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Heavy rainfall and snowmelt causes flooding and damage —

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

REGION — A very discouraged Terry O'Brien, director of the Cavendish Recreation Department, was overlooking a flooded Greven Field Monday morning, April 15 as over a foot of fast moving water was sweeping across the entirety of the ball park, which includes two ball fields, four dugouts, several other equipment buildings, and the Fenway-replica Green Monster.

This is the third time in the last two years that floodwaters have breached the banks of the Black River and caused flood damage at the field. This latest disaster puts the Cavendish Little League program in jeopardy for the 2019 season. O'Brien was planning on starting practice the following day, April 16, with opening day festivities scheduled for April 27. This

flood will impact both those dates and may cancel playing on the field altogether. According to O'Brien, "Structurally there's things that can be fixed, but if the field is ripped up it will have to be re-sodded which means no season or a very abbreviated one."

According to Cavendish Town Manager Brendan McNamara, other than Greven Field, the Proctorsville village area escaped major damage although it was touch and go for a while in the early morning. Off of Twenty Mile Stream Road, a bridge washed out on Meadow Brook Farm Road and repairs will also be needed on Norrie Davis Road. Cavendish Gulf Road was closed earlier and sustained some damage.

In Ludlow, a stretch of Route 103 from Black River High School down to Pleasant Street Extension was closed from early

morning until 1 p.m. opening one lane at first then completely opening later in the day. According to Ludlow Municipal Manager Scott Murphy, Black River Mobile Home Park sustained significant damage with several people needing to be evacuated by a backhoe in the morning. Ludlow Community Center was open for anyone who needed shelter.

Subway, Sam's Steakhouse,

and Village Pizza also sustained minor damage. The extent of the damage to Timber Inn was unknown with the owners currently traveling.

Two roads, Rod and Gun Club Road and Pettiner Hill Road, remained closed Monday afternoon and needed repairs before they could be reopened.

The Ludlow Wastewater Treatment Plant was inundated, releasing primary treated water in the Black River, which likely

continued throughout the rest of Monday, said Murphy.

Fletcher Field, which serves as practice fields for baseball and softball, was underwater as was Ludlow Little League Field on Pleasant Street. Ludlow's Opening Day was scheduled for the weekend of May 4 but will likely be impacted by the flooding.

Chester Town Office reported no flood damage in their town.

In Londonderry, Kevin Beattie, Emergency Manage-

ment coordinator, reported that flooding of the West River closed Route 11, heavily damaging two businesses, Jelly's Deli and The Garden Restaurant. West River crested about 8:30 a.m. and Route 11 remained closed until about noon. According to Beattie, there is other scattered damage all around town with about a half dozen town roads receiving some kind of damage although all town roads were passable.

PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY

In Weston, Route 100 in Weston Village was closed due to flooding in the morning. Town Offices were closed when reached for comment on the extent of damages.

Monday evening into Tuesday morning, most of the floodwater receded, but overall damage has yet to be assessed. Once damage has been assessed at Greven Field, it will determine if and when practice and opening day can take place.

"Pictorial History of Chester, Andover, Weston, and Londonderry"

BY AMANDA WEDEGIS

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

CHESTER, Vt. — Ron Patch, local historian and writer of the "Local History" column in The Vermont Journal & The Shopper, recently released Chester Historical Society's new book "Pictorial

History of Chester, Andover, Weston, and Londonderry." The book is a black and white photo book filled with snapshots of history from the four towns.

Chester Historical Society, Londonderry Art and Historical Society, and Weston Historical Society provided many of the

photos and some captions for the book. Peter Farrar provided the captions for the Andover section, which includes a picture of the Boynton Hill Schoolhouse where his grandmother was a teacher. Tom Hildreth designed the layout for the book, scanned all the photos, and spent over 100 hours photo editing.

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Fletcher Farm School summer 2019 schedule —

LUDLOW, Vt. — The Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts in Ludlow, Vt., is pleased to announce the classes comprising the school's summer schedule. New instructors have signed on to teach at the school, and some previous instructors have returned. The schedule offers more than 50 classes in a variety of disciplines. Our brochures have been sent to those

on our mailing list, and our website, www.fletcherfarm.org, has been updated with more information on the summer classes. Some spring classes are still available too.

Class registration is available online or interested students can contact the school. Our office is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can stop in to register or to pick up a brochure.

In addition, we are hosting two art and craft festivals, the first July 6. The second, to be held Aug. 17, will be combined with the Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce's Chrome and Craft event. A wide variety of crafters will be on hand.

For those not familiar with

the school, we will be holding our annual Open Studio May 25-26, where many of our instructors will be demonstrating their work. The public is welcome and encouraged to stop in to see what we do and to ask questions.

We have eight classes for young artists this year, and scholarships are available for children from Ludlow and Cavendish. Scholarships are also available for Ludlow seniors, thanks to a grant from the Anthony Marro Trust Fund. Residents of Ludlow and Cavendish must provide proof of residency in order to qualify for the subsidy generously provided by the Fletcher Farm Foundation, which can be obtained from the Town Clerk's offices.

The Society of Vermont Artists and Craftsmen, the organization that owns and operates the Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts, is always seeking volunteers. If you are interested in working at the school, or if you'd like to join our Board of Directors, contact our office.

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Computer class at Black River Valley Senior Center —

LUDLOW, Vt. — Matt Sydorowich will be holding a computer class for the general public at the Black River Valley Senior

Lowell Lake State Park master planning update —

LONDONDERRY, Vt. — The Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation has developed a communication plan for master planning work happening at Lowell Lake State Park. FPR will be providing regular updates on planning work underway to improve timeliness and consistency in information releases, improve accuracy, and make planning work clearer.

Lowell Lake State Park was established in 1977 when the former Lowell Lake Lodge property was acquired by the state for access to Lowell Lake. Additional property was acquired in 1996 with the assistance of the Vermont Land Trust after a private home development on the western shore of the lake received Act 250 permitting but failed to be constructed. Following this acquisition, a two-year long-range planning process was undertaken to complete a General Management Plan, which was adopted in 1999 and included 14 public meetings.

Lowell Lake State Park

presently encompasses 356 acres and provides opportunities for fishing, picnicking, hiking, swimming, and nature observation. FPR updated the Lowell Lake State Park Long Range Management Plan in 2018 after a two-year process to re-evaluate goals of the original plan and add additional detail. This work included more natural resource inventory, analysis and management actions; and it examined the potential for improvements to infrastructure.

As a result of comments received in the long-range planning process, FPR reduced the scope of timber management and engaged in a Master Planning process for the developed area of the park to more thoroughly investigate the feasibility and impacts of day and potential overnight uses. Master planning goals are to thoroughly study current levels of recreational use and existing infrastructure conditions while identifying economically responsible and environmentally sustainable changes and improvements.

FPR contracted with the SE

Group of Burlington, Vt., to conduct the master plan beginning in October 2018. The first in a series of planned public meetings was held in December 2018 to outline the master planning process. Investigative work has all been completed. Market analysis for overnight use, life cycle cost analysis, and other work is underway. Drafts of working concept plans are in development and will be reviewed soon by the Agency of Natural Resources' Springfield Stewardship Team along with members of the DEC Lakes & Ponds program, DEC Wetlands program, Natural Resources Board, and additional Fish and Wildlife biologists.

FPR will present concept plans at a public meeting to be scheduled in early summer. Following the meeting, a lengthy public feedback process will commence using online tools to capture feedback from local, regional, and statewide stakeholders, residents, and visitors. Three public meetings and a focus group session have been conducted since 2016 on long range and master planning efforts.

Londonderry cemeteries will open May 1 —

this matter.

As a reminder, plantings in the cemetery are not allowed. Also, if anyone is aware of a veteran who is buried in one of the Londonderry cemeteries and does not have the proper Armed Forces or veteran marker and flag, please alert the Londonderry Town Offices and the Cemetery Commission will see that that is attended to.

BOOK

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example, five photos of the Chester Railroad Station, they would select the one that was "the clearest, sharpest, and shows what we want to illustrate." They ended up with around 275 photos capturing everything from everyday life in town to notable figures like steeplejack Louie Marshall who was known for his involvement with Buffalo Bill.

The book is set up first by town, and then by street. Patch explains, "It's almost like a walking tour."

On page 7 of the book, there's a picture of the Old Eagle Hotel and a caption that notes that tree trunks were used for supporting columns on the front porch. The Old Eagle Hotel was built somewhere around the 1770s. Patch explains that the tree trunks were used because the owners wanted nice columns to support the front porch, but no one in Vermont could make them at the time. Columns could be made in Boston, but shipping them back to Chester would have been impossible. So instead, they used tree trunks — probably hemlock — and painted them white and continued to repaint them when needed. The hotel was still standing in 1915 when the photo on page 7 was taken, but today Bargain Corner stands where the hotel once was.

"A good share of people will find their house [in the book]," says Patch. If you can't find your neighbor's house or a business.

The books are currently being sold at The Framery of Vermont, Lisa's Market, R.B. Erskine's Grain Store, Stone House Antiques Center, and Chester Hardware in Chester; Mike & Tammy's Main Street Market and The Garden Market in Londonderry; Weston Marketplace in Weston; and Lisa's Market in Bellows Falls.

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Tyson Ladies Aid helps the Easter Bunny

LUDLOW, Vt. — If you're like many of us, you may be a bit behind on preparing for family and friends for the upcoming holidays or you are looking for a special contribution for the family and friends gathering next weekend. Well, don't sweat it anymore! The Tyson Ladies Aid is helping out the Easter and Passover Bunny again this year!

On Friday, April 19, the Tyson Ladies Aid will be at the Shaw's Plaza from 10 a.m. to noon with fabulous pies, cakes, breads, quiches, deviled eggs, and other wonderful confections for your shopping pleasure. All proceeds of the sale go towards high school scholarships for Black River and Woodstock high school students, running the historical



Tyson Ladies Aid will have desserts for Easter.

PHOTO PROVIDED

free Tyson Library, and supporting various other community charities.

We're hoping to run out early so come on over for the best pick of the most luscious, appetizing selection of baked goodies and treats that even the Easter Bunny will envy. You'll have a great time picking out your favorite piece of goodness while helping to support your community.

CTES

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over additional negative comments that have arisen in the comments section by some of the petition signers. "I feel bad that some of the comments on the petition that represent what I stand for are harsh and mean. I didn't mean for that to happen," she said.

There was initially some confusion that emerged concerning Beaupre's contract and whether it had already been renewed during a March 25 GMUSD school board meeting. School board director Doug McBride, who was unable to attend that meeting, was working with the committee to determine the specifics on the status of the contract. According to McBride, his interest in this issue was initially to clarify where the contract stood and to encourage resolution. He remains hopeful for a positive outcome. "I hope the issue of Deb's contract will be resolved and that the petitioners and Deb will feel their issues have been heard and resolved to the satisfaction of all parties," said McBride.

Superintendent Meg Powden has confirmed that Beaupre's

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BRACC to host discussion on alcohol addiction

LUDLOW, Vt. — The Black River Area Community Coalition is sponsoring a discussion about "Alcohol: Addiction, Recovery, and Prevention" Tuesday, April 23, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Heald Auditorium, located in the Ludlow Town Hall. Attendees will first watch a 45-minute video, followed by a discussion with local substance abuse counselors, and recovery partners.

The video, which was released in 2016, explores the life of ABC news anchor Elizabeth Vargas, her struggle with alcoholism, and her road to recovery. April is Alcohol Awareness and BRACC is partnering with the Vermont Dept. of Health Parent Up program, school counselors, The Green Peak Alliance, and Turning Point to increase awareness and understanding of alcohol ad-



dition – its causes, effective treatment, and recovery.

Alcohol addiction is a chronic, progressive disease, genetically predisposed and fatal if untreated. However people can and do recover. In fact, it is estimated that as many as 20 million individuals and family members are living lives in recovery from alcohol use. All community members, parents, and high school students are invited to attend. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., with the program beginning at 6 p.m. Childcare will be provided. For more information, please call 802-228-7878 or visit www.braccvt.org.

Thrifty Attic jewelry sale



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LONDONDERRY, Vt. — The Thrifty Attic Pre-Mother's Day Jewelry Sale will be Saturday, May 4, from 8 a.m. until noon in downtown Londonderry. This sale is managed by Thrifty Attic volunteer Cynthia Booth and features the best, most interesting jewelry donations we have received over the past few months including lots of sterling silver! There will be something for everyone, including your mom! Don't miss this opportunity to give your jewelry collection a spring boost and your wallet a rest!



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Maundy Thursday, April 18 at 6 p.m. with soup and a service in the Fireplace Room. On Good Friday, the sanctuary will be open from noon to 3 p.m. for all who wish to drop in for quiet meditation, and a service will be held at 6 p.m. Easter Sunday, April 21, will begin with a sunrise service on Millot Green at 6 a.m., followed by a complimentary breakfast in the Fireplace Room. A regular Easter Sunday service will be held at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. Pastor Maureen Adams will lead all the services. 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.

ASCUTNEY, VT.

BROWNSVILLE COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 66 BROWNSVILLE-HARTLAND RD.

Maundy Thursday will be

Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. Good Friday, April 19, will be a concert starting at 1:30 p.m. with a brief service following at 2:30 p.m. Easter Sunday, April 21, will start with an outdoor sunrise service at 7:30 a.m. on the hill above Albert Bridge School, followed by a community breakfast at 8 a.m. and Easter Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Call 802-484-5944, email bcchurchvt@gmail.com, or go to www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

IMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 20 CHURCH ST.

Maundy Thursday will take place April 18 at 6 p.m. with a brief service and Holy Eucharist around a table in the chapel. Good Friday, April 19 at 6 p.m., will be the Stations of the Cross. Easter Vigil Saturday, April 20 at 8 p.m. is traditionally the first celebration of Easter. Celebrate Easter Sunday, April 21 at 10 a.m., by joining members and friends for joyous prayer, worship, and communion,

followed by a coffee hour. A quiet, contemplative service will take place Sunday morning at 8 a.m. Immanuel Church is handicap accessible. For more information, call 802-463-3100.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

CHARLESTOWN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 71 MAIN ST.

On Good Friday, April 19, from 8 a.m. to noon and 5 to 6 p.m., there will be time of meditation in our sanctuary. Stop in for a quick prayer or stay for some meditation. Pray with someone or on your own. Easter Sunday, April 21, join us at 10 a.m. for our Resurrection celebration. For more information, call 603-826-3335.

CHESTER, VT.

CHESTER BAPTIST CHURCH, 162 MAIN ST.

You are invited to celebrate the true meaning of Easter through a series of services. Maundy Thursday will be

April 18 at 7 p.m. It will be a meditative service reminding us of the night before Jesus was betrayed; includes communion. Good Friday, April 19 at 7 p.m. is a prayerful and reflective service remembering Jesus's crucifixion. Easter Sunday sunrise service April 20 is 6:30 a.m. at Green Mountain Union High School. Celebrate Christ's resurrection with songs, scripture readings, and a short sermon. A free breakfast will take place following the service at 7:30 a.m. Easter worship service will be at 10:30 a.m., worshipping the risen Lord our Savior, Jesus Christ. Call 802-875-2638, email churchoffice@chesterbaptist.org, or visit www.chesterbaptist.org.

LONDONDERRY, VT.

SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LONDONDERRY, 2051 N. MAIN ST.

Good Friday service will be April 19 at 7 p.m. On Easter Sunday, April 21, our sunrise service will be at 6 a.m. at 1005 Landgrove Rd., Londonderry, followed by coffee

and snacks. Easter worship is in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. followed by our annual Easter Egg Hunt in the sanctuary! Everyone is invited to decorate the cross on the lawn of the church with a flower as a sign and celebration of the Resurrection! For more information, please call the church office at 802-824-6453 or go to www.2ndcongregationalchurchvt.org.

LUDLOW, VT.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF LUDLOW (UCC AND METHODIST), 48 PLEASANT ST.

Maundy Thursday service is April 18 at 7 p.m. Easter Sunday service is April 21 at 10 a.m. In the Christian tradition, at Easter, we contemplate the mystery of Jesus's dying, death, and resurrection. This year, Earth Day happens to fall the day after Easter. Let's gather to celebrate the mystery of the Earth cycles and the Spirit's cycles. For more information, call 802-885-2723 or go to www.uuspringfieldvt.org. All are welcome.

performed by our Sunday school students of all ages and our youth group. Following the production, there will be a time of fellowship with refreshments. Call 802-885-4261.

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 33 FAIRGROUND RD.

Easter Sunday service April 21 is at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. For more information, call 802-885-2723.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH, 21 FAIRGROUND RD.

"Easter Easement: Die before You Die" with Rev. Dr. Mellen Kennedy is Sunday, April 21 at 10 a.m. In the Christian tradition, at Easter, we contemplate the mystery of Jesus's dying, death, and resurrection. This year, Earth Day happens to fall the day after Easter. Let's gather to celebrate the mystery of the Earth cycles and the Spirit's cycles. For more information, call 802-885-3327 or go to www.uuspringfieldvt.org. All are welcome.

Community Easter egg hunts

CHESTER, Vt. - Chester Rotary announces the annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 9 a.m. sharp at Chester-Ando-

ver Elementary School. This event is open to all Chester and Andover children from preschool to sixth grade. Parents are advised to arrive with

their children by 8:45 a.m., so the children will not miss the opportunity for participation. For further information, please contact Bill Dakin at 802-875-3456.

CHESTER, Vt. - Kids up through fifth grade are invited to an Easter celebration! The festivities include a craft, snack (gluten- and nut-free available), the Resurrection

Story, and an Easter Egg Hunt! The celebration will be Saturday, April 20, 10-11:30 a.m., at Chester Baptist Church, opposite "the green" on Main Street in downtown Chester. RSVP is appreciated but not required. Call 802-875-2638, email churchoffice@chesterbaptist.org, or find the event on Facebook.

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Ludlow Elementary School and Mount Holly School parent teacher groups with the Ludlow Recreation Dept. will host an Easter Egg Hunt April 20 at the Ludlow Community Center for children ages 2-12.

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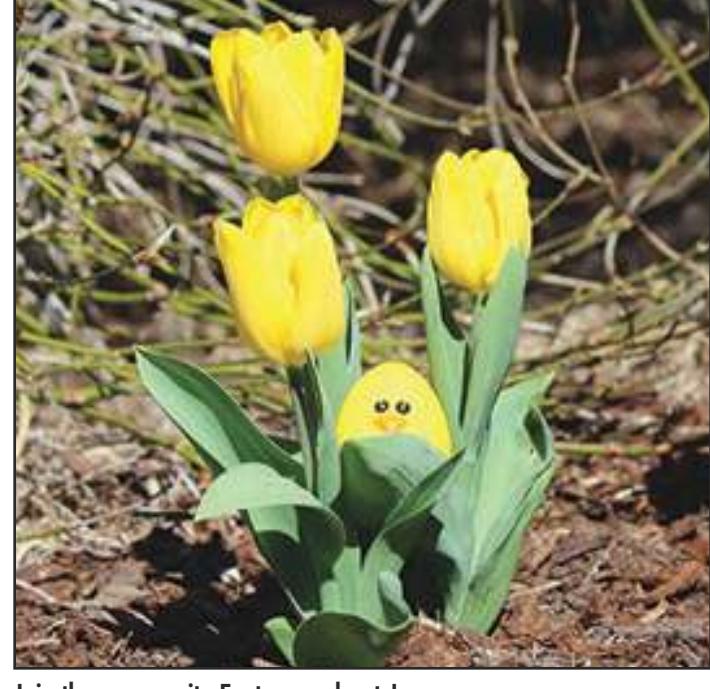
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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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

Delivering the mail

Below is more from Vera Lundburg. Here she describes the mailman's perils in Andover in the 1930s. Wilt Holt was the mailman she mentions. Much is known about Wilt Holt.

The mailman

"Occasionally the mailman has an insured package to be signed for and then brings the mail to the door. He's pretty cold, too, some mornings and twice has come in for a 'cup of tay.' We like him very much. He's been on the route over twenty-years now and knows everybody pretty well. I always feel sorry for him having to climb and descend that awful hill every day no matter what condition of the road, and of course it's even more precarious further on up, over the crest. He says he used to worry about it the night before so that sometimes he couldn't sleep. But with the confidence of the years behind him, he thinks nothing of it anymore."

"Time was when he used a team and sled. He had four horses and alternated the team. It was awful tough going then, and it took him all day to cover his route. (He now gets back to Chester for the noon mail.) He says the winters used to be much more severe here anyway - much colder and much more snow - and that it was here - and that it was 10 o'clock at night before he really got warmed through thoroughly at home. So now when the weather is bad, he cheers himself very readily by thinking of the old days which were so much worse."

"He used to live down here in the village, had a lot of older brothers and was very, very poor. Says he can remember when he was about six years old helping saw wood with his brothers over here on our ridge. They cut it down and sawed it up for fifty cents a cord and he had to balance one end of the cross cut saw



Wilt Holt going for a Sunday drive.

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while his brothers who weren't much older than 12 or 15 did the real work. He remembers doing 15 cords for one man. The old man, imagine taking all that labor for so little and when they needed it so badly. I'm glad he looks prosperous now. Mrs. Kangas told us he makes butter as a side line and I thought she meant he had quite a dairy, but was much disappointed to find out that he has only one cow and all the customers he can possibly provide for. But he said in the spring and early summer he might be able to sell us some so we are on the waiting list.

"We have a devil of a time to get nice fresh untainted butter here and I find it a real hardship to put up with second best of that particular tidbit. So I'm in the market for some homemade if I can get my hands on any in the vicinity. What we get in Springfield is an improvement but now that Wednesday trips there are no longer compulsory, we are thrown back on what Chester has to offer. Of course I haven't tried all the stores there and suppose I should on the chance that some one of them knows how to keep butter fresh."

"One parting shot before we leave Mr. Holt - he has a very pleasing local 'tang.' For 'there wasn't' he always says 'there want' (as in calm.)"

Explanation of 'want'

Vermonters have always been economical with our use

of words. What Vera spells as "want" should be "want." Want's is a contraction of the contraction "wasn't." Using want's requires one less syllable than wasn't. It works for me.

Why not you come we house

In the early 1900s, many Finnish immigrants settled in the Andover area. Vera was fascinated by the Finns as expressed below.

"I don't know what there is about Finnish pronouns that differs from English but they have a gawd-awful time with them. Wherever they use the feminine gender, they top it off with 'he.' And when they want to say 'our,' it is always 'we.' For instance, 'we cat' or 'we' house, 'why not you come we house?' they will say most hospitably. Or 'come to in.' It is quite cute and I am beginning to think with a broken accent.

They have some trick names for the gals - really pretty ones I think Aili 'Eye-lee,' Saima 'Syma,' Hillia, Elena 'El-eenah,' Helvy, etc., etc."

The next meeting of the Chester Historical Society is Thursday, April 25, upstairs of Chester Town Hall at 7 p.m. See you there.

This week's old saying. "You can lead your son to college but you can't make him think."

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opinion

Dear Editor,

The United States Congress is currently processing House Resolution 7066, which calls for a monument honoring the Army Security Agency to be placed in Arlington. The Army Security Agency provided critical intelligence in the Cold War and in conflicts such as the Vietnam War. The Army Security Agency no longer exists, but its contribution to United States history deserved to be remembered. The following poem describes an event that happened while I was in the Central Highlands of Vietnam. It is an example of some of the things that ASA did in the service of our country.

The 2nd VC Regiment

In harsher days than I had known before
A yellow patch with a horse I wore.
To intercept Morse Code I had been trained.
It was time to use the skills obtained.

I intercepted messages the enemy sent
So we would know what he was doing and where he went.
From one point you can determine a transmission's direction
From two points there is an intersection

From captured documents we could extract
Frequencies that were exact.
The 2nd VC Regiment I was assigned to copy.
The signal weak – At first my work was sloppy.

As time went by I slowly learned
Habits and sounds could be discerned.
Their transmitter I could recognize.
The operator's thinking I could surmise.

When interference would block his sound
For 4700 kilocycles he was bound.
He used a code that was much his own
Groups of all ones and nines and who was sending was known.

There came a day when the 2nd couldn't be found.
The 1st Cav searched all around.
Weeks went by without a trace.
They couldn't find the 2nd anywhere.

When he was scheduled to be on the air
I went to 4700 kilocycles and waited there.
Then one day as night was falling
I heard a familiar transmitter calling.

My traffic analyst called a direction finding plane on its course
Who precisely located the transmission source.
Who it was became evident
When groups of ones and nines were sent.

The 1st Cav moved in fast.
The 2nd VC Regiment was trapped at last.
In the battle that ensued.
The 2nd VC Regiment was subdued.

Sincerely,
Joseph F. Hammond
Mount Holly, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Two months ago, Gov. Chris Sununu addressed lawmakers about the state budget. They applauded when he said, "Together, we'll continue to improve prevention of childhood lead poisoning."

Their applause is welcome news for supporters of H.358, legislation that reduces the risk of lead exposure by restoring New Hampshire's ban on burning construction and demolition debris and its fuel byproducts. H.358 passed the House, and it is now the Senate's turn to support this important legislation.

C&D is often contaminated with lead, a toxic metal for which there is no safe level of exposure. Combustion releases lead in a form that can be easily inhaled and ingested. C&D should never be burned.

Current New Hampshire law allows 250 milligrams of lead in each kilogram of C&D approved

for combustion. This is a shocking amount since the toxicity of lead is measured in micrograms or a millionth of a gram. Burning 10,000 tons of C&D annually, as allowed at the Wheelabrator trash incinerator in Concord, can legally introduce 2.5 tons of lead into the environment in the form of air pollution, ash, leachate, and sludge. A proposed pyrolysis facility in Epping could process up to 146,000 tons of C&D each year to make waste-derived fuels. This is unacceptable.

Restoring New Hampshire's sensible ban on burning C&D and C&D fuels will reduce the risk of lead exposure. I urge Gov. Sununu and the New Hampshire Senate to support H.358.

Sincerely,
Katie Lajoie, R.N.
Charlestown, N.H.

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Dear Editor,

There is much sadness in the Statehouse at the loss of Rep. Bob Forquites who died unexpectedly last week. Bob was very well respected in the building by his colleagues from all political parties. He was a dedicated, conscientious member and always a gentleman. He cared deeply about the people of Springfield and the town. He was humble and proud to be representing them. I, too, will certainly miss him.

Can the Vermont Dept. of Forests Parks and Recreation find 400 seasonal workers for the summer? This is the number needed to fill staff positions at the 55 developed state parks around the state. Half of the parks have water sites and Burton Island is the most popular park of all, but with limited septic, the number of sites is also limited.

Last year, the parks had 1.9 million visitors. This was an increase from 95,000 visitors in 2017. Recreational use of

the parks is growing and more maintenance is needed, as are infrastructure improvements. As it turns out, the Parks Special Fund contributes 52% of the department's overall budget of \$13.7 million. This money comes from day use fees, overnight camping, boat rentals, firewood sales, food, and retail. The budget anticipates raising these rates by small amounts such as \$1 more for tent camping to bring in \$200,000 additional dollars. Lean-tos and cabins per night by \$3 for \$140,000 and some other small increases. The day use fee will remain the same. A day use per person fee is proposed for Lowell Lake in Londonderry and for Waterbury Reservoir Camping. Presently there are no fees at these locations.

An ongoing cost for all the parks and lands are the 600 miles of roads that require maintenance.

Timber sales on Forests and Parks land brings in around

\$400,000. Loggers are pre-approved and then bid on projects. A little more than 1,000 acres of trees are harvested per year. About one in every four trees in our forests is maple. Threats to our forests and town trees are the Emerald Ash Borer and the Asian Longhorn Beetle.

Sugar makers are also using our state forests and currently there are fewer than 10 contracts with a total of 15,000 taps. The taps are undervalued and rent per tap with a contract is generally for 10 years. The state has additional requirements they impose so they feel the lower rent price is appropriate. In these plots, there are reserved timber quality trees that are marked to not be tapped. No one wants holes in these quality trees.

Seven ski areas in Vermont have leases on state land with the department. The leases generate about \$3 million per year that goes into the Parks Special Fund. Although the

leases vary some, generally 5% of gross ticket sales adjusted by the portion of lifts on state land and 2.5% of retail sales on goods is paid to the state. There is much more to this department including administering the Current Use Program, the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program, managing thousands of acres of land, and working with private landowners. The total budget for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation is \$26,070,000.

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,

There's something I don't get about the furious opposition from some against raising the minimum wage. The minimum wage has been periodically raised since 1935. Has the sky fallen? Has the economy collapsed? Have so many minimum wage earners lost their jobs as to completely wipe out any benefits to workers and economy? These current "chicken little" arguments against raising the wage are exactly the same as they have been for about 80 years.

People who say raising the

wage would be government "interference" are missing the point. The government has "interfered" in the economy to benefit American workers and their families in the past. Without it, we'd be back in the early 19th century. Was the creation of Social Security an interference? So in the interest of accuracy, let's reframe the term "interference" to what it really is: intervention.

The arguments against raising the minimum wage can and should be addressed. But it is not good enough for us in Vermont to simply shake our heads,

"No, no."

Who would benefit if the wage was increased? About 87,000 Vermonters. There are more than 26,800 Vermont children with at least one adult in their household who will benefit from raising the minimum wage. There has been a cost to our state economy in subsidizing an unlivable minimum wage. The Economic Policy Institute 2016 study estimates the total federal and state cost of public supports for Vermont's working families at \$372 million. Surely reducing these

costs benefits every Vermonter including big and small businesses.

The \$15 minimum isn't going to happen tomorrow. It's five years away. The rise will be gradual. Businesses will have time to adapt.

We can help support our neighbors and ourselves and at the same time move our state economy forward. I support S.23. I hope you will also.

Sincerely,
Bill Kuch and Lori Claffee
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Strong schools are necessary for a strong community. Our youth are our future. When voters vote down a school budget, it gives our youth the message that Springfield voters do not care for them. When it makes the news that Springfield is one of three towns in Vermont to vote down their school budget, it creates a negative message about our community: Springfield is a community that does not value education.

Springfield voters said yes to special warrant articles that amounted to roughly \$908,000 – excluding the town and school budgets. Voters care for roads,

taking care of its senior citizens, preserving its history, feeding and housing people, protecting people, providing support for people in recovery, people who need mental health support. But not its children, the future of Springfield.

I attended one of the School Board meetings after the budget was voted down and read the minutes of the meetings I was unable to attend. Believe me, the cuts were extremely difficult to make. Every position cut has an impact on the quality of our school system and the programs we offer. We cannot continue to do that. We are a town that is

showing some grit and determination to pull ourselves up by the bootstraps. We are trying to attract people to Springfield. You do not do that by making our school system weaker and less attractive to potential new residents.

There are people who point to the cost per pupil and shout out we have fewer students but higher school budgets. Let's compare that to households. I was sifting through some old papers and found phone bills that were in the range of \$10-\$15 a month. I remember not having to pay for TV at all. There were no computer charges to pay either

because we did not have them. And then there are insurance, utility rates... I think you are getting the drift of what I am saying.

A strong community has strong schools. Please get out and vote. Get out and vote "yes" to our youth, "yes" to a strong town and "yes" to education. If you are unable to vote in person, call the Town Clerk's office to see how you can vote by mail. Call 802-885-2104. Don't give up on our future.

Thank you,
Char Osterlund
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

As a school board member, I hear various reasons for not supporting a school budget. The most common reason I hear starts with, "When I was in school..." What follows might be a statement about not having a computer science teacher, an instructional coach, an assistant superintendent, a behavior specialist, or any number of positions, programs, and services. The recollection of "When I was in school..." typically ends with "and I turned out fine." I, too, could have said these same things 10 years ago. Most schools did not have the positions, programs, and services I have mentioned, and I think I turned out fine without them.

The reality is that students and staff attending schools today have a much different experience than I had. I know this from what I learn from my own children, currently fourth

and fifth graders, when I ask about school. My perspective has changed because of what I hear from current students and reports received at Board meetings.

When I was in school, my Kindergarten classroom did not have a computer. No one expected a computer for the teacher's use, and no one expected that my 5-year-old self would use one. When I was in school, my teachers most often had the same grade level assignment for a decade or more and worked in the same school building for most of their lives. Teachers did not have instructional coaching access, and professional development was uncommon. As a fourth grader, I did not know the word "opioid." I was a college graduate before Naloxone or "Narcan" became available to those not trained in the medi-

cal field. Now, many school districts have Narcan policies and guidelines set forth by the state. I never witnessed or heard of students cutting, turning over desks, cyberbullying, or being the victims of cyberbullying. School safety plans did not require school budget considerations; these plans were references made to making sure all students returned from a class field trip.

As a school board member, I can name various ways students and schools are different. Students in our schools have experiences and challenges I never would have fathomed. Expectations of school staff in all positions to provide services and instruction beyond traditional academic content has changed in ways I could not have forecasted. A free, appropriate public education when I was in school is not

what current students require and deserve. I want my and all our community's children and grandchildren to look back from adulthood and not recall what prevented them from doing their best. I want them to be able to say, "I turned out fine."

Please join me by supporting Springfield's school budget. There will be an informational meeting Thursday, April 25 at 7 p.m. at the Springfield High School. More details about the budget can be obtained by contacting the Springfield District Office at 802-885-5141. Voting will take place Tuesday, April 30, at Riverside Middle School. I welcome your comments and concerns at tpalmer@ssdt.org.

Sincerely,
Troy Palmer
Parent and School Board Member
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

The Bellows Falls Central Elementary School second grade would like to thank Diana and the staff at the Flat Iron Exchange for opening their doors to us on April 5 for our annual Poetry Slam. Each of our second graders was able to feel proud about reciting a poem that he or she had written. We appreciate the community spirit and generosity – as well as the delectable cookies! – of the Flat Iron Exchange in Bellows Falls. Many thanks from the students and second grade teachers Judy Verespy, Terry Obuchowski, and Laurie Botolin.

Sincerely,
Laurie Botolin
Central Elementary School
Bellows Falls, Vt.

Request for card shower

We are requesting a card shower for Judi Freeman. She is turning 80 on Monday, May 6. Her address is Judi Freeman, 7 Gill Terrace #9, Ludlow, VT 05149.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Kelly Billings

Robert J. Forguites, 1938-2019

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Robert J. Forguites, 80, of Springfield, Vt. passed away unexpectedly at his home Tuesday morning, April 9, 2019. He was born Nov. 24, 1938 in Forest Dale, Vt., the son of Leslie "Bill" and Janice (King) Forguites. He graduated from Brandon High School class of 1956, and attended the University of Vermont.

He served in the United States Army from 1961 to 1963. He was serving as a secretary at the Pentagon during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962.

On Oct. 14, 1978, he married Barbara J. Hanna in Brandon, Vt. She predeceased him Jan. 21, 2011.

He had over 20 years banking experience with positions ranging from bookkeeper to Chairman of the Board with the First National Bank; 20 years municipal government experience in Springfield, Vt., four years as comptroller, and 16 years as town manager.

Robert served as a member of the town of Brandon Board of Selectmen, Otter Valley Union High

School Board, Connecticut River Transit Board, and the Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District. He was also a longtime member of Rotary International. He was serving his third term as state representative for Windsor District 3-2 and was a longtime member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, where he served as a member of the finance committee.

He is survived by his son Adam

Forguites of Essex Jct., Vt.; three sisters Judith Goodspeed of Brandon, Vt., Jaska DeForge of Sudbury, Vt., and Marcia Brown also of Sudbury, Vt.; aunt Nancy Forguites of Burlington, Vt.; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A funeral mass was celebrated Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Peter Williams officiated. Burial will be at a later date in the Forest Dale Cemetery in Forest Dale, Vt. Contributions in his memory may be made to Springfield Hospital, 25 Ridgewood Rd., Springfield, VT 05156.

Elizabeth H. Hunsdon, 1923-2019

Post 67 in Chester.

Survivors include three sons Gregory Chase (Kathleen), Gary Chase (Denise) of Rockingham, Vt., and Charles Chase (Addie) of Athens, Vt.; stepdaughter Sherry Bingham (Francis) of Perkinsville, Vt.; stepson Thomas Hunsdon of Boston; and 12 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews, including close neighbors Steven and Karla Hunsdon who helped make it possible for Betty to remain in her home for as long as she could.

Betty was predeceased by her parents, her husband in 2005, a sister Virginia Bessette, and two brothers Robert Hodgdon and Donald Hodgdon.

A graveside service with full military honors will be held at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Chester at a later date and announced at that time.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 215 North Main Street, White River Junction, VT 05009 or to the Chester Ambulance Service, 144 Town Garage Rd., Chester, VT 05143.

Herbert F. Butler Jr., 1952-2019

PUTNEY, Vt. – Herbert F. Butler Jr., 66, of Newcomb Road passed away Thursday, April 4, 2019 at his home. Herbert was born in Brattleboro, Vt. July 11, 1952, the son of Herbert and Marjorie (Bobbi) Butler. He served in the Army during Vietnam and worked at The Book Press in Brattleboro and Melsur in Westminster as a machinist. He loved fishing and playing cribbage and poker.

On June 11, 2000, he married Lois Ann Bissineri who survives. Also surviving are his sons Mitchell of Burlington, Eric of Plattsburg, N.Y., and Christopher and his fiancée Amanda of Platts-

burg, N.Y., and Daniel of South Carolina; his stepdaughter Elaine Judd and her husband David of Westminster; his stepdaughter Theresa Comeau of Bellows Falls; his brother Fred; brother-in-law Paul Bissineri and his wife Laura of Brookfield, Mass.; and many grandchildren, step-grandchildren, one great-grandson, four step-great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents, his first wife Carol Lynn Harris, his son Patrick, and his brother Benny.

Per Herbert's wishes, there will be no services.

James Ghia, 1938-2019

LUDLOW, Vt. – James "Jim" Ghia, 80, of Dumont, N.J., and formerly of Beemerville, N.J., passed away at his Vermont home March 29, 2019. Jim was born in Hackensack, N.J. Dec. 1, 1938, the son of Mario and Elinor (Wanner) Ghia. He was a graduate of Bergen Tech High School in New Jersey. At Bergen, Jim studied agriculture and was active in Future Farmers of America both at the school and state level.

After high school, Jim worked on poultry farms and in a feed store before going to work in his father's construction company, Ghia Construction, where he learned to be skilled mason and carpenter. During this time, he also served in the New Jersey National Guard. The rest of his life he worked primarily as builder in both Vermont and New Jersey while keeping a hand in agriculture and gardening. He took

pride in his many construction and renovation projects and in helping his sons with their house renovations. He also took great pride in his vegetable garden and kept gardening until his last days.

In February 2019, he marked 51 years of marriage to Barbara (Repka) Ghia who survives. Also surviving are his sons Michael and wife Margo, Mark, and Matthew and wife Taa; his brother Robert Ghia; his sister Joyce Ghia; his beloved grandchildren – grandsons Elijah, Caleb, and Nathan and his granddaughters Sophia, and Julianna – and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held May 18 at 11 a.m. at the Church of the Annunciation in Ludlow, Vt. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Ludlow Ambulance Service, 19 West Hill Rd., Ludlow, VT 05149.

Leslie A. Newman, 1947-2019

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Leslie A. Newman, 72, passed away Friday morning, April 12, 2019 at the Hartford Hospital in Hartford, Conn. He was born March 16, 1947 in Springfield, Mass., the son of Ashton and Doris (Jenks) Newman. He attended Springfield, Vt. schools and graduated from Springfield High School.

He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam era on the Naval Aircraft Carrier USS Essex.

On Nov. 9, 1968, he married Linda Beebe in Springfield, Vt. They lived in the Springfield, Vt. area for several years, moving to Connecticut in 1982 where they have resided since. Leslie worked as a retail manager in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Connecticut, most recently retiring from furniture sales in Connecticut. He enjoyed playing golf, woodworking in his shop, NASCAR racing, and local racing. He enjoyed fishing and loved garden-

ing.

He is survived by his wife Linda of Bloomfield, Conn., son Michael D. Newman of Manchester, Conn., brother Brian Newman and sister-in-law Terry of Cornish, N.H., sister-in-law Joan and brother-in-law Bob of Port Orange, Fla., sister-in-law Ellen Laflamme of North Springfield, Vt., and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents.

A graveside service with military honors will be held Friday, April 19, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Gerry Piper will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to your local Veterans Administration Medical Center; to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675-8517; or to American Heart Association, 300 5th Avenue, Suite 6 Waltham, MA 02451.

Sandra Stagner, 1940-2019

LANGDON, N.H. – On April 5, 2019, Sandra Stagner passed from this life at the age of 78. She was born June 1, 1940 in Ludlow, Vt. and grew up in Charlestown, N.H., graduating from Charlestown High School, class of 1958. On Dec. 19, 1960, she married Hayes Stagner. They had three children.

She is predeceased by her parents Thurlow (Paul) Morse and Marjorie Morse, her sisters Maxine Potter and Arlene Hurd. She is also predeceased by her great-grandson Bryden Hayes Stagner. She is survived by her husband; three children Joe Stagner and his wife Jill of Pembroke, N.H., Suzanne Stagner of Bellingham, Mass., and Lisa Stagner and her spouse Heather Nelson of Halifax, Vt.; one sister

Carolyn Hoppe of Maine; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive her.

Sandra was most noted for her

bright smile, welcoming personality, and warm, caring heart. A woman of intuitive intelligence, she reached out to those she met with insightfulness and humility. She welcomed everyone into her home as if they were family. Every member of her family as well as others received handmade quilts from her. She was well known for her Christmas coffee cakes shared with many each year. She is a past president of the Langdon Community Club and the Fall Mountain High School Booster Club.

There will be no calling hours or funeral as per Sandra's wishes.

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obituaries**Opal E. Gallion, 1923-2019**

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Opal E. Gallion, 95, of Henry Street, passed away early Thursday, April 11, 2019. Opal was born in Wise, Va. July 10, 1923, the daughter of John and Maude (Stidham) Jones. Opal became a certified nurse assistant through McGirr Nursing Home and worked in home health care.

After retiring from nursing care, Opal took various people into her home for one-on-one care. During this time, she enjoyed giving after school care to her grandchildren and very much enjoyed going to their various school and sport functions. During the summer, she and Clyde would take the resident

and the grandchildren on vacation to her hometown in the south. She loved the Florida vacations; she even went on amusement rides.

Opal is survived by her son Clyde A. Gallion Jr. and wife Diane of North Walpole, N.H.; her brother Levi Jones of Gallion, Ohio; grandchildren Tanya McAllister and Justin Gallion; three great-grandchildren Alexis, Ray, and Elizabeth; and two great-grandchildren Carter and Rowan whom she loved dearly. She is predeceased by her parents, siblings, and her husband Clyde.

There was a graveside service Tuesday, April 16 in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Charmaine R. Merrow, 1929-2019

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Charmaine Rosa Merrow, 90, passed away Monday, April 8, 2019 at her home in N. Springfield, Vt. She was born March 29, 1929 in Wallingford, Vt., the daughter of Pascal and Viola (Waldo) Falzo. She graduated from Mount Saint Joseph Academy in 1947.

In February 2019, he marked 51 years of marriage to Barbara (Repka) Ghia who survives. Also surviving are his sons Michael and wife Margo, Mark, and Matthew and wife Taa; his brother Robert Ghia; his sister Joyce Ghia; his beloved grandchildren – grandsons Elijah, Caleb, and Nathan and his granddaughters Sophia, and Julianna – and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held May 18 at 11 a.m. at the Church of the Annunciation in Ludlow, Vt. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Ludlow Ambulance Service, 19 West Hill Rd., Ludlow, VT 05149.

Sherry L. Moore, 1963-2019

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Sherry Lee Moore, 55, of Saxtons River, Vt. died at her home Sunday, April 7, 2019. She was born April 13, 1963, in San Jose, Calif. Sherry enjoyed many things in life but her favorite things were fishing, Bingo, smoking, and dancing in the rain with her sister. She will always be missed and loved.

There was a graveside service held Saturday, April 13, 2019 at the Saxtons River Cemetery.

Sherry is survived by her parents Francis and Rose Pecor; two brothers Francis and David LeBarron; and four sisters Tammy Fernet, Jessica Pecor, Melissa Parish, and Aimee Hayes. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Alfred was an avid member of every church he and his family joined, willingly serving since 1972 at Calvary Baptist, Springfield, Vt. as Sunday school teacher, deacon, choir member, missions committee member, and ministry board member. He was a member of the American Legion and the VFW, and a lifelong member of the Rawson Family Association. He will be remembered as a kind and generous man who shared his wit, wisdom, knowledge, and servant's heart with all. Alfred was predeceased by his parents and siblings Joan Prouty, Jerome Rawson, Arlene Trapeni, and Christie May Hidy.

Memorial services will be at Calvary Baptist Church, Friday, April 19, at 2 p.m. Reverend Malcolm Fowler will officiate. A time of visitation with family will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the service and committal at Oakland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Baptist Church, c/o Memorial Committee, 156 Main Street, Springfield, VT 05156.

*From the family of
Raymond M. "Pitou" Archambault*

Now that my brother Pitou is at peace with God, I am would like to take time and thank all of the people who were so good to us. Thank you to the Elks and Emblem Club for all the food that was made for Pitou's services. Thank you Kerry and Diane for making sure that everything was organized, ready to go, and taken care of. Thank you to all of the people who sent sympathy cards, mass cards, and donations in memory of Pitou. A special thank you to my granddaughter Jackie for all that she did for Pitou at our home and in the hospital. Pitou touched many lives and the thoughtfulness given by everyone was greatly appreciated. Thank you everyone for being so supportive in this difficult time.

God bless you all.
Marie Perrault and Family
Bellows Falls, Vt.

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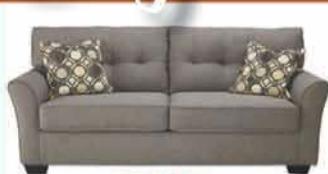
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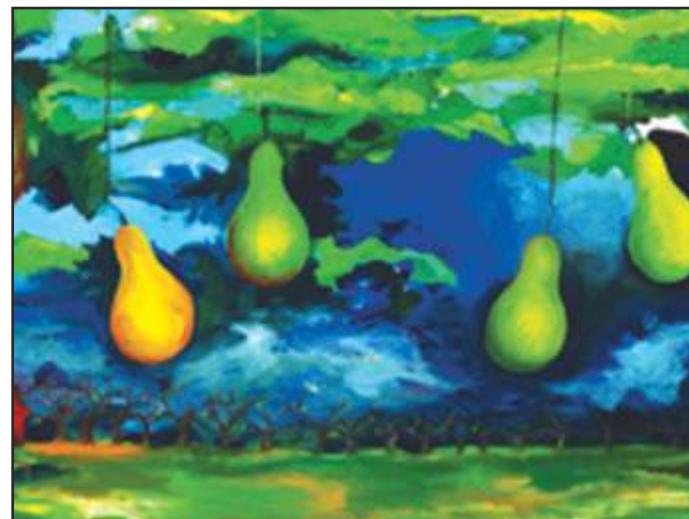
arts & entertainment

Work of Fiona Morehouse on display

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. — The artwork of Fiona Morehouse will be on display at Main Street Arts through May 10 in a show entitled "Home At Heart." An opening reception will be held Thursday, April 18, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

An artist and educator dividing her time between Putney and Vinalhaven, Maine, Morehouse has exhibited widely in the Northeast and on the West Coast. She describes her work as "a conversation between the heart, mind and the soul" as she seeks for her art to expand points of connection through grounded presence, exploring a sense of home place within the tension of human experience.

She paints predominantly with a palette knife and sometimes with her fingers, using vibrant color and rhythmic movement in a style of expressive realism. "I like to invite connection and clarity to the chaos of the human experience in my work," she said. "I imagine in vibrant colors, can-



One of the pieces by Fiona Morehouse that will be on display at Main Street Arts.

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did lines, and fertile textures and see myself recreating those landscapes on canvas and with clay."

Morehouse's work can be found in private collections around the world. She has studied art in Italy, made art in India, and taught art in New Zealand

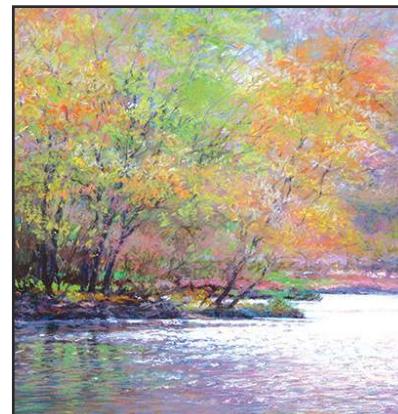
and Central America. She also facilitates Root to Rise yoga and art workshops and retreats and has been artist-in-residence at the Grammar School in Putney. She earned a BFA in fine art and music from McDaniel College and also studied ceramic art at Hood College and painting at the Art Students League.

Further information about the art show is available at www.mainstreetarts.org, on Facebook, and by calling 802-869-2960.

Impressionist spring landscapes in pastel

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Experience the fun and beauty of creating a springtime landscape inspired by earlier impressionist New England painters with popular artist and instructor Robert Carsten at Gallery at the VAULT Saturday, May 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Robert will discuss and demonstrate composition, pastel application, and under painting. There will be a critique and discussion at the end of the class. Bring your own photos or sketches for reference.

All levels welcome. There is a fee for members and nonmembers. A materials list will be provided at registration. If there are more than six students, the workshop will be held at the Art Gym in Springfield. Therefore, registration and payment are required one week prior to



Paint your own impressionistic spring scenes with Robert Carsten.

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the workshop.

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

Feed Your Passion, a little taste of Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Come see what people in Springfield love at the annual "Feed Your Passion: A Little Taste of Springfield." Join us at the Springfield Town Library Wednesday, April 24, 5-7 p.m., when more than 20 local presenters will be spread around the library to talk about what gets them excited. The library will be filled with the smell of Springfield's favorite eating while the Springfield Springer make music.

New presenters this year include Blake Wyman, an online gamer with a considerable YouTube following; Roger Guest with meditation and mindfulness; Christine Porter, yoyo champ; and Walter Wallace with model railroading. Feeling hungry? Springfield area restaurants, including the Springfield Food Co-Op, Village Pizza, and more will share small bites crafted right here in Springfield!

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"Tribal Masks" art show at Whiting Library

CHESTER, Vt. — Whiting Library, located on Main Street in Chester, is delighted to offer a unique art show. "Tribal Masks" by Janalene Gould will be shown until the end of May. You may view these beautiful, mysterious paintings any time the library is open.

These masks are all painted from pictures that Janalene found when studying Native American history and African history. There is much to be learned about masks and no one could really know all there is to know about these magnificent pieces or what they truly represented to their social group.

There is depth to the mask, such feeling, mystery, and beauty. The true meaning and what they represent could really only be experienced by the people who participated in the religious rites that involve the mask. Each mask is individual and means so much more than its appearance. They are unique and exquisite with a power of mystery and spirituality unmatched by anything in our culture today. Every person who looks upon these masks will see them differently. They are



Check out the "Tribal Masks" art show at Whiting Library.

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intriguing, spiritual, and beautiful with a profound wisdom unequaled.

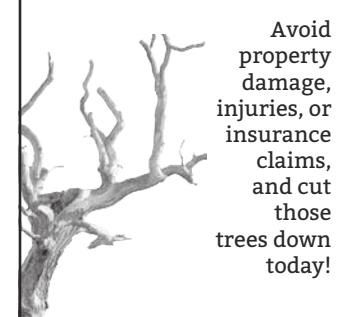
Janalene Gould is a Vermont artist that specializes in mixed media assemblage. "I love finding discarded items and upcycling them to form beautiful pieces of art. I enjoy creating something from nothing and watch how these things transform. I graduated with a degree in Liberal Arts from the Community College of Vermont where I took a few classes in

watercolor painting, acrylic painting, pastels, and drawing. I am also a published poet and love to write about nature and life."

Whiting Library is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information, call 802-875-2277 or email whitinglibrary1@gmail.com.

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Auditions for "The Secret Garden" at MSA

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. — Main Street Arts is holding auditions for its fall production of the musical "The Secret Garden" that will be performed Oct. 25 through Nov. 3 at the Bellows Falls Opera House.

Audition times at MSA in Saxtons River are Friday, May 17, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Saturday, May 18, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 19, from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

Those auditioning should bring a prepared song or part of a song of at least 16 bars. There will also be movement sections of the auditions. Although "The Secret Garden"

is not a dance show, it will likely integrate significant movement for the dreamer ensemble. This ensemble will be much larger than is typical with total cast size between 30 and 40. Those auditioning will also be asked to read from the text.

The roles of the children (ages typically around 10 to 12) may be played by children a little older. More information will be available later on the MSA website at www.mainstreetarts.org. Information about the plot and the roles in the musical based on Frances Hodgson Burnett's Victorian classic can be found at www.stageagent.com/shows/musical/1435/the-secret-gar den.

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The musical with script and lyrics by Pulitzer Prize-winner Marsha Norman and music by Lucy Simon debuted on Broadway in 1991 and ran for 709 performances.

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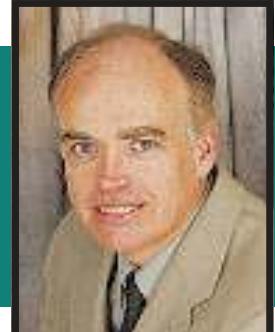
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Remembering Green Mountain's star JV basketball team

As I look back in time over recent years, I can think of four examples of our six reporting schools in the area where a school had to call time out in a certain varsity sport. Black River had one winter when they could not field a varsity boys' basketball team. Green Mountain had the same situation with their girls' basketball program one year, and both Fall Mountain and Springfield faced fall seasons when they were unable to field a varsity football team for a full season schedule. In each case, I wondered if this could be the beginning of the end. In each case, as time went along, the numbers returned and play went on.

Today, I focus on the Green Mountain girls' basketball program back in 2014-15. Coach Terry Farrell and Athletic Director Brendan McNamara were scratching their heads about how to survive a season of low numbers when disaster struck. They had just decided to go full speed ahead with a roster of six Green Mountain high school players – three seniors Kristina Knockenhauer, Holly Landon and Jordan Stewart and three sophomores Hanna Veysey, Cassidy Cummings, and Sarah Rogers – when calamity reared its head. Much depended upon standout Knockenhauer who tore her ACL in a scrimmage in Arlington. The Lady Chieftain varsity program for that season became history.

There were plenty of questions of how competitive the team would have been anyway; but without Knockenhauer, the degree of difficulty became more than sky-high. Instead of de-

pending on an eighth grader or two or three to make it through, now, the question became what do we do now? Farrell and McNamara pulled the plug, created a tidy 16-game junior varsity schedule included seven eighth graders, and went out to salvage what they possibly could.

I remember vividly feeling bad for everyone involved. One senior, Landon, headed to Leland & Gray and played varsity ball there. It was Landon's third school in her high school career. She began at Burr & Burton, transferred to Green Mountain, and now had to travel to Townshend in order to still play. There was one piece of consolation for Landon. She had played for Rebel Coach Terry Merrill who had been at Burr & Burton. The other senior, Stewart, decided not to travel, and her basketball career ended. The three remaining sophomores teamed with seven eighth graders and the 2014-15 edition of Green Mountain Lady Chieftain basketball took the court ready to play.

Flashing back five winters, I still had one more concerned feeling. It was for those eighth graders. Paige Karl, Rachel Guera, Maya Lewis, Annie Lamson, Allie Kenney, Reilly Merrill, and Hannah Flemming were being asked to give up playing regularly at the middle school level. Eighth grade is usually one last year of developing without facing the test of much older athletes competing for valued time. These players would miss their final opportunity to enjoy such an experience.

And then, somehow, the 10 athletes progressed through Farrell's leadership to enjoy a remarkable winter. Playing a combination of junior varsity and freshmen teams, this band of Chieftains enjoyed a 14-2 season and grew individually and together along the way. What was a salvation season of an unfortunate situation became the first solid building block of Green Mountain's step to a Vermont State Division III Final Four appearance, their first since 1982. Once again, this situation became the first step to the best season since 1982. Blow up the program again. It only takes five years to get near the top.

Farrell and his Chieftains caught the perfect storm to allow this year's senior class to grow to the point where they had the tools to become one of the best teams in school history. Two new players who are graduating this year came to Green Mountain after this scenario – Hannah Buffum and Alyssa Ripley – and one went to prep school – Flemming. This is definitely not the formula I would

recommend to build a program; however, in this once in a lifetime moment, it unquestionably became the perfect path.

"I knew things would be alright," Farrell remarks. "Certainly I was disappointed, but it happened and we moved on. The thing I was worried about the most was the commitment. Eighth graders are young even for JVs. I sat them down right away and told them what the commitment was. There would be no missing practices for one reason or another. Not only did they not miss practice, they were committed during the off season, taking part in AAU, summer league, and even open gyms, unless they had conflicts with other sports. One thing I keep remembering is funny because it was the first time I had taken a team to McDonald's and they were excited to order Happy Meals."

Not now though. Farrell points out that many of his players now, not only spurn McDonald's, but also choose choice foods to assure they are developing to the fullest in all areas. Certainly, they did learn a lot along the way, starting with how to win.

Terrier Hall of Fame

Here's hoping the success enjoyed by the recent induction of the inaugural class of the Springfield High School Hall of Fame generates interest for other Hall of Fames throughout the area. Bellows Falls inducted their inaugural class 25 years ago and had several after, but inductions have been dormant for the past 18 years. The Springfield news may have generated a new fire there.

A press release arrived recently, which reads: "The Terrier Hall of Fame is proud to announce that we are seeking nominations for our 2019 class. Nominations are open now, going till May 15, 2019. We are looking to honor the individuals who have 'Demonstrated Outstanding Contributions To The Proud Terrier Tradition.' The nominee must be a graduate from BFUHS or BFHS and been out of school for at least 10 years or a teacher/staff member/coach at BFUHS or BFHS for at least 10 years, or a member of the community and has given to the proud Terrier Tradition for a minimum of 10 years."

To submit your nomination or more information, please visit www.sites.google.com/wnesu.com/terrierhalloffame/home or email terrierhalloffame@gmail.com.

The inductees and date and location for the induction ceremony will be announced in July.



Basketball championship
LUDLOW, Vt. – Congratulations to Ludlow Team Black who won the 5/6 Boys Valley League Basketball Championship. The Valley League consists of teams from the towns of Cavendish, Chester, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Springfield, Weathersfield, and Westminster. Due to the large amount of participants from Ludlow and Mount Holly, Ludlow was able to have two strong 5/6 boys' teams play in the league this season.

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Springfield season opens with a bang



SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Andy Bladyka's Cosmos softball team opened the spring season with a loud bang. They rallied for a come-from-behind win over always tough Mount Anthony 4-3 in the opener at Robinson Field. Here is the battery of Hannah Crosby (on the left) and Mykahla Jasinski. Crosby delivered the game-winning two run dance off single in the bottom of the seventh to clinch the victory. Crosby controlled the game throughout on the mound spacing five hits and striking out 10.

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"Spring into Health" 5K welcomes Boston Marathon champ



TOWNSHEND, Vt. – The 10th annual Grace Cottage "Spring into Health" 5K will take place Saturday, May 11, Mother's Day Weekend, starting at 8:30 a.m. on the Townshend Common.

Leading the pack this year is the 1968 Boston Marathon Champion Amby Burfoot. More than 50 years later, Burfoot continues to run marathons. He was longtime editor of Runner's World magazine and has authored several books on running. He will be happy to speak with attendees at the event and will have autographed books available for sale. Burfoot is also delivering a free lecture and Q&A at the Brooks Memorial Library in Brattleboro May 10 at 5:30 p.m.

This event, sponsored by People's United Bank, raises funds for the nonprofit hospital. For more information, visit www.gracecottage.org/events or call 802-365-9109.

Springfield 48, Otter Valley 45

BRANDON, Vt. – The Cosmos Unified Basketball team brought in their fifth win in their recent contest against the Otter Valley Otters with a 48-45 victory. For the Cosmos, it was another night of sharing the points to bring in the win. Three-year veteran Alex Sanborn was on fire on the court where he managed to sink 10 points in the first quarter, four in the second, and the winning three-point shot in the fourth with seconds to spare.

Number 31 was able to bring down 10 rebounds. Teammates Glidden, Maly, and Machado trailed behind with baskets.

For Maly, it was another



Springfield Cosmos and Otter Valley Otters.

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night of doing what she does best with the dribble and drive move to the basket, totaling in eight points for the Cosmos. Glidden and Machado tossed

in six points each. Glidden managed to bring down seven rebounds. Brandon Edwards chipped in five points with a three-pointer in the second

half, and two rebounds. Gordon and Supry added in two points each.

With under a minute left, the Cosmos were in possession after the Otters tied it at 45-45. Sanborn swishes for the three-point winning bucket, and brought his team to victory ending in the 48-45 win over the Otters.

The Cosmos would like to thank Otter Valley for their on- and off-the-court kindness. We wish luck in the remaining games of the season.

Spring sports schedule, April 18-27

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.

Softball –

- 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.

Tennis –

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 –

Baseball –

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

MONDAY, APRIL 22 –

Baseball –

- Boys Varsity Black River @ Leland & Gray 4:30 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Mascoma Valley @ Fall Mountain 4 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Springfield @ Green Mountain 4:30 p.m.
- Softball –
- Girls Varsity Rutland @ Springfield 4:30 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Bellows Falls @

Tuesday, April 23 –

Baseball –

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

- Boys Varsity Green Mountain @ Woodstock 4:30 p.m.
- Softball –
- Boys Varsity Rutland @ Springfield 4:30 p.m.

Tennis –

- Girls Varsity Bellows Falls @

Wednesday, April 24 –

Baseball –

- Boys Varsity Fall Mountain @ Stevens 7 p.m.

Softball –

- Girls Varsity Black River @ Green Mountain 4:30 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Fall Mountain @ Stevens 7 p.m.
- Girls Varsity West Rutland @ Leland & Gray 4:30 p.m.

Tennis –

- Girls Varsity Bellows Falls @

Thursday, April 25 –

Baseball –

- Boys Varsity Bellows Falls @ Hartford 7 p.m.

Track –

- Boys/Girls Varsity @ Bellows Falls 4 p.m.

Friday, April 26 –

Tennis –

- Girls Varsity Mount St. Joseph @ Bellows Falls 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 27 –

Baseball –

- Boys Varsity Bellows Falls @ Mill River 11 a.m.

Softball –

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

Track –

- Boys/Girls Varsity @ Windham 10 a.m.



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flects us all when it comes to recycling food waste. Basically, that recycling involves composting. The rules are mandatory, but what exactly does that mean? And how can we as Vermont residents best comply with the new rules?

Cat Buxton of Grow More, Waste Less - Food Systems Consulting will lead the workshop. Buxton works to connect communities and empower individuals to effect positive food system change. She is also a consultant in compost systems design, instruction, and support, dealing with food scraps, organic matter, and yard waste. She will tell us about establishing and improving our recy-

cling systems for organic waste. Her presentation will be about 45 minutes long with time afterward for questions.

As a bonus, at the workshop you may purchase Soil Saver composters for residential use. Please bring cash or a check because there will be no way to process credit cards.

Audience questions will be welcomed and encouraged during the presentation. Residents of Cavendish and any other town are invited to attend. Composting is great for the garden, it's great for the yard, and it's now the law. To sign up for the workshop, please call 802-674-9235 or email mbrien@swcrcpc.org. If you'd like



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Nicole Crouch Diaz.
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and keep the money in their own community," said Salatin. "We think there is strength in decentralization and spreading out rather than in being concentrated and centralized."

Salatin's philosophy of farming emphasizes healthy grass on which animals can thrive in a symbiotic cycle of feeding. Cows are moved from one pasture to another rather than being centrally corn-fed. Then chickens in portable coops are moved in behind them, where they dig through the cow dung to eat protein-rich fly larvae while further fertilizing the field with their droppings.

Nicole Crouch Diaz is a passionate Earth-loving farmer

and gardener. She has studied and practiced many "new" techniques in her garden in Westminster West, where she lives and co-gardens with her mother.

This program is presented by the Living Earth Action Group. Bring snacks if you can. All are welcome. For more information and to receive the weekly Living Earth News by email, contact Caitlin Adair at pca-dair@sover.net or call 802-387-5779.



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outdoor news

Vermont's spring turkey hunting starts soon

MONTPELIER, Vt. — It's almost time for spring turkey hunting in Vermont. Youth spring turkey hunting weekend is April 27 and 28 this year, and the regular spring turkey season is May 1-31.

Vermont hunters took 5,878 turkeys during last year's spring youth weekend and May seasons. The April 27 and 28 youth turkey hunting weekend provides an excellent opportunity for experienced hunters to teach young hunters how to safely and successfully hunt wild turkeys.

"Beyond the simple joy of sharing an outdoor adventure of this sort with a young friend,

experienced hunters can take satisfaction in knowing they've introduced these youths to some of the most exciting and rewarding hunting the state has to offer," said Chris Bernier, Vermont's wild turkey biologist. "Coupled with the thrill of 'talking' to a gobbler, the typically high success rates turkey hunters achieve and the often pleasant spring weather they experience, the youth turkey hunt is one of the best ways to introduce youths to the benefits of a lifelong pursuit of hunting."

Landowner permission is required to hunt on private land during youth turkey hunting weekend. To participate,

a youth must be age 15 or under and must have completed a hunter education course and possess a hunting license, a turkey hunting license and a free youth turkey hunting tag. All of these are available on Fish & Wildlife's website, www.vtfishandwildlife.com, or from any license agent.

The youth must be accompanied by an unarmed licensed adult over 18 years of age. Shooting hours for the youth weekend are one half hour before sunrise to 5 p.m. The youth may take one bearded turkey during youth weekend and two bearded turkeys in the regular May hunting season. Last year,

young hunters took 525 turkeys during the two-day youth hunt with a success rate of 27%.

The regular spring turkey hunting season is May 1-31. Shooting hours are one half hour before sunrise to noon, and two bearded turkeys may be taken.

A shotgun or archery equipment may be used in the youth or regular spring turkey hunting seasons. Shot size must be no larger than #2 and no smaller than #8.

Spring turkey hunters experienced a 23% success rate overall last year, and of those successful hunters, 40% harvested a second bird.



Vermont Fish & Wildlife re-established our native wild turkeys when it released 31 wild birds from New York in 1969 and 1970. Today, Vermont has an estimated wild turkey population of more than 45,000.

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Be on the lookout for frogs, salamanders crossing roads

REGION — One of the great wildlife migrations is happening right now in Vermont, and it's taking place right at our feet.

You may have already heard the spring peepers or wood frogs calling in your backyard. Amphibians are on the move, but their spring breeding migration can too often become deadly.

Amphibians migrate by the thousands each spring in search of breeding pools. This migration frequently takes them across roads and highways where they are killed by

cars, which contributes to the species' decline in Vermont, according to biologist Jens Hilke with the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department.

"Frogs and salamanders become active on rainy spring nights," said Hilke. "On these nights, drivers should slow down on roads near ponds and wetlands, or try to use an alternate route. These amphibian 'hotspots' can lead to the death of thousands of animals on a single night."

Hilke is asking drivers to report these hotspots, or areas with large numbers of frogs

and salamanders that cross the road all at once. They can either report them through the Vermont Reptile & Amphibian Atlas website at www.VtHerpAtlas.org or by emailing Jim Andrews at jandrews@vtherpatlas.org.

"We work hard to identify these hotspots and to mitigate the problem whenever possible to help give these animals a better chance of survival," said Hilke.

The Fish & Wildlife Department is working with the Vermont Agency of Transportation and other conservation

partners to include culverts and wildlife barriers in road construction plans that allow wildlife, from frogs to moose, to more safely cross the road. Conservation officials and volunteers also work together on rainy spring nights to slow traffic and manually move amphibians across the road.

Vermonters who want to contribute to the Fish & Wildlife Department's work to help frogs and amphibians can donate to the Nongame Wildlife Fund on their state income tax form or directly at www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

Green Mountain Conservation Camp Workcation weekends

WOODBURY/CASLETON, Vt. — The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is looking for volunteers to join them for fun-filled weekends to get the camps ready for the 2019 season. This year, the GMCC Kehoe "workcation" weekend will be May 11-12 and the GMCC Buck Lake workcation weekend will be May 18-19.

"We look forward to workcation weekend all winter long," said Ali Thomas, education coordinator. "With the help of local volunteers, we spruce up both camps in preparation for the summer and enjoy being

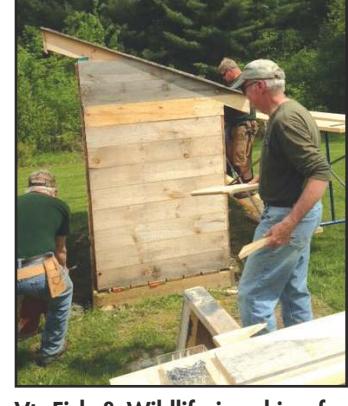
outdoors knowing it's for a good cause — environmental education for kids."

Volunteers can participate for as long as they are able to; one hour, one day, or both days. They are welcome to stay overnight in onsite cabins or they can bring their own tents. Lunch and dinner will be provided.

The Buck Lake camp is located in Woodbury and the Kehoe camp is on Lake Bomoseen in Castleton. This is an excellent community service opportunity for Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups, as well as high school and college clubs. The conservation camps are looking for help with general repairs, construction, landscaping, painting, plumbing, cooking, firewood, electrical work, and gardening. Participants are encouraged to bring their own tools, but the camps will have some available.

For more information and to register as a volunteer for one of these weekends, please email Alison.Thomas@vermont.gov or call 802-371-9975.

Vermont's conservation camp program is unique because it is sponsored and directed by the Fish & Wildlife Department professionals who conserve



Vt. Fish & Wildlife is asking for volunteers to help at its conservation camp work weekends.

PHOTO BY ALISON THOMAS

Vermont's fish and wildlife species. Working biologists, foresters, wardens, and conservation educators teach young people about their role with Vermont's forests, wetlands, wildlife, and fish through interactive activities.

The Green Mountain Conservation Camp program's greatest strength is connecting young people to the outdoors. The camp program is sponsored in part through a grant from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Wildlife & Sport Fish Restoration Program.

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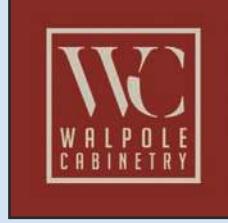
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WALPOLE, N.H. – “Plastics: What Can We Do Now?” discussion Saturday, April 27, from 3 – 4:30 p.m. at Walpole Town Hall. The event is offered by Planet A, the Environmental Committee of Fall Mountain Alliance. The event will include a video from Keefe Harrison, CEO of Recycling Partnership of Walpole. Other speakers will address ways to decrease/eliminate use of plastics.

Packaging alternatives will be displayed along with student posters on the topic. For more information, contact fritzel@gmail.com.

ALSTEAD, N.H. – Charles Andros, former apriary inspector, will hold a beekeeping workshop on Saturday, April 27, from 1 – 4 p.m., at 18 MacLean Rd., Alstead, N.H. Topics of discussion will be early spring management: locating apiaries, equipment, handling bees, feeding syrup and supplements, making nuclei, reversing, and re-queening. Registration required. Email lindenap@gmail.com or call 603-756-9056.

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The resident and non-resident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of property in the Town of Andover, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such Town for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 tax years remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described property in such Town, to wit: It being all and the same lands and premises as conveyed to Joseph F. Lamson and Ginger S. Lamson by Warranty Deed of Industrial Grange No. 127, dated March ___, 1988 and recorded in Book 26 at Page 283 of the Andover Land Records. (Parcel #009000027.000; E911 address: 956 Weston-Andover Road.)

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Bruce P. Meyer and Sylvia A. Meyer, Co-Trustees of the Bruce P. and Sylvia A. Meyer Revocable Trust dated June 26, 2012 by Warranty Deed of Bruce P. Meyer and Sylvia A. Meyer, dated June 26, 2012 and recorded on August 29, 2013 in Book 59 at Pages 418-421 of the Andover Land Records; and those lands and premises conveyed to Bruce P. Meyer and Sylvia A. Meyer by Warranty Deed of Gordon O. and Patricia R. Gates to Bruce P. Meyer and Sylvia A. Meyer, dated November 1, 1972 and recorded in Book 20 at Page 271 the Andover Land Records. Reference is made to the “Ladybird” Warranty Deed of Bruce P. Meyer and Sylvia A. Meyer to Karen K. Turner, dated August 7, 2013 and recorded on August 29, 2013 in Book 59 at Pages 422-423 of the Andover Land Records. (Parcel #011000041.200; E911 address: 401 Gates Road.)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Andover Office, a public place located at 953 Weston-Andover Road, in Andover, Vermont, on the 21st day of May, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Andover, Vermont this 11th day of April, 2019

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MONDAYS -

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

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

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 of 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.

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Advanced Tai Chi class at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Proctorsville on Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. Join Djemila to take your Tai Chi to the next level.

To learn more about the classes, please contact Djemila at 802-490-0225 or email djem.translator@gmail.com.

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

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

THURSDAYS -

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – From 7 to 8 p.m., join a Tai Chi beginners' class at DG Bodyworks, 7

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And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Andover Office, a public place located at 953 Weston-Andover Road, in Andover, Vermont, on the 21st day of May, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Andover Office, a public place located at 953 Weston-Andover Road, in Andover, Vermont, on the 21st day of May, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

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Depot St. in Proctorsville. This is a soft, grounding practice to improve alignment, balance, and prevent or relieve postural pains, reduce stress, and strengthen legs and core muscles. Available to all levels. There is a monthly tuition cost. To learn more about the classes, please contact Djemila at 802-490-0225 or email djem.translator@gmail.com.

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

CHESTER, Vt. – Strength-building chair yoga class with Liz Eaton, 9:30-10:35 a.m., Fullerton Inn, Main Street, Chester.

This is a strength building yoga class in the hatha tradition for anyone looking to build bone density, physical strength, flexibility, and endurance. Come as you are and do what you can. Use a chair, yoga mat, or both! Drop in anytime or purchase a few classes at once. No experience necessary. For details, contact 802-875-2868, eaton.liza@gmail.com or www.buddhafulyoga.com.

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

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.

WEEKLY –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Youth and adult swim lessons are available at Edgar May Heath and Recreation throughout the year. Check their website for days, times, and details at www.myrecenter.org or for an appointment call 802-885-2568.

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Join Denise at DG Bodyworks in Proctorsville for Boot Camp classes on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Let Denise work you towards your health and fitness goals with an amazing workout that will leave you coming back for more.

REGION – Bone Builders to combat osteoporosis is free and open to seniors 55-plus. Call 802-674-4547. Mondays and Wednesdays classes are held at Martin Memorial Hall in Ascutney from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday classes are held at Cavendish Baptist Church from 10-11:30 a.m. or at Andover Community Church from 3-4 p.m.

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

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Enjoy weekly yoga classes at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Proctorsville on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 8 a.m. All-level classes designed to improve core strength and balance, stretch and strengthen muscles, and

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promote a sense of well-being.

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

CLUBS

APRIL 28 –

JAMAICA, Vt. – Hike to Hamilton Falls with the Green Mountain Club Manchester Section on Sunday, April 28. Meet at Jamaica State Park at 1 p.m. Hike to Hamilton Falls, which should be running really well at this time of year. Total round trip distance of seven miles and about 1,300 foot elevation gain over the last ¾ mile, otherwise this is an essentially flat hike. Bring extra clothes, rain gear if any chance of rain, fluids, snacks, and a headlamp just in case. This is an easy hike along the West River and a moderately easy hike when you include the ¾ mile up hill to Hamilton Falls. RSVP required to Joe Ninesling at 802-289-2801 or rurraft@aol.com.

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

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

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

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

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community center room under the library and sets up a still life. The sessions are open to all and free of charge. All that is needed is pen and paper.

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

COMMUNITY MEALS

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.

APRIL 27 –
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Troop 31 Semi-Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 27, from 4:30 – 7 p.m. at VFW 365, Lower Lovers Lane in Charlestown. All you can eat spaghetti with homemade meat sauce (vegetarian sauce is available), an extravagant salad bar, homemade rolls with butter, and a vast

array of desserts. Take out available upon request. There is a fee. Proceeds help send our troop to summer camp.

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

EVENTS

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.

APRIL 19 –

TINMOUTH, Vt. – Timmouth Contra Dance on Friday, April 19, from 8 - 11 p.m. at the Timmouth Community Center, 573 Route 140 in Timmouth. 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.tinmouthcontradance.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 St. in Manchester Center, Vt. For more information, call 802-362-2200 or 1-800-437-3700, or visit www.northshire.com.

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 fifth 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.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join us for the second annual Easter Fest Saturday, April 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Riverside Park in Springfield. Free food, games, and music start at 11 a.m. and at noon six egg hunts for different age groups will be held one after the other. Raffle tickets are free to try for one of the many raffle prizes. Winners must be present to claim their prizes at 1 p.m. Sponsored by nine churches and several area businesses.

APRIL 26 –

MANCHESTER, Vt. – On Friday, April 26 at 6 p.m., Vermont author Charles Fergus will present the first novel in his new historical mystery series, "A Stranger Here Below." In 1835 Gideon, a Pennsylvania Dutch sheriff, finds the body of his friend, a local judge who has committed suicide. As Gideon investigates the judge's past, he embarks on a dangerous quest into the town's past. Northshire Bookstore is located at 4869 Main St. in Manchester Center, Vt. For more information, call 802-362-2200 or 1-800-437-3700, or visit www.northshire.com.

APRIL 26 AND 27 –
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Join us for a gigantic Indoor Yard Sale at the Charlestown Senior Center on Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a fundraiser for the Senior Center and all offers of a donation will be accepted on most items. Books, puzzles, dishes, glassware, household items, and many other treasures for sale. We also have a free cup of coffee for you.

APRIL 27 –
CHESTER, Vt. – Independent Bookstore Day of Celebration on Saturday, April 27 all day at Phoenix Books Misty Valley on the Common in Chester. Join us for merriment and giveaways! Independent Bookstore Day is a celebration of

books, readers, and indie bookselling that started in California in 2014 and was first celebrated nationally in 2015. For details, call 802-875-3400 or visit www.phoenixbooks.biz.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Yard and food sale on Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church United Church of Christ, 77 Main St. in Springfield.

MANCHESTER, Vt. – Join us Saturday, April 27 at 6 p.m. as James Lasdun reads and discusses his book "Afternoon of a Faun." When an old flame accuses him of sexual assault, journalist Marco Rosedale is brought rapidly and inexorably to the brink of ruin. His reputation and livelihood

at stake, Marco confides in a close friend, who finds himself caught between the obligations of friendship and an urgent desire to uncover the truth. Northshire Bookstore is located at 4869 Main St. in Manchester Center, Vt. For more information, call 802-362-2200 or 1-800-437-3700, or visit www.northshire.com.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Humane Society will be hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, April 27, from 2 - 3:30 p.m. at 401 Skitchewaug Trail in Springfield. Jeannie Lindheim, a professional animal communicator, will give a presentation. Animal communication is focusing energy with the intention of communicating to an animal. The connection

is telepathic. If you have questions, please contact at 802-885-3997.

NORWICH, Vt. – The Fiddlehead Fling, Montshire's annual benefit auction is happening on Friday, May 3, from 6 – 9:30 p.m. at the Montshire Museum of Science in Norwich. Every year, this special event offers a variety of items and experiences for guests to bid on through both a silent auction and a live auction. Reservations include two drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts. All proceeds of the Montshire Benefit Auction support the museum's science education programs.

Reservations required and space is limited. Contact the museum to secure your space and for details.

calendar

IRS PUBLIC AUCTION

May 10, 2019 12:00 PM

Corner of Route 11 & Landgrove Road
Londonderry VT 05148

3.2 Acres located on Landgrove Road,
Londonderry VT 05148 Parcel ID 112024

The right title and interest of Ronald Underwood in the 3.2 acres on Landgrove Road, South Londonderry, Vermont as conveyed to Ronald and Emily Underwood, husband and wife, as tenants by entirety see Executor's Deed Town of Londonderry VT Bk 68 Page 655 on 02-13-13

Department of the Treasury/Internal Revenue Service, Notice of Public Auction Sale, under the authority in Internal Revenue Code section 6331, the property described above has been seized for nonpayment of Internal Revenue taxes due from Ronald Underwood. The property will be sold at public auction as provided by Internal Revenue Code section 6335 and related regulations. Title offered: Only the right, title, and interest of Ronald Underwood in and to the property will be offered for sale. If requested, the Internal Revenue Service will furnish information about possible encumbrances, which may be useful in determining the value of the interest being sold. Property may be inspected at Corner of Route 11 & Landgrove Road Londonderry VT 05148 . "DRIVE-BY-ONLY". Payment Terms: Deferred payment as follows: 20 % upon acceptance of High bid and final payment due by May 24, 2019. Form of payment: All payments must be by cash, certified, cashier's, or treasurer's check drawn on any bank or trust company incorporated under the laws of the United States or under the laws of any State, Territory, or possession of the United States, or by a United States postal, bank, or express money order. Make check or money order payable to the United States Treasury. For info call Tim Smith PALS 401-369-2172 or www.irsauctions.gov

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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EVENTS

MONDAYS –
WESTON, Vt. – Weston Rod & Gun Club will host Monday Night Bingo, starting at 7 p.m., at their location Route 100 North, one mile north of the town center. For more information, call 802-824-6577.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –
Play pickleball at the Springfield Parks & Recreation Center, 139 Main Street, on Mondays from 8 – 10 a.m.

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –
Play pickleball at the Springfield Parks & Recreation Center, 139 Main Street, on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

THURSDAYS –
PUTNEY, Vt. – Dinner and a movie on the last

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –
Gassetts Grange is holding Bingo every Thursday from 6:30- 8:30 p.m. at the North Springfield Baptist Church on Main St in Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –
Play pickleball at the Springfield Parks & Recreation Center, 139 Main Street, on Thursdays from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAYS –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join us for karaoke at the Bellows Falls Family Center, 59 Westminster St. on Saturdays, from 7 to 11 p.m.

KIDS' CORNER

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 PTSAs, 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 St. in Manchester Center, Vt. For more information, call 802-362-2200 or 1-800-437-3700, or visit www.northshire.com.

APRIL 27 –
CHESTER, Vt. – Kick off Children's Book Week with Gramma Ray who will read "A Piglet Named Mercy" by Kate DiCamillo on Saturday, April 27, from 11 a.m. to noon at Phoenix Books at Misty Valley. In a delightful origin story for the star of the Mercy Watson series, a tiny piglet brings love (and chaos) to Deckawoo Drive – and the Watsons' lives will never be the same. After we read the story together, we'll have a fun activity!

MONDAYS –
CHESTER, Vt. – Children of all ages are invited to

join the LEGO Club at the Whiting Library in Chester. We will provide the LEGO and DUPLOs, and you supply the imagination. The program is on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. For further information, call 802-875-2277, visit www.whitinglibrary.org, or check our Facebook.

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

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

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

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. –
Crafts, stories, and play time for toddlers and preschoolers. Enjoy stories, songs, crafts, and activities. Rockingham Free Public Library 10:30-11:30 a.m. Contact 802-463-4270.

WESTON, Vt. –
Come and enjoy a story hour with friends at the Wilder Memorial Library,

Lawrence Hill Road in Weston, from 11 a.m. to noon. Call ahead to check at 802-824-4307.

WINDSOR, Vt. –
Preschool and toddler story time every Wednesday, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Windsor Public Library, 43 State St. Each week features a theme, music, stories, and a craft. For more information, go to www.windsorlibrary.org or call 802-674-2556.

WEDNESDAYS –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Story time for ages 5 and under on Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow. Children and their caregivers are invited to join us each week for early literacy activities, STEM explorations, music, and more! Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email skrawczykvt@gmail.com for details.

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

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

WINDSOR, Vt. –
Play group is from 9:30-11 a.m. Come and enjoy an open gym, ball games, and sometimes even a bounce house! Call Windsor Recreation Center at 802-674-6783.

FRIDAYS –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Creative movement activities and play group are held in the gym of the Community Center, Fridays, from 9-11 a.m. All parents with young children are welcome. Contact Parks and Rec. Dept. at 802-885-2727.

CHESTER, Vt. –
Story time at Whiting Library from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Come and listen to a story every Friday with your children. Call 802-875-2277.

GRAFTON, Vt. –
Preschool nature programs at The Nature Museum in Grafton on Fridays through May from 10-11:30 a.m. Mighty

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The Northshire Bookstore is offering a weekly Kid's Storytime on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Contact Northshire bookstore for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

WESTON, Vt. –
Select Board meetings are on the second and forth 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.

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.

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MEETINGS

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

GRAFTON, Vt. –
Select Board meetings are the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. 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.

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MUSIC & THEATER

APRIL 20 -
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – “Heron Fire” with Peggy Rishel will perform at the UU Coffee House Music Series on Saturday, April 20, at 7 p.m. at the UU Church in Springfield. Rishel says, “You’ll hear folk, rock, country, comedy, blues, jazz and even a smattering of original material. Many of the songs are favorites of ours...but all are our own arrangements; rich with tight vocal harmonies and a unique sound and style of guitar work.” Free admission. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., music starts at 7 p.m. This is a family-friendly evening of music and fun. You will be able to purchase delicious snacks and beverages. All welcome!

APRIL 28 -
BELLows FALLS, Vt. – Old-time brother duo “The Sky Blue Boys” will perform on Sunday, April 28 at Stage 33 Live in Bellows Falls. Doors open at 3 p.m., show at 4 p.m. The Sky Blue Boys are Banjo Dan and Willy Lindner, founders of the legendary bluegrass combo Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plowboys. Only 40 seats are available. Advance tickets double as reservations and are available online only until the day before the show at www.stage33live.com. Stage 33 Live is located at 33 Bridge St. in Bellows Falls.

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

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 WMorahan@gracecottage.org.

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

BELLows FALLS, Vt. – Overeaters Anonymous Meeting, from 7-8 p.m., 44 School St., Bellows Falls. Please

call 802-376-3507.

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

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

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

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 -
CHESTER, Vt. – Co-Dependents Anonymous meets on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Whiting Library in Chester. Find out more about CoDA at www.codaa.org. For more information regarding this meeting, contact Sarah E. at sarahcodaa@gmail.com.

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

KEENE, N.H. – All Recovery is held at the Keene Center Serenity, 40 Carpenter St. in Keene every Wednesday, from 6:30-8 p.m. It is open to all people in recovery and to the families and loved ones of people who are suffering. It is free and confidential. People with questions can call the center at 603-283-5015.

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

Contact TwinStateDSG@gmail.com or 641-715-3900 ext. 650055#.

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – TOPS at Huber Building, 80 Main Street. Weigh-in starts at 8 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9 a.m.

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

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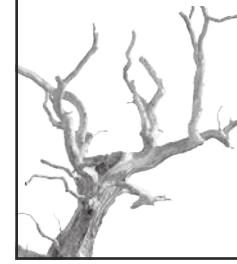
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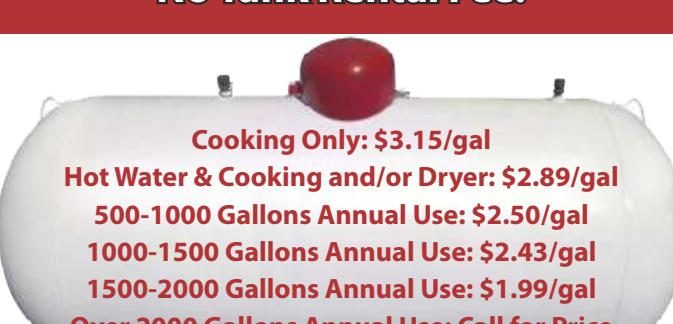
Actually, I would be just fine living as an only-cat in my new home. As much as I like it here, I'll be so very happy when I do meet my new family and they take me home. I hope this time that it's forever! If you've been looking for a new sweet-as-can-be feline companion, stop in and meet me today!

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community news

Give blood with Red Cross during National Volunteer Month

REGION — The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to give blood or platelets during National Volunteer Month this April. Eligible donors of all blood types – especially type O – are needed to help ensure blood products are available for patients this spring.

Nearly half of the public knows someone who has been helped by a blood transfusion. For many volunteer blood donors, like Gail Wright, that personal connection serves as inspiration to give.

Wright's brother was involved in a serious motorcycle accident in 1982 and needed several blood transfusions during his four-month recovery. She lived over 120 miles away at the time. Unable to be near him, she decided she could help by donating blood. Wright has contin-



Donate blood with the Red Cross.

STOCK PHOTO

ued to donate and recently completed her 11th gallon of donated blood – 88 life-saving blood donations.

Volunteer donors are the only source of blood products for those in need of transfusions, and the Red Cross salutes the volunteer blood and platelet donors who help fulfill

its lifesaving mission. While donors of all blood types are needed, the Red Cross currently has a severe shortage of type O blood donations and urges type O donors to give now.

Make an appointment to help save lives now by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting www.RedCrossBlood.org, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

- April 20, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Diamond Run Mall, 46 Diamond Row Place, Rutland
- April 24, from 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., Castleton University, 49 Alumni Dr., Castleton
- April 27, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Anytime Fitness, 120 Depot St., Bennington
- April 29, from 1-6 p.m., West Rutland School, 713 Main St., West Rutland
- April 30, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Leland & Gray Union Middle High School, 2042 VT Route 30, Townshend

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A well cared for home located on a side street in Springfield includes a large, fenced in back yard, front and back porch, detached garage. A comfortable interior includes plenty of space with living room, den, formal dining, functional kitchen, bedroom, bath on the first floor and three large bedrooms on the second floor. Well worth a look. \$135,000



2007 Manufactured home with addition offers lots of natural light. A mudroom/laundry/entry, a sitting room, over sized kitchen with prep-sink next to the stove and extensive kitchen cabinets, spacious open concept dining/living area, den and an office. Three bedrooms, 2 full baths (Master bedroom includes garden tub and shower). Barn for storage or animals with just under 5 acres of land in South Londonderry. Needing some TLC, but the end result is well worth it. \$139,900



Looking for an affordable start? This 3 bedroom bungalow is quaint in size with living room, kitchen/dining combo, full bath, bedroom on the first floor with two closets and upstairs with 2 more bedrooms. Vinyl siding and replacement windows. Nestled amongst boulders and ledges, this home sets above the street looking out over the town. \$54,900

Grow with Google coming to VT—

REGION

Google announced that it is coming to cities in Vermont as part of the tech company's Grow with Google initiative to help create economic opportunity in communities across the United States. Google will kick start this work locally by hosting free, one-day events in two libraries to help job seekers, small business owners, students, educators, and entrepreneurs improve their digital skills.

Vermont tour dates, cities and locations include:

- April 23, from 10:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Fletcher Free Library, 235 College St., Burlington
- April 25, from 10:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Rutland Free Library, 10

Court St., Rutland

"Vermont is a center for innovation, entrepreneurship and manufacturing. By bringing the 'Grow with Google' tour to the state, we are making a commitment to help develop a skilled workforce that can meet the needs of Vermont's growing economy," said Erica Swanson, Google's head of Community Engagement.

In recognition that libraries are increasingly centers for digital skills learning, Grow with Google plans visit libraries in every state, partnering with them to deliver digital skills trainings directly to jobseekers and small businesses in their community. We will also train library staff and nonprofit leaders on a range of Grow with Google's free tools

and curriculum they can use on a daily basis.

Google staff will lead hands-on workshops about online marketing for small businesses, search engine optimization, email basics, and coding. Attendees can also sign up for one-on-one training with Google staff and tour demo booths to learn more about Google's free products for learners and small businesses. Attendees are welcome to drop in for a few sessions or stay all day.

Grow with Google aims to help address the skills gap by preparing Americans for middle-skill jobs, positions that require some skills but not four-year degrees. According to the National Middle Skills Initiative, middle skills jobs account to 49%

of Vermont's labor force. A recent study by Burning Glass and Capital One found that more than 8 in 10 middle-skill jobs, or 82%, require digital skills.

In their 2017 Economic Impact Report, Google announced that 10,000 businesses in Vermont generated \$1.89 billion in economic activity by using Google's search and advertising tools. The full report details Google's economic impact state-by-state, and features the stories of businesses fueling that growth, creating job opportunities, and transforming their communities.

To learn more about the free event and to register, visit www.g.co/GrowVermont. Space will be limited so please register in advance.

Leadership Upper Valley seeks applicants for Class of 2020

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Vt.

— Vital Communities invites residents and employees in the Upper Valley to apply for the Leadership Upper Valley Class of 2020. The 10-month program brings people together to learn more about the region, build personal and professional connections, and get more involved in their communities.

Applications are due by April 30 for the Class of 2020, which starts in September 2019 and runs one day each month through June 2020. More information and the application are available at www.vitalcommunities.org/leadershipuppervalley.

Leadership Upper Valley offers a uniquely comprehensive overview of the Upper

Valley – what it is, how it came to be, and what challenges and opportunities we currently face as a region. Participants gain a stronger sense of the region geographically, topically, and across sectors," says program manager Rob Schultz. "We're eager to recruit the next class of emerging leaders and help them make new connections and find new ways to serve their communities."

Each year about 30 community members spend one day a month learning together about a different aspect of the Upper Valley from subject-area experts coordinated by Vital Communities. The program's 80 hours of professional development include sessions on education, arts and the creative economy, health and human services, economic development, justice,

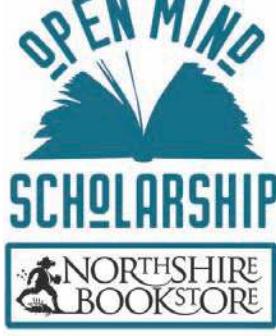
government and politics, transportation and livable communities, and the environment. Participants develop knowledge of regional issues, people, lifestyles, and trends; an expanded network of community partners; and motivation and experience to provide service within the community.

Leadership Upper Valley is open to anyone living or working within Vi-

tal Communities' 69-town service area and is limited to 30 participants each year. Participants come from around the region and from a wide range of organizations, backgrounds, and experiences. Learn more and apply at www.vitalcommunities.org/leadershipuppervalley. Limited scholarships are available; email Rob Schultz at rob@vitalcommunities.org for details.

Northshire Bookstore announces scholarship recipient —

MANCHESTER, Vt. — Northshire Bookstore is pleased to announce the winners of 2019's Open Mind Scholarship award.



The Open Mind Scholarship has been awarded.

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The Open Mind Scholarship honors the diversity of thought, feelings, information, and perspectives found in books, as well as the power of books to change people's lives.

Each year, Northshire Bookstore awards two college-bound high school seniors, one from New York and one from Vermont, \$1,000 to help pay for college. We are thrilled to announce our Vermont winner is Olivia Pitcher, a senior at Burr and Burton Academy in Manchester, Vt., for her essay on "Every Last Word" by Tamara Ireland Stone. The New York winner was Sarah Lamodi for her essay on Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun."

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BF American Legion Post 37 celebrates 100 years —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. — On Saturday, April 20, 2019, from noon to 4 p.m., celebrate 100 years with the Bellows Falls American Legion Post 37. This event is open to the public. We will have 100 years of pictures, video, military clothing, and hardware from all the wars and conflicts dating back to 1919 when World War I ended and Post 37 was chartered.

All of our members — Commanders, Officers, Legionnaires, Sons of American Legion, Auxiliary, Color Guard, the Legion baseball teams, and families from North Walpole and Rockingham — will be included in this historical event. Many local families



The Bellows Falls American Legion celebrates 100 years.

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have donated their personal treasures from their loved ones' service time.

There will be free food

and non-alcoholic beverages available. A cash bar will be available as well. All are welcome.

Written by Post Commander Smokey Aumand

Springfield Humane Society animal communicator fundraiser —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — On Saturday, April 27, from 2-3:30 p.m. Jeannie Lindheim, a professional animal communicator, will give a presentation on animal communication, techniques she uses, plus a wonderful tech-

nique that you can use with your own animals. She has communicated with dogs, cats, horses, ferrets, pigs, hedgehogs, llamas, alpacas, bearded dragon lizards, loons, mice, rats, parrots, and more.

their animal feels. There will be a question and answer session.

If you have questions, please contact Springfield Humane Society at 802-885-3997. SHS is located at 401 Skitchewaug Trail, Springfield, Vt.

April is Alcohol Awareness, Sexual Assault Awareness Month —

REGION — April marks the recognition of Alcohol Awareness Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month, two important causes being championed in the same month. Green Peak Alliance, a regional coalition of partners for healthier communities to reduce substance abuse and WISE of the Upper Valley, an organization working to end gender-based violence through survivor-centered advocacy, prevention, education, and mobilization for social change ask the questions, how do we look out for one another and how can we be good bystanders around alcohol use? If you witness someone in a vulnerable situation, don't be afraid or hesitant to intervene and ensure that person is safe.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month is a campaign to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate communities on how to prevent it. The campaign theme, "I Ask," champions the message that asking for consent is a healthy, normal, and necessary part of everyday interactions. Because drinking can impair one's

ability to communicate effectively, gaining clear, coherent, enthusiastic consent before sexual activity is essential to make sure everyone is safe. For more information, visit www.nsvec.org/saam.

Alcohol Awareness Month provides an opportunity to increase awareness and understanding of alcohol addiction, its causes, effective treatment, and recovery. It is an opportunity to decrease stigma and barriers to treatment and recovery. With this year's theme — "Help for Today, Hope for Tomorrow" — the month of April is aimed at educating people about the treatment and prevention of alcohol addiction, particularly among our youth, and the important role that parents can play in giving kids a better understanding of the impact that alcohol can have on

their lives. For more information, visit addiction.org/resources/alcohol-awareness-month.

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Claremont Savings Bank Foundation accepting applications for grants —

CLAREMONT, N.H. — The Claremont Savings Bank Foundation will continue in its 16th year awarding grants to not-for-profit organizations in our community. Since the foundation began in 2004, over \$1,108,148 has been awarded to 219 organizations, many of which are multi-year recipients. These organizations cover a wide variety of causes

that reflect the diverse passions of the community. Prior grant recipients include: Arrowhead Recreation Area, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Charlestown Senior Center, Claremont Learning Partnership, Connecticut River Special Olympics, Cornish Fire Association, COVER Home Repair, Friends of Veterans, Richards Free Library, Springfield Family

Center, and many others.

The foundation is currently accepting grant applications through May 10, 2019. For eligibility criteria and to apply, visit www.claremontsavings.com/foundation.



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