the CCD at 603-756-2988 x116 to discuss assistance options.

Additional partners on this project include the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Northeast SARE. The USDA and Xerces Society are equal-opportunity providers and employers.

For more information, contact Lola Bobrowski at 603-756-2988 ext.115 or email at lola@cheshireconservation.org.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 8 – SUNDAY, DEC. 9 - PERU, Vt. – Reiki III Certification class is being offered by Reiki Master and author Jennifer Rose Esposito on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 8 - 9, from 10 a.m. – 4 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 peaceofparadisising@gmail.com.

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TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS - SHREWSBURY, Vt. – Restorative Yoga in the Barn at Sol Luna Farm on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Restorative Yoga is a delicious surrender into rest and relaxation, with supported postures on bolsters and blankets. This class is ideal for recovery from fatigue, injury or illness and in reducing stress. The practice is enhanced with soothing music, aromatherapy, and culminates with a Crystal Singing Bowl Bath. Located at 329 Old Farm Road in Shrewsbury. www.sollunafarm.com.

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

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

WEDNESDAYS AND 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.

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

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

FRIDAYS - CHESTER, Vt. – Liza Eaton, founder of Buddhaful Yoga, offers 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 Heath and Recreation throughout the year. Check their website for days, times and details at www.myreccenter.org or for an appointment call 802-885-2568. TFN

REGION - Bone Builders to combat osteoporosis. Free and open to 55+. Call 802-674-4547. Mondays and Wednesdays classes are held at Martin Memorial Hall in Ascutney from 10 - 11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday classes are held at Cavendish Baptist

INVITATION TO BID REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Town of Chester is seeking Requests for Proposals for engineering services for the Church Street Sidewalk Scoping Study in Chester, Vermont.

The Town of Chester is the recipient of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant funded through the Vermont Agency of Transportation and will be using these funds to pay for this project. Therefore, the project will be developed according to the guidelines established by the VTrans Municipal Assistance Bureau and will be required to be in compliance with the Federal and State standards and policies.

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

All bids should be forwarded to the Town Manager's Office, 556 Elm Street (P.O. Box 370) Chester, VT 05143, on or before 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 29, 2018.

Three Sisters Estate Sales

is honored to announce the sale of the contents of the Iva Fisher home located at
35 Fisher Hill Road in Grafton, VT.

The house is loaded with antiques dating back to when it was built in 1820. The attic is absolutely full! The sale offers nice home goods and furniture from later years as well.

Sale Dates

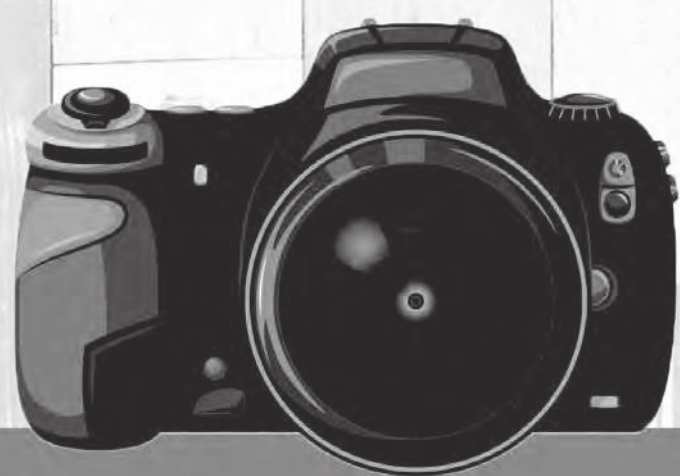
First Weekend:
Saturday, November 24 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday, November 25 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Second Weekend:

Saturday, December 8 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 9 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Payment accepted in cash or local check only. Numbers will be given out 30 minutes before the sale starts.

Please contact threesistersestatesales@gmail.com for more information.



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We are currently seeking a Winter High School Sports Photographer

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper is currently hiring a photographer to cover our six local high school sports teams for the Winter 2018-19 season.

Candidates should have:

- 1-3 years of photography experience (required)
- Knowledge of basketball and sporting events (preferred)
- Ability to identify students in photos
- Own camera and other photography equipment
- Reliable transportation around the region to local high schools

Email us to Apply Today!

editor@VermontJournal.com

Please include a resume & a few sample photos
(.jpeg or .png files, please)

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on December 10, 2018 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, to consider an Amendment to a Conditional Use Permit located in the Village Residential Commercial District:

APPLICANT: John Marchica
83 Main Street
Springfield, Vermont 05156
PROPERTY OWNER: Gerald Sheehan
32 Main Street
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
PROPERTY LOCATION: 28 Main Street
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 230540.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Conditional Use Permit to change the use from a bakery to an office. The project is in the Village Residential Commercial District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 247-04-CU; Amendment No. 5

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

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

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Church from 10 - 11:30 a.m. or at Andover Community Church from 3 - 4 p.m. TFN

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

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

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

CLUBS

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

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

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

club President Jill Tofferi at ludlowrotary@gmail.com TFN

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

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY MEALS

THURSDAY, NOV. 22 - CAVENDISH, Vt. - Free Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings will take place on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 22 from noon - 2 p.m. at the Cavendish Elementary School. Hosted by St. James United Methodist Church, everyone is welcome to attend. It's a great time to sit down, relax, and enjoy a delicious home-cooked holiday meal. The event is an outreach program of Black River Good Neighbor Services entitled "Our Community Cares," established for individuals and families to receive a free, nutritious meal within a warm, welcoming community setting.

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

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

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

EVENTS

FRIDAY, NOV. 23 - SUNDAY, NOV. 25 - PUTNEY, Vt. - Make your plans to take the Putney Craft Tour on Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 23, 24, and 25 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visit 25 working studios that feature glass blowers, potters, jewelers, weavers, woodworkers, photographers, artisan cheese makers, and bicycle makers. Find that one-of-a-kind gift and buy direct from the artisan who made it. All studios are within a 12-mile radius of Putney. Visitors may start at The Gleanery Restaurant, 133 Main Street, Putney for a preview exhibition of the artisans' works, schedule of workshops, and theater and restaurant participants. Admission is free.

Check out our Spotlight Section... for weekly featured businesses

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KILLINGTON, Vt. - The 2018 FIS Ski Women's World Cup will take place at Killington Resort from Friday, Nov. 23 to Sunday, Nov. 25. The World Cup will bring the best women's technical alpine skiers in the world and offer entertainment, movie screenings and more - all free and open to the public. For schedule details, visit please visit www.killington.com/worldcup.

FRIDAY, NOV. 23 - SATURDAY, DEC. 1 - CHESTER, Vt. - Smokeshire Designs First Anniversary week-long celebration is starting with Glass-Friday on Nov. 23; will include daily door prize drawings of Simon Pierce Glass Ornaments; a Wine Tasting with Meditrina Wine and Cheese on Thursday evening Nov. 30 from 5 - 9 p.m. with a drawing for a pair of Simon Pearce wine glasses of your choice; and finally, a first annual Holiday Open House on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 5 - 9 p.m. with wine, beer, ciders, appetizers, treats and two drawings, one for a large Simon Pearce glass tree and one for a large Andrew Pearce wooden bowl of your choice. Enter anytime during the week by putting your name in the bowl, you do not need to be present and no purchase is necessary to win. Winners must pick up their prize at the store.



Bus Driver
Mount Holly Elementary School

Mount Holly Elementary School will have a position open for a full time Bus Driver for the rest of the school year starting in January 2019. This is for approximately 7+ hours a day (5:15 am to 8:45 am, then 1:15 pm to 5:15 pm). This position includes Health Benefits, and a starting hourly rate of \$22.00

Requirements: CDL with school bus and passenger endorsements, as well as current DOT Medical Card. Background Checks are Required.

Please forward a letter of interest, resume and references to:
Craig Hutt Vater
Principal
Mount Holly Elementary School
150 School Drive
P.O. Box 45
Mount Holly, VT 05758

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SATURDAY, NOV. 24 - CLARENDON, Vt. - Holiday Market at North Clarendon Chapel on Saturday, Nov. 24 from noon to 4 p.m. This fundraising event will help with restoration of the Chapel. For more information or for vendors to apply, visit www.clarendonheritage.org or call 802-468-7047.

PUTNEY, Vt. - Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present an evening of contemporary bluegrass and folk music with The Lonely Heartstring Band and The Stockwell Brothers on Saturday, Nov. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Next Stage at 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney. For information, call 802-387-0102. Advance tickets are available at www.nextstagearts.org. Turn It Up in Brattleboro, and Putney Food Co-Op in Putney.

SUNDAY, NOV. 25 - BARRE, Vt. - Antiques Market on Sunday, Nov. 25 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Canadian Club on Route 14 in Barre. Vendors offering antique and vintage furniture, jewelry, paintings, tools, glassware, primitives, advertising, books, and much more. Call Don Willis Antiques for more information at 802-751-6138.

TUESDAY, NOV. 27 - MANCHESTER, Vt. - Green Mountain Academy for Lifelong Learning welcomes

Alex Anvari to talk about the United Nations in 2018 on Tuesday, Nov. 27 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at Burr and Burton Academy, Hunter Seminar Room. This talk focuses on the UN's activities that help 7.6 million people enjoy healthier, safer, more equitable and productive lives. Registration required. For information or to register, please call our office at 802-867-0111 or visit www.greenmtacademy.org.

FRIDAY, NOV. 30 AND SATURDAY, DEC. 1 - MONTPELIER, Vt. - The Vermont Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus will perform its annual Handel's Messiah Concerts on Friday, Nov. 30 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Augustine Church in Montpelier and on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. at the Barre Opera House. The conductor is Lisa Jablow with Arthur Zorn, assistant choral director. Tickets are available at the

door or online at www.vermontphilharmonic.com.

SATURDAY, DEC. 1 - CHESTER, Vt. - Join us for St. Luke's Christmas Tea and Sale on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. through 3 p.m. at St. Luke's in Chester. Enjoy light sandwiches and scrumptious sweets along with your choice of coffee, tea, and hot spiced cider. Age 5 and under free. Come join friends at inviting little tables festively decorated to eat and chat. Shop at Grandma's Attic for little collectibles, handmade ornaments, and Christmas decorations, and take home some specially baked goodies. Visit www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org for directions and information.

SATURDAY, DEC. 1 AND SUNDAY, DEC. 2 - WOODSTOCK, Vt. - The Freelance Family Singers will present Holiday Concerts at the

Site Coordinator for the Chester-Andover After School Program

Two Rivers Supervisory Union is seeking a skilled educator or after school professional to be the Coordinator at Chester Andover Elementary School for this upcoming school year.

Successful Candidates should have:

- Strong working knowledge of state child care regulations.
- Experience in a supervisory capacity during after-school programs
- Have a clear view of after-school programming and a vision to see the program well into the future.
- Be proficient in organization, leadership, collaboration and goal-setting.
- Willingness to commit to the program long-term.

Responsibilities include all aspects of daily site management including leading a team, supervising/supporting other staff members, working closely with program director and school principal. The After School Program runs during the school year on days school is in session only - 2:50 PM - 5:30 PM.

Background check and licensing qualifications must be met to be eligible for employment. This is a salaried, part-time position with no benefits.

All qualified applicants should complete their application online through www.Schoolspring.com.

Veronica White
After School Program Director
Two Rivers Supervisory Union
609 VT Route 103S
Ludlow, VT 05149

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TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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King Crossword

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- 26 String around your finger
- 28 Geological period
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- 36 Hateful
- 37 Inmate
- 38 Snapshots
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- 44 Hollywood
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- 51 Carnival city

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Keep your feelings to yourself as you work through an awkward circumstance. Complaining is useless, and also unwise since your words could come back to haunt you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A sudden flash of Bovine practicality shows you how you might be able to turn your artistic pursuits into a profitable venture. A spouse or partner offers some sage advice.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be prepared with several "Plan Bs" that you might have to use as backups just in case you encounter some troublesome complications with your carefully constructed schedule.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might think you'll never have a free moment again with the demands of the workplace piling on. Cheer up. The pressure eases as holiday time nears. An old friend brings good news.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Leonine pride might make it difficult to offer an apology to a co-worker you unintentionally offended. But a quick and sincere "I'm sorry" could prevent problems down the line.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to tackle those backed-up chores that have kept you from moving into other and potentially more worthwhile projects. A personal matter needs your attention.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You usually have no problem rushing to the defense of someone you perceive as being treated unjustly. But perceptions could be deceiving this week. Check the facts before you act.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Before you point fingers at who might be to blame for the unexpected change in your plans, take a few moments to reflect on how this turn of events might be a blessing in disguise.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You seek out advice in the first part of the week. But be careful not to let counsel from others overshadow your own sense of perception. Things become clearer by the week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The trusted colleagues you relied on earlier continue to offer support with your project. But you take more control, and by the week's end, you should be in full command.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Rely on your practical side while exploring investment possibilities. Caution is still your watchword in these matters. Your social life takes a gratifying turn by the week's end.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An already confusing situation appears to grow murkier during the first part of the week. But it all starts to clear by the week's end. Plan to spend the weekend with someone special.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a passion for life that inspires others to follow your example. You could be a motivational speaker.

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EVENTS CONT.

SAT. AND SUN. DEC. 1 AND 2 CONT. -

First Congregational Church of Woodstock on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 2 at 3 p.m. The chorus, directed by Ellen Satterthwaite, will offer seasonal sacred and secular pieces in choral, small group, solo and instrumental formats. Admission is free. Refreshments will follow the concert. The donation of a non-perishable food item for the Community Food Shelf is welcome.

SATURDAY, DEC. 8 -

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - You are invited to The Festival of Lights and Silent Auction, presented by The Mount Holly Community Historical Museum on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 6 - 8 p.m. at The Odd Fellows Hall, on Star Lake, in Belmont. Beautifully decorated one-of-a-kind wreaths, creative gift baskets and an array of donated items will be auctioned. An array of Hors d'oeuvres with wine

and other refreshments served at 6 p.m. There is no charge to attend this "adults only" event. For more information about this event, visit www.mounthollyvtmuseum.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -

Bellows Falls Middle School is having their annual Ski Sale on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the cafeteria. Great prices on ski equipment with proceeds benefiting students. There will be food and drinks available for purchase. Cash and checks accepted.

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.

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

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Join us for Karaoke at the Bellows Falls Family Center, 59 Westminster Street on Saturdays from 7 to 11 p.m. TFN

FARMERS' MARKETS

SUNDAYS, NOV. 18 - DEC. 18 -

PUTNEY, Vt. - the 9th annual Putney Artisanal Marketplace on Sundays from Nov. 18 through Dec. 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Green Mountain Orchards in Putney. Over 30 vendors! Live music, delicious food, fresh baked breads, greens, root veggies, herbs, mushrooms, preserves, chicken and duck eggs, pastured meats, grass-fed dairy, gluten-free pastries, herbal remedies and body care products, beeswax candles, CBD chocolates, fine woolens, functional ceramics, wood carvings, and so much more!

KIDS' CORNER

FRIDAY, DEC. 7 -

GRAFTON, Vt. - On Friday, Dec. 7, from 10-11:30 a.m., The Nature Museum presents our Preschool Nature Program: "Leave, Sleep, or Bundle Up? What Do Animals Do in Winter?" The leaves are gone, nights become cold, and snowflakes fly as chilly winds begin to blow! For us, that means getting out our winter coats, gloves, and hats! But what do animals do to be ready for winter? For ages 3 to 6 years old. Register at www.nature-museum.org. Caregivers are always free. The Nature Museum is located at 186 Townshend Rd. Call 802-843-2111.

TUESDAYS -

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Town Library story time, 43 Main St., 10 a.m. Free and open to the public with stories, songs, and activities for the youngest readers. For more information, call the library at 802-885-3108. TFN

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

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

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

WINDSOR, Vt. - Preschool and Toddler Storytime every Wednesday from 10:30-

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

THURSDAYS -

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

SATURDAYS -

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@myrecenter.org. TFN

LIBRARIES

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, call 802-875-

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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, 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 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. A limited number of library computers are available. Registration is recommended if you will need to use a library computer. If you are joining the club with your own laptop and Minecraft account, you do not need to sign up. TFN

SATURDAYS -

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

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MEETINGS

MONDAYS -

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

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


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

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

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


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

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TUESDAYS - BELLOW FALLS, Vt. - Rockingham Select Board meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. and Bellows Falls Village Trustee meetings are the second Tuesday during the summer. Both meetings take place in the Lower Theater of the Bellows Falls Opera House. Call 802-463-4336 for more information or go to www.rockbf.org. Recordings can be found at www.fact8.com.

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - Select Board meetings are on the second Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. of each month at the Town Office. For more information, call 802-259-2391.

WESTON, Vt. - Select Board meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office. Call 802-824-6988 or go to www.westonvt.org for more information. Recordings can be found at www.gnat-tv.org.

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Westminster Fire & Rescue Department monthly meeting on the first Tuesday at 7 p.m. Rescue training is on the second Tuesday and combined drill on the third Tuesday. More information can be found at www.westminsterfireandrescue.org. TFN

WEDNESDAYS - CHESTER, Vt. - Chester Select Board meetings are on the first and third Wednesday of every month. For more information, call 802-875-2173 or go to www.chestervt.org. Recordings can be found at sapatv.org.

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

BELLOW FALLS, Vt. - Overeaters Anonymous Meeting from 7 - 8 p.m.,

44 School St., Bellows Falls. Please call 802-376-3507. TFN

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

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

BELLOW FALLS, Vt. - TOPS Chapter Vermont #12 meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Social Center, 39 Green Street in Bellows Falls. Come to TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) a nonprofit, non-commercial, weight loss support group that really works. Every week there are interesting programs that touch on topics that help us in our quest for weight loss. We share healthy recipes for main meals and snacks. Your first meeting is free. Bring a friend; you won't be disappointed. Visit our website www.tops.org for more information. TFN

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Wellness/Lifestyle

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

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

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

WEDNESDAYS - CHESTER, Vt. - Co-Dependents Anonymous meets on Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. at the Whiting Library in Chester. Find out more about CoDA at coda.org. For more information regarding this meeting, contact Sarah E. at sarahcoda2016@gmail.com. TFN

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Weekly clean and sober 12-Step Meeting. Support Group meets at Neighborhood Connections next to the Londonderry Post Office at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday. TFN

KEENE, N.H. - "All Recovery" is held at the Keene Center Serenity 40 Carpenter St. in Keene every Wednesday from 6:30 - 8 p.m. It is open to all people in recovery and to the families and loved ones of people who are suffering. It is free and confidential. People with questions can call the Center at 603-283-

5015. TFN

ASCUTNEY, Vt. - Twin State Depression Support Group meets on the third Wednesday at Martin Memorial Hall, Lower Level (Handicapped-accessible), 5259 Route 5, Ascutey, (near Exit 8 off I-91) at 6:30 p.m. Do you know or think you may be depressed? Have a friend or family member who has depression? Then this group is for you! Support, empathy, sharing, education, confidentiality, peer-led. Contact TwinStateDSG@gmail.com or 641-715-3900 (ext. 650055#). TFN

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

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

715-3900 (ext. 650055#). TFN

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

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Huber Building, 80 Main St. Weigh-in starts at 8

a.m. and the meeting begins at 9 a.m. TFN

LUDLOW, Vt. - Eating behavior support group meets every other Thursday from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. at Green Mountain at Fox Run, 262 Fox Lane. This free group is intended to help you understand your eating and/or weight-related struggles. The group is led by trained therapists who specialize in eating behavior. To join call 802-228-8885 or email shirif@fitwoman.com. TFN

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Holiday season mental health awareness

REGION – With the arrival of the holidays, children are home from school, visitors stop by, and routines are disrupted. “For many, the holidays are a stressful time, increasing feelings of depression, loneliness, overwhelm, and anxiety,” says Kate Lamphere, LICSW, director of Adult Services at HCRS. Stay safe during the holidays by keeping the following points in mind and using the resources below.



Be aware of your mental health during the holiday season. STOCK PHOTO

Watch stress levels
The holidays are a festive time but can also be a stressful due to social obligations, expectations, and even sad memories. “Practice mindfulness, check in with friends and family, seek support and maintain a regular routine,” says Lamphere. If you start to feel overwhelmed by sadness or anxiety, reach out to your physician, a professional mental health counselor, or call a crisis hotline. “HCRS has a 24-hour hotline. If you are in crisis, having thoughts of suicide or hurting yourself over the holidays, please give us a call at 1-800-622-4235.”

While social activity is great for mental health, it's also important to balance busyness with downtime – you don't have to accept every social invitation. Take the time to recharge for yourself and for your family. De-stress by calling a friend or going for a walk. Try to take a break from screen time and social media,

if only for 20 minutes.

Store prescription medication safely

One of the most common ways prescription drugs are abused are when they are found in the home of a family member or friend. Stay safe by locking prescriptions in medicine cabinet or investing in a medication lockbox. Dispose of unwanted or expired medication by dropping it off at your local police department or fire station or by returning it with a mail-back envelope through the Vermont Department of Health.

Use recreational substances responsibly

The holidays are a time when adults may indulge in alcohol or recreational cannabis. Do not drive under the influence of marijuana, alcohol, or other intoxicants and keep these substances out of the reach

of minors. An open bottle of wine left on the dinner table means easy access, as does unsecured marijuana. Place both medical and recreational marijuana in lockboxes to prevent abuse from under-age users and to prevent accidental ingestion by children and pets. Signs of marijuana ingestion in young children include extreme fatigue and difficulty sitting up. If you suspect your child has consumed marijuana, call 911 or visit your local emergency department immediately.

Prescription drug safety and disposal resources:

- Twin State Safe Meds, www.twinstatesafemeds.org/safe-disposal
 - Mail-back envelopes, www.healthvermont.gov/free-prescription-medication-mail-back-envelopes
 - Order lockboxes, Courtney Hillhouse, Mt. Ascutney Prevention Partnership, 802-674-2900 x 23
- Mental health and substance misuse resources:**
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 800-273-8255, www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org
 - HCRS 24-hour crisis hotline, 800-622-4235, www.hcrs.org/crisis-services.php

USPS Coolidge Holiday Open House with souvenir postmark

PLYMOUTH, Vt. – On Saturday, Dec. 1, from 1-4 p.m., the United States Postal Service in Plymouth will join in celebrating the holidays with the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation with a souvenir postmark. This event takes place at the Florence Cilley General Store, 236 Coolidge Memorial Rd. in Plymouth.

Plymouth clerk Melissa Lynds says, “The picture postmark is free. We will apply the postmark on any envelope that has proper postage, making it a first class souvenir of the day.”

The souvenir cancellation bears an image of a treetop angel inside a special holiday station postmark.

Local artist John Lutz has designed postmarks for this event for the past 15 years. “It's a postmark that is more than circles and bars, it is a picture that tells a story,” says Lynds.

People attending this local event may obtain the postmark in person. If you miss the open house but wish to obtain the postmark, you may submit a mail order request. Pictorial postmarks are available only with the dates indicated, and requests must be postmarked no later than 30 days following the pictorial postmark date.



The 2016 Coolidge Open House holiday souvenir postmark. PHOTO PROVIDED BY WWW.ABOUT.USPS.COM

Customers wishing to obtain a postmark should affix First-Class Mail postage to any envelope or postcard, address the envelope or postcard and tuck in the flap. Place the envelope or postcard in a larger envelope and address it to Postmaster, followed by Plymouth Post Office, 236 Coolidge Memorial Road, Plymouth, VT 05056.

After applying the pictorial postmark, the Postal Service returns the items – with or without addresses – under addressed protective cover.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products, and services to fund its operations.

Secretary of State Jim Condos announces official results of the 2018 elections

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos announced the official results of the Vermont 2018 General Election held Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Vote totals and winners for all federal and statewide offices were certified by Secretary Condos and a designee from each of Vermont's three major parties – Democratic, Republican, and Progressive. Vote totals and winners for county office, state senate, and state representative were canvassed at the town and county level.

Official election results for the Nov. 6 General Election can be viewed online at the Secretary of State's website.

“Election Day here in Vermont was a shining example of what healthy democracy looks like,” said Secretary Condos. “The civil discourse

among candidates, high voter turnout, and implementation of policies and practices preserving voter rights and access that we saw on Election Day are all reasons to be proud.”

The 2018 General Election set a record for most votes cast in a Vermont midterm election, with 278,230 voters casting ballots out of 490,074 registered voters. Vermont's number of registered voters is also at an all-time high.

“Ensuring the integrity and accuracy of our Vermont elections is critical to our democratic process, and to voter confidence in that process,” said Secretary Condos. “That's why we use paper ballots and conduct a post-election audit after every General Election. We want to ensure that there are



Secretary of State Jim Condos designees from each of the three major Vermont parties certify the 2018 General Election votes. PHOTO PROVIDED

no anomalies between official results and audited results and want to give Vermonters peace of mind in the integrity of our elections.”

The 2018 General Election Audit will take place at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 29 at the Pavilion Auditorium, located at 109 State St. in Montpelier. Members of the public and the press are invited and encouraged to attend.

Audit procedure includes a top to bottom audit of every race on each ballot cast in a randomly sampled 5 percent of voting precincts in Vermont, conducted by an independent

third-party contractor. Vermont towns are required to seal and save ballots for 22 months following an election.

The towns randomly selected for audit of 2018 General Election results are Westford (Chittenden 8-3), Mount Holly (Rutland-Windsor 2), Pittsford (Rutland 6), Hardwick (Caledonia 2), Cavendish (Windsor 2), Arlington (Bennington 4), and Glover (Orleans-Caledonia). These towns represent a geographically diverse sampling and include six towns that conduct vote counting by optical scan tabulator and one that conducts hand counts.

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VSAC and Attorney General warn of student loan servicer scammers

REGION – Attorney General T.J. Donovan joined Vermont Student Assistance Corporation to warn Vermonters about scams involving student loans. Scammers pose as student loan servicers, debt relief companies, document preparation companies, or say that you may be eligible for a student loan forgiveness program.

“My office has received dozens of complaints about these types of scams,” Attorney General Donovan said. “Recent graduates, who are starting to repay their student loans this fall, should be especially wary of potential student loan scams.”

Some scammers will ask for

your FSA ID, which is the login and password to federal loan information, and say they can help you for a fee. But student loan help is free for Vermonters. VSAC, a public nonprofit agency of the state, provides advice about student loans for free.

“VSAC wants student loan borrowers to know that we are here to provide expert financial aid assistance to any of their questions as they evaluate the best repayment options,” said Scott Giles, president and CEO of VSAC. “For student loan borrowers, this is especially important as they begin to pay down their investment in their professional future. We thank the Attorney General

for his laser focus on protecting Vermonters from deceptive and fraudulent practices.”

If you receive a call from someone offering to help you lower your payments or do the paperwork for you for a fee, hang up the phone. Never provide your Social Security number to an unknown person over the phone.

If you believe you may have received a scam call, contact the Attorney General’s Consumer Assistance Program at 1-800-649-2424 or by emailing AGO.CAP@vermont.gov. For questions about student loans, contact VSAC at 1-800-862-3177.

Vermont Evaporator Company challenges maple industry

MONTPELIER, Vt. – In honor of Native American Heritage month and in the spirit of Thanksgiving, Vermont Evaporator Company is challenging the Vermont maple industry to join it in making a difference for native New Englanders by donating a portion of November sales. Vermont Evaporator Company has identified its chosen beneficiary as the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe of Massachusetts.

“We have Native Americans to thank for maple syrup, plain and simple. Which means many Vermonters have Native Americans to thank for their way of life and their means of making a liv-

ing,” said Vermont Evaporator Company CEO, Kate McCabe. “And right now, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe could use our support of their lands and their economic security, too.”

In September, the U.S. Department of Interior reversed a decision made in 2015, granting the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe 321 acres of reservation land in a trust. This reversal threatens that land. Greater than anything else, the tribe is worried about the loss of the land of their ancestors and the culture that comes with that history.

“We are honored to have the support of Vermont Evaporator Company,” said Mashpee Wam-

panoag Tribe Chairman, Cedric Cromwell. “Tomorrow, November 14, 2018, we will walk and rally with our supporters in Washington, D.C. to support H.R. 5244, pending bi-partisan legislation that would protect our tribal lands. We all look forward to knowing that Vermont Evaporator Company is in solidarity with us.”

Vermont Evaporator Company and businesses that join their challenge started setting aside a portion of sales to donate to the Tribe Nov. 1. If your business is interested in joining this challenge, email info@vtevap.com.

Time to think about year-end investment moves

REGION – We’ve still got a couple of months left in 2018, but it’s not too soon to start thinking about some year-end investment moves that might benefit you. Although not all will apply to your situation, here are a few possibilities:

Add to your IRA

For the 2018 tax year, you can put up to \$5,500 into your traditional or Roth IRA, or \$6,500 if you’re 50 or older. If you haven’t reached this limit, consider adding some money. You have until April 15, 2019 to contribute to your IRA for 2018, but why wait until the last minute?

Increase your 401(k) contributions

You already may be investing in your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, but you might be able to bump up your contributions for the rest of the year if it’s allowed. Of course, you should always put in enough to earn your employer’s matching contribution if one is offered.

Take your RMDs

If you are 70-and-a-half or older, you must start taking withdrawals – called required minimum distributions, or RMDs – from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. Generally, you must take these RMDs by Dec. 31 every year. But if you turned 70-and-a-half in 2018, you



Make year-end investments and watch them grow.

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can wait until April 1, 2019, until you take your first RMD. However, you will then have to take a second RMD – the one for age 71 – by Dec. 31, 2019. Taking two RMDs in one year could give you an unexpectedly large taxable income for the year, possibly bumping you into a higher tax bracket and affecting the amount of your Social Security benefits subject to taxes. So, if you are considering delaying your first RMD, consult with your tax advisor.

your portfolio might change in ways you hadn’t expected. For example, suppose you wanted your portfolio to contain 60 percent stocks and 40 percent bonds and other investments. After a period of rising prices, though, the value of your stocks may have increased so much that they now occupy 65 percent of your portfolio – which means you may be taking on more risk than you had originally intended. Consequently, you may need to rebalance your portfolio to get back to your original 60 percent to 40 percent ratios. Keep in mind that these figures are just for illustration; everyone’s ideal

Make changes in response to life events

In 2018, did you experience a major life event, such as a marriage, divorce, or addition of a child? Or did you change jobs or retire? Any of these events could lead you to adjust your investment plans, so now may be the time to do so, possibly with the help of a financial professional.

Review your investment mix

At least once a year, it’s a good idea to review your investment mix to ensure it’s still suitable for your goals and risk tolerance. Sometimes, even without your taking any action,

your portfolio mix will depend on their individual situations.

These aren’t the only year-end moves you may want to consider, but they can help you close out 2018 on a positive note. Plus, they can serve as a reminder that you need to be vigilant as you keep working toward your financial goals.

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