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Cavendish Fire Chief Shane Turco resigns, jumps to Proctorsville



Abe Gross thanks Shane Turco for his years of service at CFD. Bob Glidden welcomes Turco to PFD. PHOTOS BY SHARON HUNTLEY

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
The Vermont Journal

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Former Cavendish Fire Chief Shane Turco had a busy day Sunday, April 7. In mid-afternoon, Turco appeared at the Cavendish Fire Department to receive a formal letter of thanks for his 20 years of service from now Acting Chief Abraham Gross and to pick up his helmet and other gear that he owns. Later, at approximately 6:30 p.m. he was welcomed as the newest volunteer at the Proc-

torsville Fire Station, one mile down the road. This latest defection leaves the numbers of the Cavendish Fire Dept. at six active members according to Gross, increases the Proctorsville team to 26, and is a harsh blow to the CFD who has been struggling with dwindling numbers, as both fire districts are feeling increasing town pressure to merge. Turco's resignation was widely learned Tuesday morning, April 2, the morning after he attended the CFD District 2 Meeting the

night before. One of four attendees, Turco made no formal announcement of resignation that night but it became public knowledge the next day. According to Turco, he admits that may have blindsided fellow member Stuart Lindberg, chair of the CFD Board who was also at the meeting on Monday night. According to Turco, their conversation that Tuesday was very heated.

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LEGO engineers' 2019 creations

CHESTER, Vt. – The NewsBank Conference Center in Chester Saturday, March 16 was filled with young engineers who created some fabulous entries for the eighth LEGO Contest, sponsored by St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Forty-two exhibitors in grades Pre-K through eighth came from 16 towns in Vermont and one in New Hampshire. All attendees enjoyed drinks provided by Lisai's Market in Chester and donuts, partially donated by Allen Brothers in Westminster, in the spacious Conference Center that NewsBank once again made available for the annual event.



Anna Bennett won second place in the fifth grade class for her LEGO entry titled "Jungle Oasis." PHOTO PROVIDED

Participants shared ideas and techniques for the constructions as they viewed the entries whose themes ranged from scenes in books, Dino Park, forts, a saw-mill, LEGO knight, and a Fly-In Movie Theater to treehouses, skating rinks, a ski lodge, and maple sugaring operations in Vermont and outer space.

Individual, team, and family entries were judged by grade for originality, imagination, and presentation. What met the eye was not always the whole of the exhibit. That's why the judges always interview each entrant to discover his or her motivation,

intent, challenges, and special – often hidden – features of the design. Judges David Carey and Doug Edson of Chester; Andrew Pennell of Rockingham; and Putney School freshman James Townsend of Springfield, Vt., then wrote personal comments on each exhibit card to let the contestants know what was most appealing or impressive to them and to emphasize the fact that the judges appreciated all the time, imagination, and skill involved in each entry.

Around 11:30 a.m., LEGO

prizes were awarded to the winner and runner-up in each category, and a medal was given to every participant.

"Jungle Oasis" – which won second place in the fifth grade category – by Anna Bennett will be on display at Chester's Whiting Library until late April. The public is invited to come see one of this year's award-winning constructions and consider what might be a good entry for the 2020 contest.

For more pictures from the 2019 LEGO exhibits, visit www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org, look under **Learn More, LEGO Contests**, and click on the link to the Flickr album.

Proceeds from the contest will enable St. Luke's to send a donation to the Children's Section at Chester's Whiting Library, which hosts a LEGO Club for youngsters and students Mondays 3-4:30 p.m. To receive email notice next year about the 2020 contest, please contact Lillian Willis at 802-875-1340 or lbwillis@comcast.net.

To view the list of every first and second place winner, see this article online at www.vermontjournal.com.

Black River wins at Vermont History Day

LUDLOW, Vt. – It was a happy bus ride back from Burlington Saturday, April 6, as Black River students returned home from Vermont History Day. The contest, held at the University of Vermont, included historical research projects from over 400 students, traveling from all over the state to compete for special prizes and a trip to Washington, D.C. Black River has participated in this program since 1982 and has sent students to nationals each year. This year though, the wins are more impressive than ever.



Greta Fairbanks and Johnna Turin win first place for their group project. PHOTO PROVIDED

Eighth graders Greta Fairbanks and Johnna Turin won first place for their junior group performance, "The Tower: A Symbol of Triumph and Tragedy in Mental Illness." They also won the Vermont Architecture Prize, for focusing their project on a historic building in Vermont.

Emma Wentz won second place for her individual exhibit, "The Challenger Explosion: Rush for Success." She also won the Vermont State Archives Prize for Primary Sources. "I just want to frame my bibliography, I'm so proud," she exclaimed after the award ceremony.

Natasha Fortin, a History Day veteran who has attended nationals four times already, won second place for her senior individual per-

formance, "Josh Cole Became a Legend: Triumph from Tragedy." She created this project as a tribute to a Black River student who was killed in an ATV accident. Each year, Black River hosts a soccer tournament in his honor.

Lilly Varga and Emma Kirdzik also placed second in their category. They created a documentary called, "Vincent Van Gogh: The Triumph and Tragedy of Art and Mental Illness." "It was tragic for him that he had such a hard time with mental illness, but it was a triumph that he was able to use his art to get through it. Doctors back then didn't realize that art could be healing for people," said Lilly during her judging.

Aurora Briere placed second for her project, "Fight for Women's Lives," an individual exhibit about the Battered Women's

Movement and the challenges women faced under Ronald Reagan. "It broke my heart to hear what these women went through," she says. "The best part is when you realize that things eventually got better for them."

All of the students who placed first or second qualify to represent Vermont at National History Day. However, Black River also had two projects place third. Third place winners serve as alternates if anyone cannot attend that national competition.

Sadie Kobak, who attended nationals last year, placed third for her documentary, "Precision Valley's Triumph and Tragedy." Mackenzie Martin and Karissa Trzesiara placed third with their exhibit on Phineas Gage, and they also won the George Edmunds Memorial Prize, a \$350 award for a Vermont history topic.

Students attending National History Day need to cover the costs of transportation and lodging for the trip, which takes place in June. Several fundraisers have been planned for this spring, the first of which is an online Yankee Candle sale. The sale can be found at www.yankeecandlefundraising.com. Enter the group code 999981267. Donations can also be made directly by contacting Suzette Chivers at Black River High School.

Written by Suzette Chivers.

Chester looks at upcoming summer and fall events

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Selectboard meeting Wednesday, April 3 focused largely on upcoming events scheduled in the summer and fall. Town Manager David Pisha updated the board on a Harley Davidson event coming to Chester July 20 with 800 riders already registered for the event. David Pisha and Steve Mancuso are meeting with event planners to discuss how the town can welcome them. The Harley Davidson groups wants to do the bulk of their ceremonies during this event in Chester this year.

Nancy Davis gave an update about the Fall Festival. The

45th annual Chester Fall Festival is scheduled for Sept. 21 and 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on and around the Chester Town Green. Davis introduced the new team members of festival organizers, the primary leader being Liza Garvey. According to Davis, everything was on schedule. "We are off and running, we have a very limited number of [vendor] spots left," she said.

Davis outlined a number of requests for the Selectboard, including permission to use the green and the area in front of the cemetery up to the information booth; close off traffic around the area during those two days; prohibit parking on Route 11 on the north side; for two food trucks to be parked and reserve parking spots reserved for handicapped

drop off spots. Davis also asked that the Selectboard write a letter to The Current for the bus to provide their services for the event. They are also asking for the usual help from the Police Department.

One big issue that Davis brought up was the need for better internet access on the green. "I see this as the most critical piece of the fall festival... If vendors can't sell their products, they won't continue to come," she said. Although there is access, Pisha agreed that the equipment is out of date, too slow, and not powerful enough to serve that area." He agreed to contact VTel to follow up on the issue.

The next critical need,

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New Kids Food Place at BRGNS food shelf

LUDLOW, Vt. – “Kids Food Place,” a new section of Black River Good Neighbor Services food shelf, offers students a wide variety of products, including items like cereal, canned soups, fruits, drinks, and other snacks. Food shelf staff makes it a point to include items that meet students’ dietary restrictions as well as a few fresh items each week, such as apples and carrots for snacking.

Favorite items so far have been apples, granola bars, canned fruit, fresh produce,



Kids’ Food Place at BRGNS. PHOTO PROVIDED

and mac and cheese. “The kids love coming to Kids Food Place; it’s heartwarming to see,” says Krey Kellington, program administrator. “Many parents have told us that their kids are proud of the food they’ve chosen, and some have been inspired to try cooking at home.”

The new food section is available to area students Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Bees and biodiversity

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Pollination is an ecological service that is essential to human life – and bees are some of the most important crop pollinators. But pollinators need landscape

biodiversity – preferably native flora – to thrive and stop species decline.

On Thursday, April 18 at 2 p.m., Cheryl Wilfong will discuss bees and biodiversity at

Neighborhood Connections. Cheryl teaches mindfulness meditation at Vermont Insight Meditation Center and Northampton Insight. She also writes an award-winning blog at www.themeditativegardener.blogspot.com.

This lecture is offered at no charge, but call 802-824-4343 to register. Neighborhood Connections is located in Londonderry’s Mountain Marketplace, next to the Londonderry Post Office.

Springfield Hospital CEO speaks to Ludlow Rotary

LUDLOW, Vt. – Michael Halstad, the interim CEO of Springfield Hospital, addressed the latest meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club about the current condition of the hospital and medical center. Referring to numerous media articles about its financial status, he noted that the financial problems of the hospital were a national problem for many small, regional hospitals.

Halstad emphasized that Springfield Hospital had financial problems but it was the intention of the facility to make all necessary changes to ensure that it had a sustainable financial future. He cited the recent decision to eliminate the birthing clinic as an example



Michael Halstad, Springfield Hospital CEO, and Jim Rumrill, LRC Rotarian. PHOTO PROVIDED

that the hospital would still provide quality emergency services to pregnant women.

Halstad indicated that the emergency ward was being transferred to a new unit as another step in reducing costs. Staff reductions and modest pay decreases were also part of the solution. When asked about the future of the hospital’s outlying medical and dental facilities, he said that they all represented very solvent and successful operations. He noted that the Chester Dental unit was adding “a second chair” to satisfy the demands for its services.

of how the hospital is addressing the problem. He stressed

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according to Davis, was for additional parking. She then requested permission to use

the parking area behind the Academy Building for vendor parking. She also asked to park at the end of Canal Street, for additional public parking, roping off the well area. Board member Ben Whalen suggested that additional parking may also be available at the ball field.

Davis presented a document that outlined services that the town agreed to during an earlier meeting, mainly dealing with infrastructure for the event. These included security, first aid table, pumping out the portable toilets, parking, signage, help setting up on Friday, and providing handicapped ramps to access different parts of the green.

The Selectboard agreed in principle to all the requests but wanted to check with different town departments on access to parking areas and receive cost estimates before making final decisions.

Board Chair Arne Jonynas and the other board members voiced their thanks for the many years of effort Nancy Davis has put in throughout the years to this event. “It’s been win, win for everybody and we want to keep it that way,” she said.

Betsy Bosiak presented the Green Mountain Power plans for pole locations and where power lines would be buried in

the Chester Pinnacle Recreation area. The request was for a standard easement from the town for the project. Jonynas asked if Green Mountain Power could eliminate the pole directly following the one that leads up to the cell tower and Bosiak agreed to request Green Mountain look into that possibility. The Pinnacle Area of the project is anticipated to be finished this summer.

The Vermont Journal was named the paper of record, the only paper that had submitted a bid to print the town’s legal notices. Legally, town notices must appear in a printed newspaper. After Bob Miller made a presentation to the Selectboard, Jonynas expressed his appreciation to Shawn Cunningham and his media coverage of the town through The Chester Telegraph, an online news service. The Chester Telegraph is not eligible to be the paper of record since it does not have a printed version of their news coverage.

The Selectboard also discussed the town highway financial plan, looking to prioritize road surface management of the town roads. Liquor license requests were also renewed for area businesses.

The Selectboard announced the appointment of Peter Hudkins to a three-year term on the Planning Commission.

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Clarks Quality Foods IGA awarded Five Star Honor

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – IGA announced recently that Londonderry-based Clark's Quality Foods and owners Marshall, Miner, and Brenda Clark have again been awarded the IGA Five Star honor for achievement in IGA's Assessment Program. Five Star is the highest level of recognition possible under third-party assessment standards.

The IGA Assessment Program measured performance with a combination of unrevealed and revealed assessments, focusing on store appearance and product quality, employee training, customer service, participation in IGA-only consumer promotions from national brand partners, as well as consistent support and involvement in the local community.

"IGA retailers and their teams are passionate about serving the needs of the local families who make up the urban, sub-

urban, and rural communities of our nation," IGA CEO John Ross said. "Clarks is a great example of owners using their entrepreneurial creativity to deliver the high-touch, personalized, and innovative experiences our shoppers want. From competitive national programs including the use of the Flipp mobile app, this store continues to innovate and progress with the industry. We're proud of Clark's Quality Foods IGA and its lasting legacy of local ownership and community commitment and thank all those who inspired this IGA team to be among the best."

"We at Clarks are so proud to be The Mountain Community's Five Star IGA," Marshall Clark said. "Our team achieved this honor by working together to continuously and consistently meet the needs of our customers. We'd like to thank our dedicated associates for their hard

work and diligence day in and day out. Most importantly we hold a special appreciation for our loyal and supportive customers, who whose honest input and patronage make our business grow and this recognition possible."

The Clark family has been involved in IGA since 1931 when Miner C. Clark joined the network in East Arlington, Vt. in the 1930s. The present day Vermont company was formed when the next generation, led by Raymond Clark, bought the Ludlow Supermarket at the Ellison building location on Main Street in Ludlow in 1964. The Londonderry store became Clark's IGA in 1974 when Ray and Ardis Clark assumed control of the former Adam's Su-



Craig Wyman, grocery manager, and Raben Cerina, cashier.

PHOTO BY BOB MILLER

permarket. The three Clark offspring have been involved in the operation of the supermarket throughout several evolutions, expansions, and remodels in the 45 years since. The store's primary supplier and IGA partner is C&S Wholesale, which is the largest grocery wholesale company in the U.S.

Okemo Valley TV and Weston Playhouse video

WESTON, Vt. – Last year, staff from Weston Playhouse Theater Co. and Okemo Valley TV teamed up to produce a short video tour of the playhouse's brand new Walker Farm facility. The video featured an interview with Steve Stettler, the longtime artistic producing director who has since retired. The video received recognition from the Northeastern region of the Alliance for Community Media, the trade association for community TV stations and media organizations, at its annual "Nor'easter Awards" in November. It earned second place in the "PSA/Short

Program" category.

Just last week, Okemo Valley TV went back to Walker Farm to record a follow-up to that video. Francis DeVine, who is on both the Okemo Valley TV and Weston Playhouse Board of Directors, interviewed new executive artistic director, Susanna Gellert. The 10-minute video covers a short variety of topics: how the Walker Farm facility is being used, Susanna's background and vision, and a preview of the plays she is bringing to the playhouse during the upcoming season.



Francis DeVine and Susanna Gellert hold the Okemo Valley TV and Weston Playhouse's "Nor'easter" Award.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Both videos of Walker Farm

can be viewed on Okemo Valley TV's community access channel during the coming weeks at various times, as well as its website www.okemovalley.tv/videos and on YouTube.

"Yes, we're in the business of making TV, and helping others to make TV, but above all, we're at our best through partnerships like this," said Patrick Cody, Okemo Valley TV's executive director. "We're in this small rural community, but there's still so many people and organizations doing important work, and those stories should be told."

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"He was upset," he said. According to Turco, Lindberg especially didn't want him to join Proctorsville. Lindberg expressed to Turco that since he had defended and supported Turco as chief that if he went over to Proctorsville, it would be as if he were "kicking him while he's down," Turco said.

Turco doesn't see it that way. With CFD having so few volunteers, Turco was worrying about making calls and the stress was starting to affect his work. "I feel responsible. I feel like I have to make every call." Joining PFD just made sense to Turco since he wanted to continue serving in the community he lives in. "It's a load of stress off my shoulders," he said.

With Turco's 20 years of experience as a volunteer fire fighter and a certified EMT, PFD was happy to have him join their ranks. "They have respect for me doing that type of work and they've known me for the same 20 years that I've had down here [in Cavendish]," he said.

Once learning of his resignation, CFD locked Turco out of the fire station so that he couldn't retrieve his gear that was his personal property. They also locked out Turco's girlfriend, Ashley Williams, assuming she was leaving the CFD as well, although no one from CFD had a conversation with her.

During Sunday afternoon, Turco met Abe Gross and Bob Evans at CFD and was able to retrieve his gear then. At that time, he was formally thanked by Gross and handed a letter of thanks for his service.

Now that Turco is officially a member of the Proctorsville Fire Dept., he is looking ahead and thinks that merging the two fire districts is the "only thing that makes sense." He also expressed his confidence in the leadership of the PFD. "I think Proctorsville officers are higher trained and they have a higher level [of knowledge]."

In the immediate future, Turco is looking forward to additional training himself, with ice water rescue training happening next week. PFD is also starting the process of training in active shooter response.

Meanwhile CFD and acting Chief Abe Gross will look to add volunteers to their team and want to assure citizens that "any fire call will continue to be responded to by all available Cavendish Fire members and simultaneously-dispatched Proctorsville Fire Department, with mutual aid agreements providing additional coverage if neither of those agencies are available or respond with insufficient personnel for the task at hand."

Stuart Lindberg declined further comment replying only, "As chair of the CFD2 board, I will not be making any statements until after our legally warned monthly meeting in May."

In a further development, PFD volunteer Amy Perry stood at

the start of the Cavendish Selectboard Meeting Monday, April 8, and read a multi-page statement asking for the removal of Stuart Lindberg from the Selectboard. She cited several incidents of Lindberg angrily engaging with PFD personnel, both in person and via phone, in response to Turco's recent decision to leave CFD and join PFD.

Lindberg's response led to an accusation toward Perry, which she then denied. Board Chair Robert Glidden stepped in to stop the heated conversation from going further.

At that point, Town Manager Brendan McNamara stepped in saying, "What we're not going to do is we are not going to get into a debate about the two fire de-

partments...that is not what this board, at this juncture, is about."

At that point, Board Member Sandra Russo interrupted saying to Lindberg, "Amy really attacked you personally and I think that's what you should respond to. I just find all of this a bit appalling."

Lindberg agreed it was appalling and said that he would let his reputation speak for itself. Lindberg finished his remarks on the subject saying, "I'll let that stand and I won't say anything else for the benefit of the town."

On Tuesday, April 9, McNamara confirmed by phone that there would be no further action taken by the Selectboard based on Perry's comments.

Community Garden

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Ludlow Area Community Garden is open to all residents of Ludlow and neighboring towns. The fenced garden is located in the Fletcher Farm grounds on Route 103, at the border between Ludlow and Proctorsville. UVM Extension master gardeners and master composters are available to assist gardeners. To sign up and reserve a plot, come to our meeting Monday, April 22, at 7 p.m. at United Church of Ludlow or call any of the members listed.

Individual plots are used to grow vegetables, flowers, and herbs. Shared plots are for asparagus, rhubarb, and a mini-orchard with berries, apples, peaches, and native

plums. Waist-high raised beds are available.

A separate enclosed area is dedicated to food scrap composting. This is an educational project made possible through a Grow Grant from the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund and support from Composting Association of Vermont, Vermont Community Garden Network, and UVM Extension Master Gardener Program.

The fee includes the use of garden tools, hoses, tiller, carts, water, compost, and other materials. Scholarship plots are available upon request. For more information, call Fran Webb at 802-875-2064; Bob Kottkamp, 802-228-6282; Gary MacIntyre, 802-228-7178; or Rosa Donohue 802-228-7496.

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“The Mouse That Roared” starts film series

LUDLOW, Vt. – FOLA will begin its annual special movie series for 2019 Saturday, April 13 at 7 p.m. in the Heald Auditorium at Ludlow Town Hall. There will be a pre-movie reception with snacks with Vermont film historian Rick Winston at 6 p.m. This year's series will feature the films of Peter Sellers, starting with the hilarious comedy, “The Mouse That Roared.”

This year's film series demonstrates the range and breadth of Peter Sellers as an actor, starting with “The Mouse That Roared” from the 1950s to “The Return of the Pink Panther” and “Being There” from the 1970s. To kick off the film series there will be a pre-movie reception – with snacks – starting at 6 p.m. April 13 that will be followed by a brief presentation by Vermont film historian Rick Win-

ston about Peter Sellers and his films. People are welcome to come at 6 p.m. to grab a bite to eat and chat with Rick before we start the movie at 7 p.m. FOLA would say thanks to our generous sponsors for this year's film series: Big Eyes Baker, Ludlow Rotary, Marylou Scofield, Attorney at Law, and The Book Nook.

“The Mouse That Roared” is a 1959 British satirical Eastman Color comedy film based on Leonard Wibberley's novel “The Mouse That Roared.” It stars Peter Sellers in three roles: Duchess Gloriana XII; Count Rupert Mountjoy, the Prime Minister; and Tully Bascomb, the military leader; and co-stars Jean Seberg. The minuscule European Duchy of Grand Fenwick goes bankrupt and declares war on the United States. After a series of mishaps, the United States sur-

renders to Grand Fenwick – and then the real fun begins!

Please join us this spring for a set of wild and hilariously Peter Sellers movies. “The Mouse That Roared” will be screened Saturday April 13, “The Return of the Pink Panther” Saturday, April 27, and “Being There” May 11. All movies start at 7 p.m.

“The Mouse That Roared” is open to everyone and is free. Donations are appreciated. The movie is unrated and runs 1 hour and 23 minutes. Berkshire Bank will provide the popcorn with FOLA supplying water. This movie has been specifically sponsored by Ludlow Rotary and The Book Nook. For more information, call 802-228-3238 or visit FOLA's website at www.fola.us.

Save the date for the May Festival

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Mark your calendars for May 18, the 9th annual May Festival at the Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse on 21 Fairground Rd. in Springfield. This prime location is a great spot to set up your craft or flea market booth.

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keep things lively and homemade chili and hot dogs will be served in our cafe.

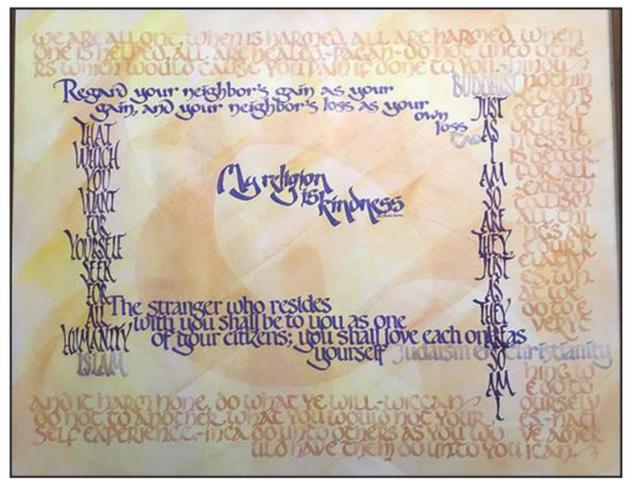
Festival hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine. Vendors must provide their own canopies and be prepared for the weather. Spaces are available. Vendors may drive up to their space for set up and loading. To reserve a space, go to www.uuspringfieldvt.org for an application or call contact person JoAnn at 802-738-7726.

Introduction to calligraphy

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Have you ever been intrigued by the lettering arts? Jorika Stockwell is offering an introduction to flat pen traditional calligraphy techniques Saturday, April 20, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Gallery at the VAULT. Her work is on display in the “Art of Calligraphy” show through May 29.

You will have hands-on learning of sample letters from several different ancient scripts. There will be a brief overview of the history of calligraphy and its modern day development and uses, such as how modern calligraphers have modified traditional scripts. This class is appropriate for teens and adults. All material is provided. Calligraphy pens can be purchased to bring home. Further classes will be offered based on interest.

Jorika has been doing calligraphy for 37 years, first studying with Robert Palladino. Her works have been



“Golden Rule” by Jorika Stockwell.

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exhibited across the country. She continues to study with teachers from all over the world including Massimo Pollelo, Amity Parks, Yves Letermes, Carl Rohrs, and many others. She also teaches, tutors, and does commission work in southern Vermont.

There is a cost for members and non-members. A materials list will be provided at registra-

tion. All levels welcome.

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

Cara Robertson presents “The Trial of Lizzie Borden”

MANCHESTER, Vt. – On Monday, April 15 at 5:30 p.m., we are thrilled to host Cara Robertson at Northshire Bookstore when she presents her book “The Trial of Lizzie Borden,” the remarkable new account of an essential piece of New England mythology based on 20 years of research and recently unearthed evidence.

“The Trial of Lizzie Borden” tells the true story of one of the most sensational murder trials in American history. When Andrew and Abby Borden were brutally hacked to death in Fall River, Mass., in August 1892, the arrest of the couple's younger daughter Lizzie turned the case into international news and her trial into a spectacle unparalleled in American history. Reporters flocked to the scene. Well-known columnists took up conspicuous seats in the courtroom.

The defendant was relentlessly scrutinized for signs of guilt or innocence. Everyone – rich and poor, suffragists and social conservatives, legal scholars and laypeople – had an opinion about Lizzie Borden's guilt or innocence. Was she a cold-blooded murderer or an unjustly persecuted lady? Did she or didn't she?

The popular fascination with the Borden murders and its central enigmatic character has endured for more than 100 years. Immortalized in rhyme, told and retold in every conceivable genre, the murders have secured a place in the American pantheon of mythic horror, but one typically wrenched from its historical moment.

In contrast, Cara Robertson explores the stories Lizzie Borden's culture wanted and expected to hear and how those stories influenced the debate inside and outside of the courtroom. Based on transcripts of

the Borden legal proceedings, contemporary newspaper accounts, unpublished local accounts, and recently unearthed letters from Lizzie herself, “The Trial of Lizzie Borden” offers a window onto America in the Gilded Age, showcasing its most deeply held convictions and its most troubling social anxieties.

Cara Robertson is a lawyer whose writing has appeared in The Boston Globe, the Raleigh News and Observer, and the Yale Journal of Law and the Humanities. She was educated at Harvard, Oxford, and Stanford Law School. A former Supreme Court law clerk, she served as a legal adviser to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia at The Hague and a Visiting Scholar at Stanford Law School. Her scholarship has been supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Humanities Center of which she is a Trustee. She first started researching the Lizzie Borden story as a senior at Harvard, and published her first paper on the trial in the Yale Journal of Law and the Humanities in 1997. “The Trial of Lizzie Borden” is her first book.

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

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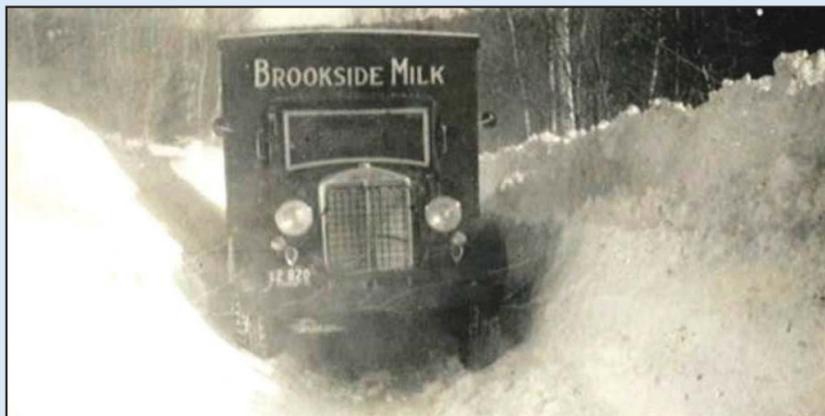
LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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Perils of Pawleen Part 2



Brookside Milk truck on East Hill in Andover. Vera lived on East Hill circa 1930s. PHOTO PROVIDED

Below is another episode from Vera Lundburg's manuscript. You may recall Eric and Vera Lundburg had moved to Andover from New York in the early 1930s. In this episode Eric had gone to Springfield, Mass. to examine a rare book leaving Vera home alone. After reading this episode you will better understand why Vera chose, "The Perils of Pawleen" for a title of her story. Little Sammy was the family dog.

"During the evening I kept all three fires going. The kitchen stove is a sensible good-natured little thing with no tricks or wiles. The fireplace I manage very well except that the logs are awfully heavy to haul around and set just right without being dragged right in the blaze along with them. But that blooming chunk stove gave me more trouble and by midnight of the first night, all I asked was that it should just die out quietly and completely, and I wouldn't mind the cold at all.

"There was quite a wind blowing and a strong pull up the chimney so I was afraid to let it draw too hard. If I toned it down, it puffed big gusts of smoke that scared me pink. If I opened it to put wood in, it flared up and put me in a panic. It got so I didn't have a minute's peace worrying about what to do next, and I knew it would give me no rest during the night. I could just see myself stuffing it full for the night, folding my hands and waiting for it to explode or burn the house down. And so to Hell - I let it die. Then the temperature went down to

five below zero. My geraniums got nipped again and getting up the next morning was a somewhat chilly affair. But I made a good job of banking the fireplace fire and had a good start with coals there. I closeted myself in the kitchen with the little oil stove and got the other stove going and it was comfortable very soon. That day it took plenty of tending to keep a good hearth fire burning steadily but I was glad the other stove was off my mind, so that was a pleasure. Eric got home that night about 1:50 AM with his own tale of horrors.

"He left his car at Heinie's in Chester and most if not all, the anti-freeze leaked out and it was congealing when he started for home. He thought he could thaw it out but the water kept boiling away and all the way from Chester here he kept jumping out and running down to the brook with a little tin can (at 10 below) and filling the radiator, 7 trips in all to the brook. He took off his overcoat and put that on the head and finally got sufficiently thawed. He was plenty worried that he'd get stuck and have to abandon it. SO WERE VERY GLAD TO SEE EACH OTHER! All it lacked to make it complete was another earthquake and the possibility was always lurking in the back of my mind.

"My little Sammy just got sick and died. I don't know what was the cause of it. He was bright and chipper as usual then he was sick for two days and we found him dead the next morning. I'm glad I was good to him but I'm sorry I didn't know of something to do for him to help him get better. We both

miss him around a lot. He was awfully funny when I used the carpet sweeper, I guess it was a big monster to him! He'd watch it travelling across the floor very cautiously from behind one of the big chairs. Sometimes I'd run it near him unexpectedly and he'd dash to the protection of another big chair and stealthily peer around to watch THE THING go by. It was quite amusing. And whenever we put on our big boots, he'd come running at the sound of the laces whipping back and forth. He liked to chew on them while they were in action. (He often made me think of Judy Meyer and the chopping bowl!) He'd hear these laces snapping if he were two rooms away. So with these fond reminiscences, we will say goodbye to LITTLE SAMMY."

This week's old saying. "Welcome to Vermont, where we have nine months of hard winter and three months of poor skiing."

Get a taste of spring with a brief history of veggies

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Gardeners itching to get their hands in the dirt may have to wait until the snow and mud subside, but they can take the edge off spring fever by learning about the history of some of our favorite - and not so favorite - fruits and vegetables Saturday, April 13, at noon at the Rockingham Free Public Library.

Author Rebecca Rupp will present "Wolf Peaches, Poisoned Peas, and Madame Pompadour's Underwear: The Surprising History of Common Garden Vegetables," and discuss the long and

fascinating histories of some of the food we commonly eat. Her talk will touch on the much-maligned tomato and potato, the (mostly) popular pumpkin, and Vermont's dynamic duo of kale and Gilfeather turnip.

She will also explain why many people don't like beets, how a 17th-century pirate named the bell pepper, the pivotal role carrots played in who won the Trojan War, and how George Washington was nearly assassinated with a plate of poisoned peas.

Rupp is the author of nearly

20 books for adults and children and blogs on food science and history for National Geographic. Her talk is made possible through a grant from the Vermont Humanities Council and is co-sponsored by the Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission and the library. The event is free, open to the public, and accessible to those with disabilities.

The library is at 65 Westminister St., Bellows Falls. For more information, call 802-463-4270 or email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org.

Eileen Charbonneau presents newest book

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Bellows Falls author Eileen Charbonneau will present a talk as part of the launch of her newest book, "Hidden Women of the Civil War," Friday, April 12 at 7 p.m. at Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls. Based on the research she explored in writing her new historical novel, "Seven Aprils" details seven years (1860-1866) in the life of Tess Barton, during which she disguised herself as a man and served in the Union medical corps.

As in Eileen's fictional account, women were so eager to fight for the cause that they cross-dressed to enlist as soldiers - a flouting of the law. Both the Union and Confederate armies forbade the enlistment of women. But by estimates ranging from 400 to 800, women shed their bonnets and dresses for a cap and trousers, passed a cursory medical exam, and went off to war. And most succeeded in their deception. Why? Were they following husbands, brothers, lovers? Were they staunch abolitionists? Or yearning to fight to preserve slavery and "shoulder my pistol and shoot some Yankees?"

Women also served as nurses, spies, and carriers. They harassed armies of both sides. One was part of the team that

uncovered an alleged plot to assassinate Lincoln en route to his inauguration. Much of this history is ignored or hidden. Much is still being discovered. Eileen found it fascinating and hopes you will too.

Eileen Charbonneau's novels include "Seven Aprils," "Watch Over Me," "I'll Be Seeing You," "Waltzing in Ragtime," "The Randolph Legacy," and "Rachel LeMoyné." The Washington Post said of "Waltzing in Ragtime" that it "has an almost made-for-TV miniseries sheen to it, even as it grapples with large and

complex social issues..." Eileen's work has won a Heart of the West Award, Chanticleer Award in Women's Fiction and Rita Award from Romance Writers of America. She's a member of Historical Novel Society and Novelists Inc.

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Dear Editor,

The Fresh Air Fund looks forward to celebrating National Volunteer Week, which is from April 7-13 this year. It is an opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our inspiring volunteers, hosts, and supporters in central Vermont and New Hampshire.

The Fresh Air Fund's programs would not be possible without the commitment of our dedicated volunteers, many of whom are also host families, who serve on committees, interview prospective host families, publicize the program, and plan summer activities. Additionally, individuals and local businesses give generously of their time and resources to make The Fresh Air Fund's Friendly Towns Program a great success each summer.

As we hear from alumni and connect with long standing host families, we continue to learn how Fresh Air Fund summers have impacted lives – and continue to transform lives many

years later. We have learned that a summer can last a lifetime.

The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit agency, has provided free summer experiences to more than 1.8 million New York City children from low-income communities since 1877. First time Fresh Air children are boys and girls, from 7 to 12 years old, who live in New York City. Children who are reinvited by host families may continue with The Fresh Air Fund through age 18 and can enjoy extended trips.

For more information on how you can get involved, please contact Michelle Abajian at mnordle@gmail.com or visit www.freshair.org.

Sincerely,
Fatima Shama, executive director
The Fresh Air Fund

Dear Editor,

For some time, promoting a serious legislative response to global warming has been a frustrating effort. Many legislators have been fighting the good fight for years, but falling well short. Recently the popular demand for bold action on the climate has increased dramatically; emails, letters, visits to the Statehouse by large numbers of students. As co-chair of the Legislative Climate Solutions Caucus, I'm gratified by the recent outpouring of support. It's not only gratifying; it's absolutely necessary, morally and strategically. Legislators listen to their constituents, as a practical political matter of keeping their jobs, but more admirably as a matter of doing their jobs well of being faithful representatives.

Government hesitancy to do more is confusing given the seriousness of the problem and the clarity of the issue. The scientific debate about anthropogenic global warming ended many years ago, and the stub-

born holdout deniers – who flatter themselves with the label “skeptic” – are really no longer part of any intelligent discussion – Trump notwithstanding. But there are shades of denial. Many folks give lip service to the problem while denying the need to actually do anything. Flat-out denial is less of a problem than minimization. Legislators hear constantly from folks who acknowledge global warming but argue against any climate efforts that cost money or require inconvenient changes of behavior. And the discussion is confused by a faux populism in which environmentally responsible behavior is seen as an “alarmist agenda” and a luxury of the effete privileged.

The crisis is real, and we've already made commitments like 90% renewables by 2050, and declaring our intention to adhere to the Paris Accords despite Trump's withdrawal. Still we're falling short, indeed losing ground. Sadly, this urgency

and failure aren't the context in which the Legislature must function. Rather we work in the context of minimization and faux populism. So legislators need to hear from the folks back home.

We should be expanding renewable energy. To achieve this, we should be identifying sites that won't be aesthetically degraded by solar collectors; gravel pits, industrial roofs, parking lots. We should be giving more help to homeowners to go solar. We should have an ambitious program to expand mass transit in and out of, and between, population centers. We should make roads friendlier to walking and biking, not just for recreation but as means of transportation.

This year the Legislature has focused on less ambitious (and so presumably attainable) goals; maintaining weatherization for the poor, expanding weatherization to the middle class, and modest steps towards electrification of transportation. So

tame and inadequate a response is frustrating. But actually, we're struggling to achieve even these small steps forward. I urge concerned folks to concentrate on these efforts this year.

I recognize that many folks believe that the Legislature, as a whole, deserves a sound scolding. Climate change is the overarching existential crisis of our time, and some legislators treat it as someone else's “agenda.” But some of our legislators have spent years fighting the good fight, and enduring the frustration of our colleagues' minimization. Please consider acknowledging that and offering support rather than scolding them.

I'll be speaking on the Legislature's response to Climate Change April 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bugbee Center in White River Junction.

Please stay in touch.
Sen. Dick McCormack
Co-Chair, Climate Solutions Caucus

Dear Editor,

To my Springfield community, I am so appreciative to you for allowing me to represent you once more for another term on the school board. This is work that I not only enjoy but welcome the challenges that it brings with it.

Now, our most important work is presenting to you and passing this current budget to educate our children. Our budget will need only \$7,279,378 from local taxes. This investment in our future breaks down to \$3,422,818 from residential taxes. This year the residential tax rate has increased just slightly over one penny. The non-residential taxes will be \$3,856,560. The remainder, and bulk of the budget, \$24,212,836, comes from state and federal funds and grants. I urge you to vote in favor of the school budget April 30.

Over the past several years, the district has eliminated many positions and become more efficient in areas such as administrative positions. One example is our plant and buildings administrative position that has been eliminated and blended into the financial officer position. Both of those positions include mandatory expectations to respond to from the federal and state laws.

While some positions are cut, we have needs in other areas. Our schools are now the social services network and provide in-depth services that have historically been provided at home or by the state's human services. There is a significant cost the schools and taxpayers bear in doing this, which we must do. We now provide to those need-

ing breakfast, snacks, lunch, and dinner; mental health services; dental and medical care programs; extended childcare; homework support; and meals at home for the weekends and on vacations.

In the meantime, education continues to change in dramatic ways, but one thing that has not changed is that we have not added a single minute to the school calendar in over six decades.

In closing this letter, I want to use a quote from Jamie Vollmer's book “Schools Cannot Do It Alone.” “The contract between our communities and our schools has changed. It's no longer ‘help us teach our children,’ it's ‘raise our kids.’ No generation of teachers and administrators in history has had to fill this mandate in each year to prevent the pressure grows. Social and economic conditions demand that we unfold the full potential of every child. Our futures are tied to their successes as never before but this is the job for all of us. Everyone in every community must help remove the obstacles to student success. We must recognize our common interests, and do our part to help our schools create the graduates and citizens we need. Our schools cannot do it alone.”

Thank you.
Jeanice Garfield
School Board member
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Some bills are introduced in several bienniums before they get any traction, and such was a bill in the Senate Judiciary Committee this week. The sponsor of the bill, Rep. Brian Savage of Swanton testified that H.321 of which he was the sponsor had finally been taken up in the House and passed. This one page bill adds firefighters and emergency medical personnel to the list of professions who, if murdered in the line of duty, the perpetrator could be charged with aggravated murder if a first or second-degree murder. This would be similar to law enforcement and persons working in a correctional facility. Aggravated murder carries a penalty of life imprisonment without parole. Several persons mentioned that there are other jobs that are also dangerous and perhaps should be included. The Public Defender testified that he didn't believe that the victim's status should determine the sentence. He stat-

ed that the aggravating factors in the law should be what determine the sentence. More testimony will be taken on this bill.

With regard to another uniformed profession, H.394 speaks to the internment of unclaimed remains of veterans. Under the bill, the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Randolph is directed to accept these remains when directed to by a funeral director, crematory operator, or the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. This would occur after establishing that the person was a veteran, and that after making reasonable efforts, has been unable to contact any known interested party as provided in the law. This bill has passed the House and already has had one passing vote by the full Senate.

A very important bill for veterans is S.111. This is an act relating to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit

Registry. Burn pits were a common way to get rid of waste at military sites in Iraq and Afghanistan. According to the VA, waste included chemicals, paint, medical and human waste, metal and aluminum cans, munitions and other unexploded ordinance, petroleum, plastics, rubber, etc. The VA also states that exposure to the smoke may affect skin, eyes, respiratory and cardiovascular systems, gastrointestinal tract and internal organs. Many feel this is similar to the exposure to Agent Orange in the Vietnam War.

A registry has been established and between June 2014 and December 2018. Three hundred ninety-four Vermonters joined. The bill speaks to education, tracking, and cooperation by the Vermont Adjutant General and the Office of Veterans' Affairs to contact all members of the National Guard and any veteran or member of the U.S. Armed Forces residing

in Vermont who served in certain operations in several locations around the world during particular periods of time. The locations are listed in the bill. The committee heard very emotional testimony from service members suffering from the effects of this exposure and from a deceased vet's family. This bill is on a fast track through the Senate, has already has one positive vote of the two needed before it moves to the House.

Consider visiting your Statehouse and listen to testimony in the committees. Contact me at home at 802-228-8432 or the Statehouse at 1-800-322-5616 or anitka@leg.state.vt.us. I am able to read all of your emails and appreciate you sending them, however the volume received makes it impossible to respond to all of them.

Sincerely,
Sen. Alice Nitka
Windsor County

Dear Editor,

It is not easy to amend the Vermont Constitution. It is a multi-year process, requiring review and approval in two consecutive legislative biennia and a vote by Vermonters at the end. Our constitution traces back to 1777, when it was written in Windsor at the Old Constitution House, for what was then the Vermont Republic. It was first amended in 1786. Our current constitution was adopted in 1793 once Vermont was admitted to the Union in 1791. In 1870 it was amended to allow for proposed changes to be ratified by the Vermont voters. Since then the Vermonters have ratified 28 of the 30 amendments presented to them. Before 1974, constitutional amendments could only be proposed every 10 years. Now the Legislature is able to consider amendments every four years. Our constitution was most recently amended in 2010 to allow 17-year-olds who would be 18 by the time of the general election in November to vote in the primary.

Which brings us to 2019. This is the first year of a two-year biennium in which we are able to consider amendments. Six proposals have been introduced thus far. Proposals are only introduced in the Senate and can only be amended in the Senate Committee process. They require 20 votes in the Senate – there are 30 senators – and are not read nor voted on twice. If the proposal passes, it goes to the House – where it is not able to be changed but needs to be ratified by a majority vote there are 150 in the House. It then needs to be reconsidered in the following biennium, 2021-22, after which, if it is ratified by both bodies, it goes to the Vermont voters for consideration in November 2022.

Three of these proposals are in my afternoon Senate Government Operations Committee: Proposal 1 for a four-year term of office for governor; Proposal 2 to simplify and update our prohibition of slavery; and Proposal

6 for a four-year term of office for senators. While we have had a number of meetings and a public hearing on Proposal 2, we have not yet finalized the language for the amendment.

Both Proposals 3 and 4 are being considered in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Proposal 3 addresses a right to privacy; and Proposal 4 establishes equal rights between men and women. Proposal 5 – the right to personal reproductive liberty – was considered in the Senate Health and Welfare committee. It was the first amendment voted out of committee and was presented to the Senate Chamber this past Thursday for a vote. It passed 28-2 and now goes to the House for consideration.

Proposal 5 amends Article 22 of Chapter 1 of the Vermont Constitution. It reads: “That an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one's own life course as protected by this Constitution,

and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means.”

This change would give affirmative constitutional protection to what is current practice in Vermont. It will affirm the right to abortion as it currently exists in our state – and will ensure reproductive liberty for family planning, contraception, and deeply personal decisions women and men make about their lives.

I appreciate hearing from you. I can be reached by email aclarkson@leg.state.vt.us or by phone at the Statehouse 802-828-2228 or at home 802-457-4627. To get more information on the Vermont Legislature, and the bills which have been proposed and passed, visit the legislative website, www.legislature.vermont.gov.

Sincerely,
Sen. Alison Clarkson
Windsor County

Dear Editor,

The Board and the tenants of the Black River Health Center would like to thank the residents of Cavendish and Proctorsville for your vote to maintain our tax-exempt status for the next five years. Because of your support, we can continue to provide accessible health and wellness care right in the heart of our community!

Our hope for the upcoming year is to have the Black River Health Center continue to develop and strengthen into a resource that best meets the needs of our neighbors. We have openings both on our Board and in our building and hope to increase our ability

to offer a variety of different health and wellness services. We invite anyone who is interested in the future of BRHC to come to our Annual Meeting May 23, 2019 at 7 p.m. at

BRHC, 2091 Main Street, Cavendish.

We value your input and support in growing the Black River Health Center community and look forward to meeting the

health needs of Cavendish and Proctorsville in 2019.

Respectfully,
The Black River Health Center
Cavendish, Vt.

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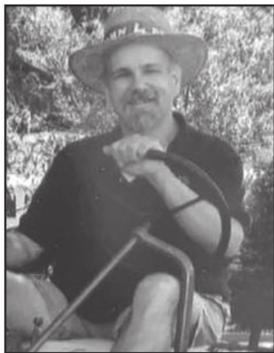
Third Congregational Church UCC, River St.

Palm Sunday service will be Sunday, April 14 at 10 a.m. Pastor Maureen Adams will lead the service. For more information, please message Third Congregational Church on Facebook or call Pastor Maureen at 603-835-2144. For more information, contact alsteadthirdchurch@gmail.com or 603-835-6358.

Please note: all church services are listed online at www.VermontJournal.com.

Ricky A. Bliss, 1967-2019

CHESTER, Vt. – Ricky Allen Bliss, 51, of Chester, Vt. passed away at home after a long battle with a lung disease Friday, March 29, 2019. He was born May 11, 1967, in Springfield, Vt. to Robert and Barbara (Re-cord) Bliss.



Ricky A. Bliss, 1967-2019. PHOTO PROVIDED

He spent much of his childhood on his grandparents' Bill and Alice Bliss' farm. He was known as a wild one and his house parties in high school were legendary. He and his crew wreaked havoc on the town of Chester, but there was never a tighter knit group of friends from cradle to grave. After high school, Rick spent some time in Virginia Beach where he was a bouncer and bartender.

After a short time in Virginia, Rick returned to Chester. In 1989 his grandfather passed, and Rick moved into the farmhouse with his grandmother to help her run the farm. He spent many years making hay in the summer and eventually he was able to run the farm business year-round. He was known for his top-quality hay and his knowledge of farm equipment. Many sought out his expertise about haying and farming.

In the spring of 2008, Rick met Amy Smith and over the next 10 years they shared many special times. In 2015 Rick became sick with pneumonia, which wound up being interstitial lung disease. In 2016 Amy quit her job at the time and came to work at the farm full-time to help with the business and take care of Rick. She

was always at his side even until the end.

Rick was an extremely hard worker and spent many hours in his office, but he did find joy in helping friends, online auctions, gambling, John Wayne movies, and television police shows. He was also a longtime member of the Sons of the American Legion.

He is survived by his longtime girlfriend Amy Smith and her children Austin and Micheal; his sister Deborah (Earl) Pooler; nieces Kelly (Terry) Geiger and Melissa (Earnest) Jarrell; and great nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held Friday, May 3 at the American Legion in Chester, Vt. at 6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make donations to the Sons of the American Legion, P.O. Box 605, Chester, VT 05143. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

Louise I. Schmitt, 1922-2019

CHESTER, Vt. – Louise I. Schmitt, 96, passed away Friday evening, March 29, 2019 at her home in Chester, Vt. She was born June 24, 1922 in Bellows Falls, Vt., the daughter of Leon and Sophie (Cheplik) Jones. She graduated from Walpole Academy in Walpole, N.H.



Louise I. Schmitt, 1922-2019. PHOTO PROVIDED

On Aug. 20, 1944, she married Charles A. Schmitt in Croydon, Pa. As a young woman Louise worked a maid, store clerk, and even a machinist Bryant Grinder Corporation into the '40s. Whatever she did was done with drive and to the best of her ability. She learned to sew and became a seamstress with her own shop at the head of the square in Springfield. She used her gift and talent to help others and teach others to sew.

In the mid 1960s, she and her husband purchased an old mansion in Windsor, Vt., which became known as Cedar Manor Nursing Home. She pursued studies and became a licensed nurse. Upon her retirement, she lived to see the transformation of Cedar Manor into the current Cedar Hill. In 1979, she and her husband retired in Chester and she set up her sewing machine and fulfilled her passion to help others sewing every day doing any job that came her way. Her life was full and friends were many.

She is survived by her daughter Joan Morey and husband Donald, and her granddaughters Angela and Michele. She enjoyed three stepchildren Charles Schmitt Jr., Judy Johnson, and Carol Bostwick; four step-grandchildren Kimberly,

Michael, Kelly, and Richard; and many step-great and step great-great grandchildren. She also was blessed with many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Charles in 2005 and by her brother Leon "Casey" Jones in 1992.

A celebration of her life will be held at her home in Chester Saturday, May 4, from 1-4 p.m. Burial will be at a later date in the Walpole Village Cemetery in Walpole, N.H. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

Louise was very grateful for the Meals on Wheels Program. She also frequently expressed her appreciation of the Chester Ambulance Squad. Members were always calm, considerate, and professional. A donation to either of those organizations would be an honor to her memory in lieu of flowers. Meals on Wheels, 139 Main Street, Springfield, VT 05156 or Chester Ambulance Service, 144 Town Garage Rd., Chester, VT 05143.

PLEASE NOTE

In order to have room for each obituary we receive each week, including photos, we ask that submissions are limited to 350 words. We reserve the right to shorten any obituary longer than 350 words. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda at editor@vermontjournal.com.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

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

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

Charlestown Congregational Church, 71 Main St.

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

LUDLOW, VT.

The United Church of Ludlow (UCC and Methodist), 48 Pleasant St.

Sunday, April 14 is Palm Sunday at 10:15 a.m. followed by a time of fellowship and coffee hour. For more information, call 802-875-8895.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.

Sunday, April 14 at 10 a.m. "Healing and Hope: More on the New Research on Psychedelics" with Rev. Mellen Kennedy. For more information, call 802-885-3327 or go to www.uuspringfieldvt.org. All are welcome.

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.

St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10 Pleasant St.

Sunday Masses at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Tuesday at 7 p.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration. Thursday and Friday at 9 a.m. Confession on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Contact the rectory at 802-885-3400.

Marcellus H. Knight Sr., 1940-2019

PERKINSVILLE, Vt.

Marcellus H. Knight Sr., 78, of Perkinsville, Vt. passed away peacefully March 29, 2019 at Springfield Hospital in Springfield, Vt. He was born Sept. 24, 1940 in Springfield, Vt., the son of William and Netty (Roades) Knight. He grew up in North Springfield and attended Springfield schools.

On April 28, 1984, he married Charlene (Pierce) Thorburn at the North Springfield Baptist Church. He retired from Imerys, formerly known as Windsor Minerals, where he worked as a miner and truck driver for many years. He was the constable in Weathersfield, Vt. for many years and served with the West Weathersfield Fire Department for 42 years, most recently serving as deputy chief.

Marc was an avid hunter. He enjoyed hunting with his family and friends and processing the deer they brought home. He enjoyed fishing, woodworking in his shop, being outdoors, and spending time with his family. He spent many hours crocheting lap robes for the veterans, and hats and mittens for children's charities.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years Charlene Knight; his daughter Sharon (Knight) Tufts;



Marcellus H. Knight Sr., 1940-2019. PHOTO PROVIDED

his sons Shawn Knight, Marcellus H. Knight Jr., Kevin Thorburn, and Fred Thorburn; and by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and his cousin Wayne Allen. He was predeceased by his parents, his mother and father-in-law, his brother Billy, son Richard Knight, daughter Darlene Knight, and granddaughter Kelli Knight.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the Plain Cemetery in Perkinsville, Vt. Reverend George Keeler will officiate. A celebration of life will be held following the graveside service, from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at the Springfield Elks Club, Park Street, in Springfield, Vt. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

James Larsen, 1943-2019

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.

James "Skip" Larsen, 75, of Canal House, his home for the past 33 years, passed away April 2, 2019 at his home. Skip was born in Brockton, Mass. Dec. 9, 1943, the son of James and Margaret (Metcalfe) Larsen. He attended the New England School for the Deaf and the Hartford School for the Deaf and worked many years at The Book Press in Brattleboro, Vt.

Skip is survived by his brothers Robert, Ronald, and Scott Larsen; his sisters Debra Whitcomb, Diane Patterson, and Pamela Kissell. He is predeceased by his parents and his siblings Alan "AJ" Larsen and Cheryl Riendeau.

There will be a graveside service in the Saxtons River Cemetery at a later date, to be announced. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home.

WALPOLE, N.H.

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

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

Faith Boone, 1930-2019

NORWICH, Vt. – Faith Boone, 88, formerly of Saxtons River, passed away Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at Mertens House in Woodstock, Vt. Faith was born in Passaic, N.J. Sept. 15, 1930, the daughter of George and Mabel (Beehler) Boone.

Faith had been ill for about a year but passed away in peace and comfort, having been lovingly cared for by staff of Valley Terrace in White River Junction; Ray of Hope in Woodsville, N.H.; and Mertens House as well as by Bayada Hospice staff. Faith was a graduate of Ithaca College and worked as a music teacher in the Huntington School District on Long Island, N.Y. After retiring from teaching in 1974, Faith and her partner Norma "Sandy" Saunders built a home in Saxtons River, Vt. and founded a successful antiques business, School House Antiques. Faith and Sandy were active in the Vermont Antiques Dealers Association and were blessed with many wonderful

friendships.

After retiring from the antiques business, Faith and Sandy moved to Norwich to be near their good friends, Sheila Taraska and Kathleen Peterson. Faith enjoyed being out on the Connecticut River with friends on their pontoon boat. She loved to sample the local cuisine of the many wonderful restaurants in the Upper Valley and frequently treated her friends to tasty meals and libations.

Faith is predeceased by her parents and her brother Christopher as well as her partner Sandy. Survivors include her nephew David Boone and his wife Pamela of Florida, Sheila and Kathy of Norwich, her Pleiades friends from Vermont and Massachusetts, several cousins, and her beloved kitty Lucy.

Faith requested that there be no services. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home. Donations in Faith's memory may be made to the American Red Cross.

Helen L. Burdick, 1920-2019

WESTON, Vt.

Helen Louise Burdick, longtime resident of Weston, passed away suddenly April 4, 2019. Born in New Haven, Conn. Feb. 26, 1920 and growing up in New Jersey, Helen had just celebrated her 99th birthday. She is predeceased by her parents Harold and Bessie Griffin High, an infant daughter Kathleen Burdick, her sister Elisabeth High MacClarence, and her dear cousin Janet Griffin O'Connell.

Helen graduated from Mount Holyoke College in 1941 after which she spent a year working with Native Americans in North Dakota. After having a family, she had a career in public relations in Connecticut and Vermont. She was a lifelong lover of music, playing the organ and singing in many choirs over the years. Her pride and joy in retirement was revitalizing Weston's Church on the Hill by opening every summer for services accompanied by her organ playing. She was also instrumental in establishing a summer musical concert series that continues today.

She is survived by her two daughters Karen Burdick Elliott and husband Blair of Simsbury, Conn. and Catherine Burdick Mattheis and husband Bernd of



Helen L. Burdick, 1920-2019. PHOTO PROVIDED

Cheshire, Conn. She will also be missed by her constant friend John Coughlin and family, her cousin Barbara O'Connell, and her beloved niece Betsy MacClarence Steenken. In addition she leaves five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Weston during the early summer. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Neighborhood Connections or the VNA of Rutland, c/o Brewster-Shea Funeral Home, P.O. Box 885, Manchester Center, VT 05255. To send the family personal condolences, please visit www.sheafuneralhomes.com.

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him that there will be transportation for those unable to walk the whole route. The vet was relieved and happy he's going to be able to join with his fellow veterans, including five World War II veterans and many more who need a ride.

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military-style vehicle and would like help honor our vets by driving one or two of them down Main Street, please contact Gary "Mac" Macintyre at 802-228-7178 or gmac1025@gmail.com.

Our vets have served us well; now let's serve our vets!

A practical radionics workshop with Trent Millet

CHESTER, Vt. – Trent Millet will be leading a radionics workshop at Dream Barn Hollow in Chester Saturday, April 13, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Assorted small radionics devices will be available for purchase. A light vegetarian lunch will be provided. Please call 802-875-1717 or email dreambarnhollow@gmail.com to register. Limited to 20 participants.

Community Collaborative seeking health related focus group participation

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Area Community Collaborative is conducting focus groups regarding health related matters including unmet health needs, access to services, and barriers to care. Groups will be held in Springfield, Chester, Ludlow, Londonderry, Bel-

lows Falls, Vt., and Charlestown, N.H., in mid-May.

The focus groups will include a light dinner, and a stipend will be provided to compensate you for your time and input.

If you would like to participate in a focus group in the town in which you reside, please let us know of your in-

terest by registering online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/D2R9HS7. You may also contact Sandy Peplau at 802-885-7686 or email speplau@springfieldmed.org.

The deadline to register is April 24, and you will be notified by April 29 if you have been selected to participate.

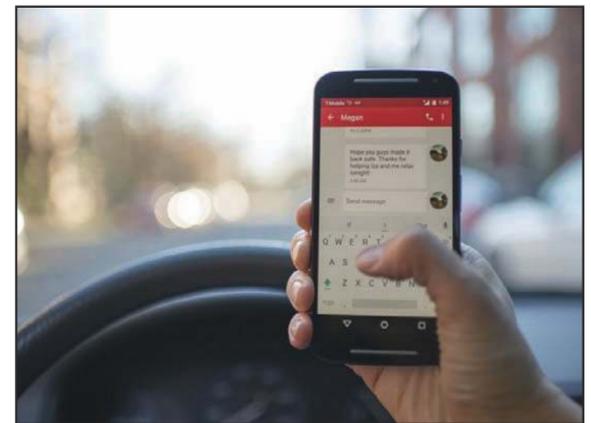
Driving? Put down that phone

REGION – April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and the Vermont State Police, county sheriffs, and local police departments will be joining forces across the state of Vermont to intensify enforcement of texting and distracted-driving laws, and to raise awareness about the dangers – and legal implications – of distracted driving. Connect to Disconnect is a new high visibility enforcement campaign that will occur during Distracted Driving Awareness month from April 11-15.

According to NHTSA, nationwide between 2012-2017, nearly 20,000 people died in crashes involving a distracted driver. In fact, there were 3,166 people killed in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers in 2017. This means that nearly one-tenth of all fatal crashes that year were reported as distraction-affected.

In Vermont from 2013 to 2017, 957 motor vehicle crashes were caused by a distracted driver.

In Vermont it is against the law for anyone to text and drive. In addition, hand held use of an electronic device is against the law, and it is a violation for a minor under 18 to use any portable electronic device while operating a motor vehicle. These



Don't text and drive; it can wait.

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prohibitions include when a motorist is stopped in traffic, for example when stopped at a red light.

An analysis by the AAA Foundation of 2009-2012 data found that while more than 80% of drivers believed it was completely unacceptable for a motorist to text behind the wheel, more than a third of those same drivers admitted to reading text messages while operating a passenger motor vehicle themselves.

People know texting and driving is dangerous and illegal, but they do it anyway, and it puts others at risk. Beginning April 11, there will be increased law enforcement efforts, as officers will be stopping and ticketing anyone who is caught illegally using an electronic device

while driving. The goal is not to write tickets, but to save lives and reduce injuries.

Drive safe every trip

- If you are expecting a text message or need to send one, pull over and park your car in a safe location. Once you are safely off the road and parked, it is safe to text.
- Designate your passenger as your "designated texter." Allow them access to your phone to respond to calls or messages.
- Do not engage in social media scrolling or messaging while driving.
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BY BILL MURPHY

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High school baseball/softball opening games

Things were headed toward being the best spring for high school baseball and softball opening week we have had in a long time. More fields than usual were clear and the spring coaches had their fingers crossed that somehow weather would not still force postponements, which would pile up the way they usually do, forcing 10 or more games in a three-week period in the waning weeks of the season in May.

I do applaud both of our local states for instituting pitching regulations so no zealous looking-for-wins coaches are able to overthrow his pitchers during those stretches. I also applaud most coaches for good practice anyway, but over the years there have been some who overuse young arms until they almost fell off.

Fall Mountain has new coaches for both baseball and softball, and they both were looking forward to opening their season Monday. Things looked great until it rained Monday. They are only opening early this week because of some quick maneuvering by Wildcat Athletic Director Gordon Danserau. You see the Fall Mountain fields are ones that are not playable yet. Danserau first put in a call in hopes of playing the openers at Walpole's wonderful Hubbard site, but those fields hadn't passed their spring test yet either, so Danserau did the next best thing. He gave Monadnock a call and hoped that their neighboring southern rivals might have the southern exposure necessary for drier conditions. The call was successful and the games were moved to Swanzey for Monday.

Then... that rain I spoke of fell and the game was moved to Tuesday. I am typing these words at 1 p.m. Tuesday and the game is still on, but the two ADs had agreed to speak a few minutes from now to update the latest weather forecast. Hopefully the best laid plans of two ADs don't get washed away.

Long time Fall Mountain Coach Kevin Hicks will be the new softball coach. Hicks has served as a varsity coach at Fall Mountain before, but this is his softball debut. "We have 29 players out and can field two teams and I expect with half the players returning from last year, many in key positions, that we can compete well with the teams on our schedule."

Justin Parrott will be the junior varsity coach and Hicks' daughter, Murphy Hicks, a former Bellows Falls Terrier softball pitcher, will assist her dad with the varsity. "I always had coached something over the years, but I took time off to watch Murphy compete in both high school and college. I started to get the coaching itch back recently and the fact Murphy can help was also a factor in me coaching again."

Tom Boudro has been hired as the baseball coach. The former Windsor athlete, who was the Wildcat junior varsity coach for the past four seasons and has also served for the same number of years at the school as a varsity football assistant coach is excited to be taking over. He knows graduation last spring took away a number of pieces of the program, but "we hit the ball very well in our jamboree last Saturday and we have six pitchers with varying amounts of experience, but they are committed so much I am feeling good about the season."

One name which surfaced as a possibility when the job was open for quite some time was retired coach Hank Beecher. Could he still be a possibility in the future? Fall Mountain has had a number of short in time coaches since Beecher departed and the fact Boudro is considered an interim coach makes it feasible. Beecher admits at least having discussed this year's opening before realizing it just wouldn't work out. Beecher is currently in charge of an elite baseball program in Keene connected with the Keene Swapbats. They play at a lighted complex in Marlboro, N.H. and he coaches young players with serious ambitions. Beecher also umpires now.

Beecher did mention to me that when discussing the Fall Mountain job with school officials "It was appealing. You don't spend that many years doing something and not feel attached all of a sudden."

If Beecher gets more appealed in the next 10 months and decides he can take some type of pay hit, who knows? He used to coach Fall Mountain and live in the Keene area. So now that he has moved to Walpole, it at least makes sense to me that he would be a natural for the Wildcats. As I often say, stay tuned.

Fly on the wall

I am sure there have been times in your life when you just wish you were a fly on the wall listening to a conversation. The other night in Oakland, Chris Sale was pitching a stellar game, but his velocity was so far down concerns were being voiced all over New England. NESN's camera caught Alex Cora in a very serious conversation with Ludlow's finest Brad Pearson. That was my last fly on the wall wish.

Whatever Cora said to Pearson left the Red Sox head trainer in very deep thought. So deep, the camera cut away to Pearson more than once. Obviously Brad was thinking deep for some type of answer. The Pearson family and all of Ludlow should be so proud of how this former Black River President has developed.

No real news on any situation with Sale was released for a number of days. Then, the morning of the Sox opener, manager Alex Cora told the media, "Chris had been ill. I don't normally make excuses for my players, but this is an exception."

He went on to say that Sale threw limited pitches in between starts because of illness, making his six-inning start in Oakland special. I believe that is the truth. But, is it the whole truth? I still can visualize the look on Pearson's face.

Ice cream and running

Depending upon how much ice cream one eats, running for a certain distance after consuming the treat, might be a good idea. There is one runner who can't wait to get his ice cream. I spoke to Willie Moore over the weekend, one of the winners in last season's Dari Joy Baseball Contest and the former Bellows Falls Union High School cross country and track star is enjoying a strong senior year at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, a Division II school.



High school baseball and softball begins.

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During the indoor season, his performance on the anchor leg of the Distance Medley Relay guaranteed his team a fifth place team finish at the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Championships. During the same meet, Moore ran an altitude converted 4:14 indoor mile.

This spring in outdoor track, Moore sparked in the 5,000 at the Washington University Invitational in St. Louis, finishing seventh out of 250 participants with a 14:49 clocking. During this season, he also turned in a 3:59 in the 1,500 at the Cal Invitational.

Moore's alma mater, Bellows Falls Union High School, opens their home season Friday at Hadley Field. The Terriers will be competing in Division II this spring following a string of Division III championships for each gender, which left the entire division in the dust.

Despite moving up, Coach Tim Eno believes his teams will be competitive moving up, but at the moment, "Abbe Cravinho has an achilles injury and more than a dozen kids are going to Europe for 10 days, so growth will be tough to tell for a while. I do feel a top-three finish is doable for both teams though."



Outdoor track season has begun.

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Cosmos and Rebels unified on the court, Cosmos 46 Rebels 40

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Sometimes it's not whether you win or lose but how you play the game. In the recent Cosmos and Rebels game, it was a two-team effort of playing on the court. Every athlete on the court scored for their team. Even though Glidden from the Cosmos and Pelton from the Rebels were leading scorers, both teams played with class, led by the Rebels sincere fun for the game, and made sure every athlete on the court scored for their team.

When Springfield missed a shot, the Rebels would pass the

ball back to us, help rebound, and give Cosmos athletes the opportunity for two points. Springfield repaid the favors back to Leland & Gray throughout the game.

The game was every meaning of the term unified. Unify means to "make or become united, uniform, or whole," and this was the attitude and sportsmanship on the court this evening.

After the game, Coaches Gultekin and Thomas heard comments from their team.

Haley Gibbons said, "Leland & Gray is such a nice and fun

team to play with."

Paul Dana added, "This is why I play unified."

Jason Surpy said, "The team was so nice, they let us shoot."

Tiffany Gordon said, "Sammy Pelton is a very nice person."

And some Springfield parents mentioned, "What a nice team! This is what it is about."

Everyone had fun. Thanks again for our dedicated fans. Thank you Leland & Gray.

The Springfield Cosmos hosted Middlebury Monday, April 8 at Dresser Gym.

Local area youth to compete in MLB Junior Home Run Derby

LUDLOW, Vt. – On May 5 at 1 p.m., Ludlow Parks and Recreation Dept. will host a free Major League Baseball Junior Home Run Derby competition for area youth at Greven Field.

Welcome to the 2019 MLB Junior Home Run Derby. This fun and exciting youth competition is a free way for talented youngsters to showcase their hitting

abilities, with the opportunity of competing at the National Finals during MLB All-Star Week.

Boys and girls are divided into two age divisions, 12U and 14U, and will have the change to advance through three levels of competition. The local champions from both age divisions will advance to the regional level, and regional champions will advance

to the National Finals, which will take place during All-Star Week.

All participants must bring a copy of their birth certificate and have their parent or guardian fill out a registration/waiver form prior to the start of the competition. For questions concerning the competition, please contact Nick Miele at 802-228-2655 or Ludlow-Recreation@tds.net.

Spring sports schedule, April 12-20

REGION – For more information about an individual game or team, go to the schools' athletic department websites. If you have any sports news or photos from a recent game, submit them to editor@vermontjournal.com, and we may include them in the next paper!

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 – Baseball –

- Boys Varsity Gilford @ Fall Mountain 4 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Long Trail @ Black River 4:30 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Springfield @ Leland & Gray 4:30 p.m.

- Girls Varsity Gilford @ Fall Mountain 4 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Mount Anthony @ Springfield 4:30 p.m.

- Girls Varsity Brattleboro @ Bellows Falls 4:30 p.m.
- Girls Varsity @ Fall Mountain 4 p.m.

Mountain 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 – Baseball –

- Boys Varsity Mt. Anthony @ Bellows Falls 12 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 15 – Baseball –

- Boys Varsity Hillsboro-Deering @ Fall Mountain 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16 – Baseball –

- Boys Varsity Springfield @ Windsor 4:30 p.m.
- Boys/Girls Varsity @ Stevens 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 – Baseball –

- Boys Varsity Leland & Gray @ Bellows Falls 4:30 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Leland & Gray @ Springfield 4:30 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Trinity @ Fall Mountain 4 p.m.

- Boys/Girls Varsity @ Mount Anthony 3:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 – Baseball –

- Boys Varsity Fair Haven @ Springfield 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 – Baseball –

- Boys Varsity Fall Mountain @ Newport 4 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Leland & Gray @ Mount St. Joseph 4:30 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Fall Mountain @ Newport 4 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Leland & Gray @ Bellows Falls 4:30 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Springfield @ Windsor 4:30 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 – Baseball –

- Boys Varsity Bellows Falls @ Otter Valley 11 a.m.



It's not about winning, it's how you play the game. PHOTO BY MONIQUE PLANKEY



Every player on the court scored for their team. PHOTO BY MONIQUE PLANKEY



Spring Home Improvement

From Gardening to Renovations

Spring into Alyson's Orchard free workshops

WALPOLE, N.H. - The Cheshire County Conservation District invites the public to celebrate the onset of spring at Alyson's Orchard in Walpole, N.H. Saturday, April 27, from 9

a.m. to 1 p.m. As part of their annual Plant Sale Pick-Up Day, this year the Conservation District is offering two informative ecological workshops free to the public!

Join us at 9:30 a.m. for "Getting Started with Fruit Trees & Shrubs" facilitated by Carl Majewski of UNH Cooperative Extension. Carl will share information on the best ways to care for the fruit trees, shrubs, and bushes on your property - including but not limited to planting, pest management, and site considerations. Come ready with your questions for this informal but informational workshop.

At 10:30 a.m., we'll be joined by Dave Wichland of Wichland Woods for an hour-long mushroom workshop titled "Mycological Landscaping Using Logs & Stumps." In this workshop

you'll learn about the mushroom life cycle and how to utilize mycelia in a forested environment. Dave will demonstrate log and stump inoculation and will discuss types of wood to use, habitat to best fruit your logs, and how to market and store mushrooms. Other agro-forestry models will be discussed such as log rafting, Hugelkultur, raised woodchip beds, and Totem method.

As an added bonus, participants can make a mushroom totem out of tree cookies that they can take home to watch mycelium grow and possibly get fruiting of mushrooms!

The primary intent of this event is for folks who purchased plants from the CCCD during their 2019 Conservation Plant Sale to stop by and pick up their orders. Michael Nerrie of Distant Hill Gardens in Walpole will be on site for the entire day as a resource to help answer questions regarding bareroot stock plants and planting.

For questions regarding this event, please contact Lola Bobrowski, outreach coordinator with the Cheshire County Conservation District, by email at lola@cheshireconservation.org or call 603-756-2988 x115.

The community helps build a house

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Greater Springfield Vermont Area Habitat for Humanity chapter is hard at work alongside our partner family on our latest Habitat home at 422 Lacross Rd. in Springfield, Vt. We also had a huge helping hand from six ladies who arrived at the house and prime-painted all of the interior walls. Many thanks to Diane Parker, Amy Mayhew, Helaine O'Keefe, Kelli Morneau, Alice Baird, and Barbara LeMire from People's United Bank, as well as Dan Chapman and Alicia Henderson for the great work! Supervising the painting were Paul Alcorn and Oliver Peck.

Early Wednesday morning, Jeld-Wen notified us that the 19 doors they had previously measured for the house were ready for pick up at their North Springfield plant. This



From left to right, the painting crew from People's United Bank are Helaine O'Keefe, Woodstock branch manager; Amy Mayhew, wealth management, Rutland branch; Barbara LeMire, market manager; Kelli Morneau, White River Jct. branch manager; Diane Parker, Springfield branch manager; and Alice Baird, business banker. PHOTO PROVIDED

is a huge donation on their part! It took two trips with two trucks to collect the entire order. Walter Pluss and Dave Yesman provided the transportation; Ross Edwards, Paul Alcorn, Oliver

Peck, and Dan and Brian Chapman unloaded the trucks.

For more information regarding the local Habitat chapter, please contact Dave Yesman at c21dyesman@vermontel.net.

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Eight questions to ask before going solar at home

America are taking on a new look, as more homes are dotted with solar panels. But it's important to ask the right questions before installing them on your home.

"While there are tremendous benefits to solar energy, consumers should be sure they are working with a qualified provider, getting a quality product that's customizable and right for their home and situation," says Doug Robinson, CEO of LGCY Power, a solar provider. "There are great resources out there such as SolarProviders.org that will walk you through the process of determining what solar is right for you."

To help make the right decision, Robinson suggests asking your energy consultant the following questions:

What are your credentials? Learn whether you're working with a company with expertise in the field - how long has it been in business and how many solar installations has the company performed to date? You should also do your research about the company's track record in satisfying customers.

Do you have a national presence? Local operations don't necessarily have the resources or partnerships with solar panel manufacturers to be successful long-term. Sticking with national companies can be a safer bet.

What financing options are available? One size does not fit all so there should always be multiple options when it comes to financing. In some cases, you can even get solar systems for free. The key is researching options to find what's best for you and your situation. If there aren't financing options, that



Solar panels power a home, storing power to alleviate peak-usage charges. PHOTO PROVIDED BY DIYANADIMITROVA-STOCK.ADOBE.COM

is a sign that you should walk away and find another solar provider.

How long will it take to begin realizing savings on my energy bill? It depends on your market and the size and type of system you get. Some consumers see an immediate savings and some see more long-term savings. On average people can save about 30% on their energy bill. There are ways to customize a system that will accommodate the individual needs of most consumers and in some cases, you can even get a solar system installed at no cost to you.

Are there tax incentives available? Your energy consultant can help you identify what federal and state tax incentives are available to you. Taking advantage of tax breaks can help make the upfront cost of solar installation more manageable.

Which manufacturers do you use? Ensure the equipment manufacturer will be around long enough to honor its warranties. Find out what brand of panels, inverter, and batteries you'll receive and if there are third-party reviews or tests of them to verify their quality.

How does maintenance work? Find out how often your system requires maintenance and if it is covered by a warranty.

What are the next steps? What is the process from signing the agreement to installation? How long does this take?

To learn more about going solar at home, visit www.lgcy-power.com or call 844-439-2717.

Solar energy is not only a smart move for the planet, it's a smart move for your wallet, with the potential to save your household considerable money over the long run. But making an informed decision is crucial. Ask the right questions for the greatest benefits.

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Conservation District hosts Equipment Demo Day

WALPOLE, N.H. – The Cheshire County Conservation District recently expanded their fleet of farm rental equipment with the purchase of a walk-behind BCS Tractor and various soil health implements. Walk-behind tractors, also known as two-wheel or hand tractors, are used worldwide for small-scale farm, landscaping, and home use. This equipment is intended for use by gardeners, homesteaders, small farms, and use in high tunnels.



Learn to use equipment at the demo day.

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The BCS Tractor comes with several soil health implements that include a 26-inch flail mower and 30-inch roller-crimper for mowing over or rolling down cover crops, a 30-inch power harrow for seedbed prep and tillage or weed control, a 30-inch drop seeder for seeding lawns, cover crops or full-width dense seeding operations, a disk harrow for seeding, leveling soil or light weed control, and a rotary spreader for spreading wood ash, lime, and other soil amendments.

If you think you might be interested in renting the BCS Tractor, you must attend a BCS training to be eligible to rent this equipment. All rentals fees

will be waived in 2019.

The CCCD, in partnership with UNH Cooperative Extension and The National Center for Appropriate Technology, will host its first training opportunity Tuesday, April 16, from 5-7 p.m. at the Cheshire County Farm on River Road in Westmoreland. This BCS Demo Day will serve as training for those who wish to rent the equipment in 2019. Registration is required. Please register at www.tinyurl.com/y2uz62wn.

If for some reason you cannot

attend this training but wish to rent the equipment in 2019, please contact Amanda Littleton at 603-756-2988 x116 or amanda@cheshire-conservation.org to discuss other potential training opportunities this year.

Funding for this project is provided by the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant awarded to the Cheshire County Conservation District through the New Hampshire Dept. of Agriculture, Markets, & Food, New Hampshire Association of Conservation Districts, and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. The USDA is an equal opportunity employer.

Act against invasive plants workshop

MANCHESTER, Vt. – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department and the BattenKill Watershed Comprehensive Invasive Species Management Association are co-hosting a workshop for landowners on combating invasive plants Saturday, April 27 at 9:30 a.m. in Manchester, Vt. The workshop is free and open to the public and will last two to three hours.

Biologist Travis Hart will present at the event. He will highlight how to identify invasive plants in the region and give landowners tips on what to do if these plants are found on their property. He will also discuss the impact that these plants can have on wildlife habitat. The group will meet at the Burr and Burton Academy student parking lot on West Union Street in Manchester and walk over to the Equinox Preserve.

Hart has previously worked with the Natural Resources Conservation Service on habitat management on private lands, and now works on the same project for the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. He is a native Vermonter who has conducted a wide range of

conservation initiatives, from assessing stream geomorphology to monitoring bat maternity colonies.

“Invasive plants can sometimes feel overwhelming, but there are effective ways available to control these species,” said Hart. “Controlling invasive plants benefits a landowner, and it also benefits wildlife by giving native plants space to

thrive. Native plants are important to many wildlife for food, cover, and as nesting sites.”

The workshop will be held on easy walking trails, so participants are asked to wear appropriate footwear for walking in the woods. They are also asked to come dressed in proper attire for the weather, although the workshop will be cancelled in the event of heavy rain.

Home updates that pay off

StatePoint – Whether you're remodeling for a fresh take on an old style or contemplating a new build, there are choices you can make that will definitely pay off, say experts.

To add value to your project, consider these recommended tips from Stephen Quick of Stephen Alexander Homes, builder of the 2018 Coastal Virginia Magazine Idea House.

Once an afterthought, lighting takes center stage in a home's design. “Consider your lighting needs at the start of the project. Wait too long and it can become expensive to move or add lights,” advises Quick.

When planning lighting basics, think of the design as a whole: choose your decorative lighting fixtures at the same time you choose recessed. A large fixture throws a lot of light, so keep adjacent recessed lights to a minimum.

Dimming capabilities are a must, and Quick recommends using smart dimmers like Hubbell's iDevice to customize the dimming range. The control offered by these dimmers means you can use larger statement lighting pieces with many bulbs to create amazing, but not overwhelming, spaces.

Quick tends to use lighting with a classic foundation, but loves to play with the eclectic. Adding a bold piece that is whimsical in an unexpected area offers a surprising focal point, he says.

Stephen Alexander Homes incorporate lifestyle focus open floor plans as their signature look. Now, they are pioneering a new trend in home culinary spaces. Pantries are reimagined to not only be practical, but a spot to display the homeowner's hobbies and interests. Think useful collectibles like olive oils, wine, or beer. Lighting this room properly is a must, as the light needs to be functional, yet have an added element of drama to showcase the hobby.

Beyond mere dollars and cents, make style choices based on the manufacturer rather than the component. As a builder, Quick starts with a basket of necessary elements, but it's how they are applied



Let lighting take center stage in your home's design

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that ultimately makes the design special.

Consider engaging an interior designer. Even with a smaller remodel budget, hiring an expert who knows which brands give you the most bang for your buck is worth their fee. You're more likely to end up with the look you want at a price that is worth the investment.

Paint is one of the biggest design tools at your disposal. “A new coat of paint sets the tone for everything. Choosing the perfect colors can be hard, but paint companies are on target with the latest trends within the color spectrum, adding colors that hit the mark to give your spaces a fresh look,” says Quick. And if you don't like the color once it's on the walls, “Don't be afraid to change it. Paint is not expensive. It's more expensive to keep a look you don't like.”

When making home updates, think of those projects that will pay off the most.

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outdoor news

Vermont trout season opens April 13

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermont's traditional trout fishing season is set to open Saturday, April 13, and despite recent cold weather and lingering snow cover across the state, the Vermont Fish & Wildlife says anglers can still have fun and be successful early in the season.

"Just like any other time of year, anglers fishing early in the spring should adjust their tactics based on conditions," said State Fisheries Biologist Bret Ladago. "Given the recent cold weather and deep snow pack, conditions may be challenging, but if you can find a good location and present your bait or lure without spooking the trout, you could have the catch of a lifetime before the snow even melts!"

"Finding a small to medium low-elevation river or stream that is clear of ice and not too murky from spring runoff can be key. Trout are coldblooded and may be slow to bite especially if water temperatures linger around freezing, so it's important that they can also see your bait, lure, or fly."

Larger baits can often be effective for enticing early-season trout into biting. Spin-anglers should try nightcrawlers, egg imitations, or bright colored spoons and spinners. Fly anglers may find success in the early season by drifting large, more visible flies such as woolly buggers, streamers, or San Juan worms along the bottom in slower pools and runs.

Trout will often hold close to the bottom in the deeper areas of streams during high flow conditions to conserve energy.



Drew Price with a nice early season brown trout from a prior year. Anglers can improve their chances of success by fishing their bait or lure slowly along the bottom of deep stream sections when Vermont's trout season opens Saturday, April 13.

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Choose locations and tactics that allow you to fish using a slow retrieval right along the bottom. Focus on deep holes behind current breaks created by big boulders, downed trees or log-jams where trout may be resting. If possible, approach the hole from downstream as trout will often orient themselves facing the current.

While Vermont offers excellent and diverse fishing opportunities for wild trout, stocking also occurs in many streams and rivers where wild trout populations are low or absent. This generally happens between May and June each year following spring runoff. Check Vermont Fish and Wildlife's website for a regularly updated stocking schedule.

"Angling success may be improved by focusing on waters

known to hold wild trout," said Ladago. "Despite unpredictable weather during early spring, each year anglers report catching impressive trout during opening week-end."

Anglers who like to fish and release their catch don't need to wait for opening day. There are year-round catch-and-release fishing opportunities for trout and bass in Vermont. See pages 35-36 of the 2019 Vermont Fishing Guide and Regulations for a list of rivers open to year-round trout fishing.

The guide is a helpful tool for planning a fishing trip as it includes maps showing rivers and lakes, as well as fishing access areas and public lands for fishing and hunting. It also lists the fish species found in each body of water. Copies are available free where fishing licenses are sold or by calling the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department at 802-828-1190. A digital version is available on Vermont Fish & Wildlife's website, www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

"Hip 2 the Hops" Fat Bike Festival

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Have you ever wondered what it was like to ride a fat tire bike? Thought about trying one out to see what the craze is all about. Then join us for the "Hip 2 the Hops" Fat Bike Festival at Magic Mountain in Londonderry, Vt. Saturday, April 20. The Windham County Trails Alliance is putting on this membership kick-off and fundraising event to raise awareness and local support for the proposed trail system on Oak Hill in Bellows Falls and future projects as well.

The event kicks off at 10 a.m. and is free to attend with trail passes available for purchase for those interested in riding. All proceeds from the trail passes will go directly to WCoTA. The terrain available to ride will be dictated by conditions at the time of the event to avoid damaging the trail surface and creating run off concerns. Bring your own bike or rent a bike to take for a spin. A limited number of



Join the Fat Bike Festival in Londonderry.

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rental bikes will be available including youth bikes from the Woodstock Nordic Center and the Grafton Trails & Outdoor Center.

There will be a group ride offered in the morning for more experienced riders and an Introductory Skills Clinic being taught by local mountain bike legend and bike fabricator, Frank Wadelton – Frank the Welder. For those wishing to test their skills, there will be a Bunny Hop Competition and a Downhill Slalom course too!

There will be food and beer available for purchase throughout the day and be sure to check out the variety of offerings at the silent auction to benefit WCoTA as well. After a day of fat biking fun, be sure to have a ticket for the live music line-up, featuring Roots of Creation, sponsored by Upper Pass Brewery. For more information and event details, please visit Windham County Trails Alliance Facebook page or email windhamcountyrails@gmail.com.

Public meeting on Southern Vermont Wildlife Area

ATHENS, Vt. – The Vermont departments of Fish & Wildlife, and Forests, Parks, & Recreation are holding a public meeting to discuss future management and use of Turner Hill Wildlife Management Area located in the towns of Athens and Grafton, Vt.

The public meeting is Thursday, April 18, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. It will be held at the Athens School on Brookline Road in Athens, Vt.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for members of the public to review the highlights of the draft long-range management plan and ask questions. A short presentation will open the meeting, followed by a discussion with comments recorded by staff. This is the first management plan that has been created for this site.

The plan focuses on wildlife habitat improvement and protection of rare, threatened, and endangered species. The draft plan and general information about these lands is available on the Forests, Parks and Recreation website at www.fpr.vermont.gov/turner-hill-wildlife-management-area. A hard copy will also be available in the town offices of Athens and Grafton.

The 1,052-acre Turner Hill property is owned by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department and managed for fish and wildlife, as well as to provide the public access to enjoy these resources. It was created in 2011 as part of an effort to conserve beaver-influenced wetlands for the federally endangered Northeastern bulrush. These wetlands provide a home for many other species of plants and animals, including

otter, moose, muskrat, ducks, geese, salamanders, frogs, and trout. The site also contains forested habitat containing beech, oak, and cherry trees that produce food for a host of species including bears, ruffed grouse, turkeys, and songbirds.

For more information, contact Chris Bernier, state wildlife biologist, at chris.bernier@vermont.gov or Aaron Hurst, state lands forester, at aaron.hurst@vermont.gov.

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. Please include a description of the accommodation you will need. Individuals making such requests must include their contact information. Please send an email to Chris Bernier at chris.bernier@vermont.gov or call the office staff at 802-828-1000 (voice), 1-800-253-0191 (TTY).

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2019, at the Fall Mountain Regional High School in Langdon, N.H. Online registration is available until Thursday, April 26 at www.FMEEA.com. Children 10 and under are free. Registration the day of the race begins at 8 a.m., and the race will start at 10 a.m. The course uses some of the trails around Fall Mountain, so please dress accordingly.

Before the run begins, there will be a Kid's Walk around the track for the 10 and under crowd. At 9:30 a.m., Westminster Fit Body Boot Camp will be offering a pre-race warm up. Prizes will be awarded to the top male and female finisher overall, as well as the top male and female in high school, middle school, and elementary school. For more information, please contact Emily St. Pierre at 603-558-0340 or emilyboynt@gmail.com.

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Jenkins Builders
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Jenkins Builders in Mount Holly has been open since last summer and is now hitting its stride both in business and in the community.

Brandon Jenkins and his wife Megan Harlow run the business. Brandon has grown up in the industry as a third generation general contractor from northern Virginia. Megan is from the Okemo area and graduated from Black River High School. Later, she went to the University of Vermont for her bachelor's degree and Kansas State for her master's, and then she did her doctoral studies in Europe. After flipping two homes in northern Virginia, they knew that their true passion was working together in the building and renovation business. They returned to Megan's hometown, surrounded by family, to launch their business and raise their three kids ages 6, 5, and 18 months.

Jenkins Builders specialized in high-end kitchen and bath residential remodels, decks, flooring, attic renovations, low maintenance outdoor decks, and fencing solutions. They are also experts in fire and water restoration services and do site work - excavation and land clearing - as well as offer property maintenance.

According to Megan, the business is really going well and they are getting a lot of condo work in the Okemo area, particularly with second homeowners; and now referrals are keeping them hopping. "I think the word is getting out more. When we first started, we were getting smaller jobs, and now clients are recommending us," she said.

They are also receiving a lot of referrals from William Raveis Real Estate. She believes that Vail's purchase of Okemo has provided an uptick in the purchase of investment properties in the area, and they were poised to benefit from that influx.

With business beginning to thrive, Megan is enjoying getting more involved in the

Mount Holly community and school. She recently became co-president of the Mount Holly PTA. "I am loving the school and the community and it's awesome. [The community] is working so well for the business," she said.

For an estimate on a renovation, site work, or any other project, contact Brandon at 802-952-9722 or email brandon@jenkins-build.com.



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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Busy Physicians office looking for part-time front desk help. Hours are varied, mostly afternoons and evenings. Applicant should have excellent customer service, phone & computer skills, and able to multi task. Please send resume to Temple Chiropractic 633 Rte 121, Bellows Falls, VT 05101 (04/16)

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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

THURSDAY, APRIL 11 – CHESTER, Vt. – Join us for Family Paint Night on Thursday, April 11, from 6 – 8 p.m. in the art room at Green Mountain Union High School in Chester. All acrylic paints and supplies will be provided. Be sure to wear painting clothes or bring a smock/apron. Registration required.

Contact Ashley Carafiello at ashley.carafiello@trsu.org. Proceeds to benefit the National Honor Society.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 – WINDSOR, Vt. – Cedar Hill Educational Seminar on Estate Planning on Friday, April 12 at 10:30 a.m. on Rt. 5 South in Windsor. Estate planning is making a plan in advance and naming

who you want to receive the things you own after you die while minimizing the tax burden. However, good estate planning is much more. After the presentation, there will be time for questions or comments. Visit our website www.cedarhillccc.com to learn more. RSVP 802-674-2254.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 – CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Gluten-free and Countertop Gardening Seminar on Sunday, April 14, from 4 – 6 p.m., at St. Luke's Parish Hall in Charlestown. Cherie Harris from Foxchair Farm will teach us how to make gluten-free flat bread, spring salad, simple dressing and how to easily grow your own nutritious greens yearround in your

own home. Please call 978-496-5005 to register.

ASCUTNEY, Vt. – Join Barbara Williams Shepherd for a trip to small Vermont village life in the 1940s, '50s, and '60s on Sunday, April 14 at 2 p.m. at Martin Memorial Hall, Rt. 5 in Ascutney. Barbara, author of two biographies of Greenbush residents, Ann Williams and Ed Williams, now lives in Derby, but she grew up in Greenbush, just north of Downers Four Corners, Weathersfield, Vt.

SUNDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – The Odd Bobbins spinning group meets on the second Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. at Six Loose Ladies, 287 Main Street in

Chester. The Odd Bobbins meet monthly to spin in company, exchange fiber, and learn from each other. Occasional guest instructors and fiber producers attend. For more details, visit www.sixlooseladies.com.

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

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Join us as for 3D Print Club on Tuesdays, 6 – 8 p.m. through May 14 at Claremont MakerSpace. Every week, we'll get together and participate in a freestyle design session. In freestyle, participants simply design

what they want to. There will also be various design challenges each week if you're looking for inspiration, and an instructor will be present to offer advice and otherwise help troubleshoot as you create and print designs. For details visit www.claremontmakerspace.org.

THURSDAYS – WINDSOR, Vt. – Income-eligible residents can now schedule an appointment for free tax preparation assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. Appointments are available Thursdays through April 11 at Windsor Resource Connection Center, located at 1 Railroad Ave., from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 866-444-4211.

FRIDAYS – 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 family fun art and music nights run second Fridays, starting at 6 p.m., open to people of all ages. We encourage families and friends to build community and come "exercise your creativity." Try something new, make mistakes, learn, and try again at the Springfield Art Gym on 62 Clinton St., Springfield. Visit www.facebook.com/springfieldartgym.

CLUBS
MONDAY, APRIL 15 – CHESTER, Vt. – Please join the Chester Senior Citizens Club for their monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, April 15 at the Chester Congregational Church on Main Street. Lynn Russell, Chester Townscape Committee Chair, will

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In summary, the Traffic and Parking Ordinance was established to promote public safety, provide good traffic flow, and assist the Town in the maintenance of streets and highways. It establishes special traffic regulations on various public highways within the community, including limitations on maximum travel speeds on roads, prohibitions on obstruction of vehicular traffic and parking within rights-of-way, specification of locations subject to certain traffic controls, and obedience of traffic control devices. The Traffic and Parking Ordinance also provides for penalties and fines for violation of its provisions, and explicitly states the right of voters to petition for a referendum on its adoption.

The complete text of the Traffic and Parking Ordinance can be examined on the Town's web site (www.londonderryvt.org) or at the Londonderry Town Clerk's office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155. Questions or comments regarding this proposed ordinance can be directed to Town Administrator Shane O'Keefe by phone at 802-824-3356, by email at townadmin@londonderryvt.org, or by US Mail at 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155.

Notice is hereby given of the right to petition for a permissive referendum vote on this ordinance at an annual or special meeting as provided for in 24 V.S.A 1973. Such petition for a permissive referendum must be signed by not less than five (5) percent of the qualified voters of the Town of Londonderry and shall be presented to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk within forty-four (44) days following the date of adoption.

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Town of Westminster, P.O. Box 147, Westminster, VT 05158, RE: **Highway Department Application** or bring in person to the office at 3651 US Route 5, Westminster, VT.

Application for position will remain open until May 1, 2019

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- "A mouse!"
- Rocket launcher
- Passel
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- Hill that's steep on one side
- Villainous look
- Actress Sevigny
- "Phooey!"
- Hodgepodge
- Heard reveille
- Supermarket stack
- Between jobs
- Wander
- Early birds?

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're doing better on the flexibility issue, but you still need to loosen up a bit to show you can be less judgmental and more understanding about certain sensitive matters.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your personal aspect continues to dominate this week. But try to make time to deal with important career-linked matters as well. A change of plans might occur by the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Excuses are not really needed for much of the confusion occurring this week. However, explanations from all parties could help in working things out to everyone's satisfaction.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) That surprising (but pleasant) recent turn of events continues to develop positive aspects. But be prepared for a bit of a jolt on another issue that needs attention.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Creating a fuss might bring you that attention you want. But are you prepared for all the explaining you'd have to do? Better to use more subtle ways to make your bid.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) With education continuing to be a strong factor this week, this could be the time to start learning some new skills that can later be applied to a bid for a potential career move.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might do well to reconsider some of your current time priorities before you get so deeply involved in one project that you neglect meeting a deadline on another.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) With an important decision looming, you need to be careful about the information you're getting. Half-truths are essentially useless. Get the full story before you act.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Find out what everyone's role is expected to be before accepting that workplace proposal. Getting all the facts now could prevent serious problems later on.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A flexible position on a workplace matter could be the best course to follow during the next several days. A personal issue also benefits from an open-minded approach.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Involving too many people in your workplace problem can backfire. Remember: Allegiances can shift. Ask trusted colleagues for advice, but don't ask them to take sides.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Before submitting your suggestions, take more time to sharpen the points you want to make. The clearer the presentation, the more chance it has to get through when submitted.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your clear sense of who you are gives you confidence when you need to tackle difficult situations.

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share information about Chester Townscape and their plans for this year. Hope you can join us. If you need a ride, just call Georgia at 802-875-6242.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Academy Museum local history book club will be having a discussion about a book by Yvonne Daley, titled “Going Up the Country: When the Hippies, Dreamers, Freaks, and Radicals Moved to Vermont” on Wednesday, April 17 at 5 p.m. at the Black River Academy Museum on 14 High St., in Ludlow. Refreshments will be served. Donations are appreciated.

COMMUNITY MEALS

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 – ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Bartonville Grange Community Ham Dinner on Friday, April 12, from 5 – 7 p.m., at 116 Upper Bartonville Rd., in Rockingham. Menu includes ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, other fixings, and a variety of desserts.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 – ALSTEAD, N.H. – Turkey Buffet on Saturday, April 13, from 4:30 – 6 p.m., at Third Congregational Church, on River Street in Alstead. Menu includes turkey, stuffing, gravy, cranberry, potato, peas, carrots, rolls, beverages, and dessert. Children under 6 eat for free. Take out available. For pricing or volunteer information, call Joanne at 603-835-6734. Proceeds to benefit the church.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Saturday, April 13, 2019, there will be chicken dinner fundraiser for Hunter Smith of Green Mountain 4-H Club who is traveling to the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships in Nebraska in June. The dinner takes place at the Bellows Falls American Legion Post 37. Doors open at 5 p.m. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will include stuffed chicken breast with all the fixings. Call ahead for to-go orders at 802-722-9034. The evening will also include raffles. For more information, contact Marcy Smith at 802-722-9034.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The North Springfield Baptist Church will hold a ham supper on Saturday, April 13, from 4 to 7 p.m. The menu includes ham, raisin sauce, mashed potato, carrots, coleslaw, breads and rolls, dessert and beverage. Children 5 and under are free. The church is handicapped accessible. Call 802-886-8107 for more information.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Free Community Supper on Saturday, April 13 from 5 – 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 10 Valley St. in Springfield. Menu includes hot dogs, coleslaw, pasta salad, and dessert. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

CHESTER, Vt. – St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Chester will offer a traditional Passover Seder Meal on Wednesday, April 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the evening in Willard Hall.

The text for the service, the Haggadah, includes readings, responses, and songs, along with explanations of the various symbolic foods that will be used to tell the Exodus story of the Hebrews. A traditional meal of lamb, goat, chicken, vegetables, matzo, macaroons, and meringues will be served. There will be no charge for the Seder Meal, but a free will offering will be taken to benefit the Vermont chapter of “Kids4Peace.” As seating is limited, please call Janet Hunter for reservations at 802-886-2304.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Free community lunch on Wednesday, April 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. First Congregational Church United Church of Christ, 77 Main Street in Springfield. Menu includes lasagna, green salad, rolls, fresh fruit cup with sherbet. Vegetarian options will be available. No take out. All are welcome.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 – BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – The Brattleboro Area Jewish Community will host a Passover Seder on Saturday, April 20 at 5:30 p.m. Main dishes will be provided by Sharon Myers Fine Catering and Cantor Kate Judd will be leading us through a traditional Passover Seder. You don’t have to be Jewish to share this journey and feast with us – all families and individuals are welcome. For more information and to make reservations, contact 802-257-1959 or email passover@bajcvermont.org.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Free community breakfast at Townshend Community Church on Saturday, April 20, from 9 – 11 a.m. with music provided by local acoustic guitarist, Ralph Sherman. Menu includes Belgian waffles,

pancakes, omelets, coffee, tea, and warm community fellowship. Please join us for a relaxing, delicious breakfast.

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

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.

EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 – NORWICH, Vt. – Join us for Montshire Unleashed, a special evening to meet like-minded science enthusiasts and enjoy food, beer, science, and fun on Friday, April 12, from 6:30 – 9 p.m. Experience the joy of discovery from a trip to the museum – at night! Release your inner scientist through guided experiments at exhibits around the museum. Or just kick back, relax, and enjoy the food, drinks, and music. Jasper Murdock Ale and wine from the Norwich Inn will be available for purchase, as well as food from the evening’s featured local vendor.

MANCHESTER, Vt. – Join us Friday, April 12 at 6 p.m. as James J. Dunn reads and discusses his book “Breach of Trust: The Ethics Scandal that Challenged the Integrity of the Vermont Judiciary” that chronicles the ethics scandal that

shook the roots of the Vermont Judiciary and led to Chittenden County Assistant Judge Jane Wheel becoming the first and only Vermont judge ever charged with a criminal felony. Northshire Bookstore is located at 4869 Main Street in Manchester Center, Vt. For more information, call 802-362-2200 or 1-800-437-3700, or visit www.northshire.com.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 – LUDLOW, Vt. – The Ludlow Fire Dept. is hosting an Open House Saturday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come see what it’s like to be a firefighter. There will be a Test Your Strength Dummy Drag, off road rescue display, Jaws of Life demonstration, an information booth, a Kid at Heart Touch-a-Truck, and lunch! There will be activities for the kids as well. Ludlow Fire Dept. is located at 67 Pond St. in Ludlow. All are welcome!

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls will host Second Saturday Open Mic on Saturday, April 13 at 1 p.m. The Open Mic is held by having poets take turns reading from their works or a favorite book. The poets sit around a circle, so there is no need to be nervous about standing in front of a room for newbie poetry readers. Call 802-463-9404 for

event reservations.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bike Project 4th annual Silent Auction Fundraiser on Saturday, April 13 from 6 – 9 p.m. at 33 Bridge St. in Bellows Falls. Bid on local art and artisan wares, gift certificates for local businesses, gift baskets and more. Enjoy live music, cash bar, and 50/50 raffle. Preview list of auction items at www.bfbike.org

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join us for an evening of games and crafting on Saturday, April 13, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring a favorite game, your knitting, or any other craft project. Games and coloring will also be available. Join the conversation and the fun at the Meetinghouse, 21 Fairground Rd., Springfield. All welcome!

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 – LUDLOW, Vt. – Join us for “Closing Day Apres at the Sitting Bull” on Sunday, April 14 in the Sitting Bull Lodge at the Clock Tower Base Area. Okemo saved the best for last. This “last chair” celebration will include live musical entertainment, great deals on food, and the camaraderie of skiers and riders celebrating a great season at Okemo.

CHESTER, Vt. – Gassetts Grange is holding a Fundraising Jamboree on Sunday, April 14,

from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Town Hall in Chester. The house band has invited two more bands to join to help make it bigger and more powerful. There will be raffles through out the day and a 50/50 later in the day. Food and beverages will be on sale. We do ask for a door donation per person. For more information, contact Donna at 802-591-4290 or email kingswolves3@comcast.net.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Reiki/polarity therapy general public clinic by donation, on Monday, April 15, from 2 - 4 p.m., and 6:15-8:15 p.m., at Studio Time and Space, 59 Main St. in Springfield. Sessions are given with the client fully clothed lying on a massage table or sitting in a chair, covered by a warm blanket. No appointment necessary. For more information, including upcoming classes, please visit www.laurenpotterreikihealing.com or email laurenpottervt@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 – TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Advance Directive

Informational Meeting on Wednesday, April 17, from 12:30 – 1:15 p.m., at Grace Cottage Hospital in the Bill Berry Room, in Townshend. Find out how our healthcare advocate can help plan your wishes for end of life and afterlife. The meeting is free. Registering an Advance Directive is free and can be updated at any time. For more information, call 802- 365-3763.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 – SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Join us for the opening reception for the artwork of Fiona Morehouse, happening on Thursday, April 18, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Main Street Arts in Saxtons River. Morehouse’s Home at Heart exhibit will run from April 8 through May 10.

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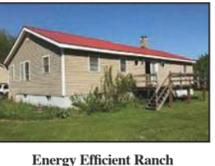
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EVENTS CONT.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 – TINMOUTH, Vt. – Tinnmouth Contra Dance on Friday, April 19, from 8 - 11 p.m., at the Tinnmouth Community Center, 573 Rt. 140 in Tinnmouth. Dance to Luke Donforth calling to the amazing tunes of Red Dog Riley! Dances are taught, and you do not need a partner if you are willing to ask someone to dance. If you are a beginner, come right at 8 p.m. for a beginner's lesson to learn the moves. There will be live music, enthusiastic swinging and dancing, refreshments and a fun night for all. For pricing and more information, view www.tinnmouthcontradance.org.

MANCHESTER, Vt. – On Friday, April 19, join us at 6 p.m. to welcome back to Northshire "America's most important environmentalist" Bill McKibben. Thirty years ago, he offered one of the earliest warnings about climate change; now in "Falter," he provides a powerful, sobering call to arms to save not only our planet but all humanity. Joe Donahue will be interviewing Bill as an Off the Shelf radio show to be aired on The Book Show on WAMC/Northeast Public Radio at a later date. Northshire Bookstore is located at 4869 Main Street in Manchester Center, Vt. For more information, call 802-362-2200 or 1-800-437-3700, or visit www.northshire.com.

SATURDAY APRIL 20 – CHESTER, Vt. – Free Easter Egg Hunt at

Chester Baptist Church on Saturday, April 20, from 10 – 11:30 a.m. Kids up through 5th grade are invited. The festivities include a craft, snack (gluten- and nut-free available), the Resurrection Story, and of course, an Easter Egg Hunt! RSVP is appreciated but not required at 802-875-2638 or churchoffice@chesterbaptist.org.

FARMERS' MARKET

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Farmers' Market will be hosting a spring market on Saturday, April 13 at the United Methodist Church, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, email springfield-farmersmarketinc@gmail.com.

KIDS' CORNER

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 – MANCHESTER, Vt. – On Saturday, April 13 at 10:30 a.m., kids are invited to join us at Northshire for a morning of Easter-themed crafts. Make animal-themed bookmarks, beeswax wraps, and, weather permitting, an egg hunt! Join us again at 3 p.m. for a trio of children's authors: Jo Knowles, young adult author of "Where the Heart Is," William Alexander, middle grade reader author of "A Festival of Ghosts," and Linda Urban, picture book author of "Mabel and Sam at Home." Northshire Bookstore is located at 4869 Main Street in Manchester Center, Vt. For more information, call 802-362-2200 or 1-800-437-3700, or visit www.northshire.com.

CHESTER, Vt. – Join Gramma Ray for a reading of the children's book "There's Nothing To Do!" by Dev Petty at Phoenix Books at Misty Valley on Saturday, April 13, from 11 a.m. – noon. After we read together, we will have

a fun activity!

MONDAY – FRIDAY, APRIL 15 – 19 – NORWICH, Vt. – Creative Engineering Camp for kids at Montshire Museum of Science Monday, April 15 through Friday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Calling creators, inventors, and problem solvers! The Montshire's April break camp will be diving into a world of creative engineering. Explore a new engineering topic every day as we make toys, pinball machines, and amazing structures. Each program is specially designed for specific age groups, with more complex problem-solving challenges for grades 3-5. So, spend April break getting creative with engineering, making new friends, and even playing outside (weather permitting). Scholarships are available.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 – LUDLOW, Vt. – Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20 at 10:30 a.m. at the Ludlow Community Center for kids ages 2 – 12. A pancake breakfast will precede the event from 8 – 10 a.m. Sponsored by Ludlow, PTG, Mount Holly PTSA, and Ludlow Rec. Department. Bring your basket!

MANCHESTER, Vt. – Join us for a special story time on Saturday, April 20 at 11 a.m. as Whitney Stewart reads her book "What Do You Celebrate? Holidays and Festivals Around the World." Across the globe, every country has its special holidays. Kids can travel the globe and learn about Fastelavn, Purim, the Cherry Blossom Festival, Holi, Eid al-Fitr, Halloween, Day of the Dead, Guy Fawkes Day, the German Lantern Festival, and more. Northshire Bookstore is located at 4869 Main Street in Manchester Center, Vt. For more information, call 802-362-2200 or 1-800-437-3700, or visit www.northshire.com.

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FRIDAYS – GRAFTON, Vt. – Pre-school nature programs at The Nature Museum in Grafton on Fridays through May from 10-11:30 a.m. Mighty Acorns Club invites young adventurers to explore the natural world through interactive games, puzzles, and activities. Most sessions involve exploring our backyard and the nearby woods, fields and pond. Our environmental educators Jay DeGregorio and Jill Bruning lead the group.

LIBRARIES

THURSDAY, APRIL 11 – WINDSOR, Vt. – Join Windsor Public Library on Thursday, April 11 at 6 p.m. for an oral recounting of a Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus Clown's Adventures on the rails. Listen as he tells his tales of circus life and watch as he transforms into his character before your very eyes! Refreshments will be served. Call 802-674-2556 for more information, or email christine@windsorlibrary.org.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 – GRAFTON, Vt. – Join us for a Poetry Slam at the Grafton Public Library on Friday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate National Poetry Month and the wonder of the spoken word. Participants will have up to three minutes to read or recite a poem – a personal favorite or an original piece. Of course, attendees may listen as part of the audience, without performing. All participants will get a prize. Complete guidelines and links to poetry resources are available on our library website at www.graftonpubliclibrary.org.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join us for our second annual Poetry Jam on Saturday, April 13 at 7 p.m. at the Springfield Town Library. Bring up to five of your own poems or five favorite poems written by someone else. Everyone will read at least one poem and more as time permits. Refreshments will be provided. All ages are encouraged to participate. If you aren't

ready to read, please come to listen, and as with all library events, this is free, accessible to people with disabilities, and open to the public. For more information, please contact the library at 802-885-3102 or stlas@vermontel.net.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – "Wolf Peaches, Poisoned Peas, and Madame Pompadour's Underwear: The Surprising History of Common Garden Vegetables," on Saturday, April 13 at noon at the Rockingham Free Public Library, 65 Westminster St., Bellows Falls. Free and handicapped accessible. Information at 802-463-4270 or programming@rockinghamlibrary.org.

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.okemov-alley.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.okemov-alley.tv.

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

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

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

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

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

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 www.sapatv.org.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Black River Area Community Coalition meets third Wednesdays in the community room of the Fletcher Memorial Library, Main Street, in Ludlow, starting at 5:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.braccvt.org.

MUSIC & THEATER

THURSDAY, APRIL 11 – PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present cutting edge Scottish, Celtic and global

music fiddle and cello duo Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas on Thursday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney. Tickets are available in advance and at the door. 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, APRIL 14 – SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Main Street Arts presents The Wound Dresser plus additional works for voice and piano on Sunday, April 14 at 3 p.m. at Main Street Arts in Saxtons River. An evening filled with the poetry of Walt Whitman and the music of John Adams. Paul Soper, Baritone, and Hugh Keelan on piano. Go to www.mainstreetarts.org for additional information and to purchase tickets.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAYS – TOWNSHEND, Vt. – The Grace Cottage "Quitters Win" tobacco cessation group will run on Mondays for eight weeks, March 4 – April 22, from 4 – 5 p.m., at the Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Home, 133 Grafton Road/Route 35, Townshend. Registration is required. Prior to attending a first class, contact bill at 802-365-3762 or email WMonahan@gracecottage.org.

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

WEDNESDAYS – ASCUTNEY, Vt. – Twin State Depression Support Group meets on the third Wednesday at Martin Memorial Hall, Lower Level, 5259 Route 5, Ascutney 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, and peer-led. Contact TwinStateDSG@gmail.com or 641-715-3900, ext. 650055#.

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 Rd., in Townshend. Free. Call 802-365-4115 x108.

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