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Proposed hiking trail will link Cavendish and Proctorsville parallel to the railroad tracks

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
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CAVENDISH, Vt. – A year and a half ago, the Cavendish Planning Commission submitted an application to the Vermont Dept. of Forests, Parks, and Recreation for plans to develop a hiking trail that would connect Pratt Hill Road in Proctorsville to Whites Hill Road in Cavendish through the Proctor Piper State Forest. The approximately mile-long trail will follow an existing old logging road that runs parallel to the train tracks and ends at the old train station on Whites Hill. It will serve as a means to connect the villages of Cavendish and Proctorsville that is not along Route 131.

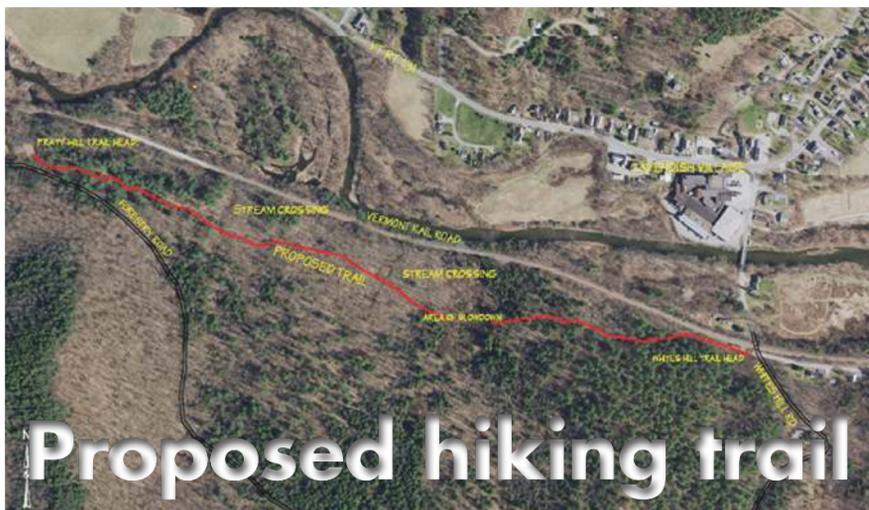
The state has provided preliminary approval of the project with some conditions including for the town to provide liability insurance. At their most recent meeting, the Cavendish Selectboard approved having Town Manager Brendan McNamara look into adding a liability in-

surance rider to the town policy, a requirement of the application process. According to McNamara, that process is still underway and they don't foresee any issues with the anticipated costs of that rider.

According to Tim Calabrese, vice chair of Cavendish Planning Commission, next steps for the trail include a site visit from VTrans in order to negotiate and secure a lease agreement and to identify where the trailhead and parking spaces would be located on the Whites Hill Road end in Cavendish. The Pratt Hill Road trailhead in Proctorsville would make use of an existing log landing area for that purpose.

Currently, the plan is to prepare level gravel parking areas that will accommodate five parking spaces on both ends – 10 spaces in total. "We want to minimize impact to the site," said Calabrese.

Following VTrans lease approval, the FPR would come in and clear an impassable 300-



Proposed hiking trail PHOTO PROVIDED

yard stretch of the trail that has "blow down," – trees that were uprooted as the result of a severe storm cell that tore through the area several years ago.

Calabrese hopes that will happen this summer along with

work on the streambeds. There are six perennial stream crossings that Calabrese and other volunteers will need to "armor," a process of laying flat stone in the streambed to make for easy crossing. Once completed, the

trail will be ready for use.

To finalize the project, kiosks will need to be built and placed on both sides of the trail at the trailheads. These would be standard trailhead kiosks that will post rules, information, and

allow for other posting on a bulletin board. They will have to be built. The planning commission will pursue fundraising and grants this fall and winter to cover those costs, and then trail kiosks will be installed next year.

According to Calabrese, the Planning Commission was inspired by the town use and enjoyment of the walking path at Greven Field that follows along the Black River.

"Other surrounding communities like Brownsville have had great success with developing hiking trails and mountain bike trails, and its added to the economic benefit for those areas in increased tourism," he said.

The Cavendish Planning Commission will look to add even more trails as opportunities arise. Even now they are in the beginning stages, starting with a feasibility study, for a trail that stretches from Downers Four Corners following an old carriage road that travels along the Black River, opposite of Route 131.

Sylas Buffam at 4-H Night



MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Sylas Buffam from Mount Holly, a 4-H Cloverbud with the Wind Riders 4-H Club in Rutland, had fun at Southwest Regional 4-H Night, April 12 in Rutland, where he gave an illustrated talk titled "Tractor Car Garage." He was among more than three-dozen 4-H'ers from Rutland and Bennington counties who shared their 4-H projects and accomplishments with family, friends, and fellow 4-H'ers at this annual showcase.

PHOTO BY EVELYN TRUJILLO

Area youth in regional 4-H showcase

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Talented 4-H'ers from Windham and Windsor counties clubs took part in Southeast 4-H Regional Night, April 12, at Springfield High School.

The youths, ages 8 to 18, represented the Green Mountain Teamsters 4-H Club, Pomfret; Hoof Beats of My Heart, Chester; River Riders II, Brookline; Solids, Stripes and Spots 4-H Club, Vernon; Stone Blossoms 4-H Club, South Woodstock; and Windham County Independent 4-H members. At the regional night, they demonstrated skills and knowledge learned through University of Vermont Extension 4-H projects, competing in various categories ranging from stage presentations and public speaking to posters, photographs, and tabletop exhibits.

The top exhibitors in each category qualified for 4-H State Day, May 11, at the Barre Civic Center, which will showcase the work of outstanding 4-H'ers throughout the state, all winners at their respective regional 4-H events.

Area 4-H'ers selected for State Day include:

- Non-clothing sewing: Tekla Goodband, W. Townshend
- Photography (photo-based design): Emeillia Gomo, Chester; Whitney Dunklee, Vernon;

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Members of the River Riders II 4-H Club presented a team demonstration, Equine Closet, at the Southeast Regional 4-H Night. PHOTO PROVIDED

Policies and equipment under discussion at Chester Selectboard

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
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CHESTER, Vt. – The Chester Selectboard meeting Wednesday, April 18 began first with a Chester Water & Sewer Commission presentation on an Asset Management Plan presentation by Megan Young of the Department of Environmental

Conservation.

Chester Water & Sewer Commission filed an application with the DEC for a \$45,000 forgivable loan to map out the water system and inventory the assets of the town water and sewer system. In addition to the DEC, the town will be working with Naomi Johnson, an engineer with Dufresne Group, who will begin

the process of the surveying the town and identifying the town's water system infrastructure and material assets. As long as the work is completed with a five-year span, there will be no cost to the town. Having the plan will help the town prioritize the most critical infrastructure needs and help them prepare for how to finance necessary main-

tenance.

The regular Selectboard meeting began by discussing filing for Act 250 approvals to access the gravel on approximately five acres on the property where the town water tank now sits, a parcel of approximate 140 acres that lies east of Green Mountain Union High School. Restrictions on the property have been

in place because of Fish & Wildlife concerns about deer wintering grounds. Board member Lee Gustafson wanted to research some of the issues that have restricted more use of the land in the past and whether additional uses of the property are possible. He will discuss the matter further with the town lawyer.

Town Manager David Pisha

informed the board that VTrans would be visiting May 30, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Town Hall to hear comments regarding the speed limit in front of the high school. They will then do a site visit to view the location. Selectboard is interested in adjusting the speed limit in that area for

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The 63rd annual Ludlow Rotary Club Penny Sale

LUDLOW, Vt. – Right around the corner is the Ludlow Rotary Club 63rd annual Penny Sale, this year to be held Saturday, April 27, 2019, at the Black River High School gymnasium in Ludlow. The Penny Sale starts at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5:15 p.m.

The Penny Sale is currently one of the largest fundraisers undertaken by the Ludlow Rotary Club. The proceeds are used for college scholarships for area high school students living in Cavendish, Proctorsville, Ludlow, Plymouth, and Mount Holly. Throughout the years, we have awarded over \$130,000 in scholarships. In addition to the scholarships, proceeds are used for local school events and community projects such as the Star Lake Garden renovation, BRHS project graduation, National History Day, Greven Field, Okemo Valley TV, Black River Valley Senior Center, Apple Blossom Cotillion, Mountainside House, Black River Academy Museum, Black River Good Neighbors, Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Pure Water for the World, Polio, the Rotary International Youth Exchange program as well as other worthy causes.

The prize list is long. We expect well over 300 prizes again



The Ludlow Rotary Penny Sale will fund college scholarships. PHOTO PROVIDED

this year to be given away during the evening! To name just a few of the donated prizes: bicycles, ski passes, local restaurant gift certificates, Red Sox tickets, ski clothing, home maintenance items, theater tickets, gas cards, garden tools, maple products, and the all-time favorite – cash! Our cash raffle of more than \$1,000 is always exciting. You do not need to be present to win the cash raffle, but an additional \$25 will be added to the winning ticket if you are. Tickets may be purchased at the Penny Sale or from Rotarians prior to the event.

The prizes for the Penny Sale have been donated by area busi-

nesses, and the Ludlow Rotary Club is grateful for their generosity. So mark your calendars now for Saturday, April 27, 6 p.m. at the Black River High School gymnasium in Ludlow. Refreshments will be available. Admission is free.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Lampert at 802-228-4000. Visit our website, www.ludlowrotary.com to see our club's projects and events. The Ludlow Rotary Club meets weekly at DJ's Restaurant and is always looking for new members.

Black River Academy booth at School Fair

LUDLOW, Vt. – Please join Black River Independent School Committee at the School Fair event hosted by Black River High School Thursday, May 2, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., to learn about the educational opportunities that will be available for the students in our community by the fall of 2020.

Black River High School will host a School Fair, which will be located in Presidential Hall, the newly upgraded gym in Ludlow Elementary School. The fair

will feature more than a dozen different schools showcasing the various educational opportunities that will be available for the Ludlow and Mount Holly students once Black River closes as the public school.

This is a wonderful opportunity for both students and families to learn more about what the Independent School Committee has accomplished and what they plan to offer at the Black River Academy. A large part of this will be based on feedback from the community members at the School

Fair. The committee is also excited to engage students and garner not only what academics matter to the students, but also what sports and further extracurricular activities they wish to see provided.

For further information, please visit www.blackriveracademy.org or www.facebook.com/blackriveracademy, or email blackriveracademy@gmail.com. The committee also continues to meet every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the library of Black River High School.

Black River Valley Senior Center news

LUDLOW, Vt. – Don't forget our free computer class, presented by Matt Sydorovich is this Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to noon. This class is open to anyone, but you must call the Senior Center at 802-228-7421.

Our menu for next week:

- Monday, April 29: Sweet and sour pork, fettuccine, green beans, bread, and pineapple
- Wednesday, May 1: Chicken tarragon, rice pilaf, bread, and fruit salad
- Thursday, May 2: Turkey a la king, mashed potatoes, Harvard beets, biscuit, and pump-

kin custard

- Friday, May 3: Goulash, diced potatoes, brussels sprouts, bread, and applesauce

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improved safety.

Barry Bricarell, from Iron Adventure NE Regional HOG Rally, joined the Selectboard via speaker phone to further discuss plans for the final closing ceremony and dinner to happen on the Chester Town Green July 20, from approximately 5-8 p.m.

The rally is anticipating approximately 1,100 – 1,200 motorcycles to the Chester Green area. Bricarell asked for permission to access the green, have parking cordoned off, and power provided for sound system. It was agreed that Pisha would continue to coordinate those efforts along with an already arranged police escort for the riders.

"The community is getting behind it bigger and sooner from the last time they were here," said Pisha. Pisha revealed he was talking with Carol Lighthall of the Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce about putting a committee together to help coordinate all events happening throughout the weekend. The HOG Rally will span from July 18 through July 20 with riders staying at the Jackson Gore area in Ludlow, with planned activities in Ludlow as well as visiting surrounding local and state at-

tractions from there.

Board Chair Arne Jonynas nominated Robert Greenfield to be appointed to the Development Review Board finishing a one-year term to March 2020. If he was willing to stay on, he will then be up for a three-year term after that. The Board unanimously agreed to his appointment. "He's new to our town and he's willing to step up, which I love," said Leigh Dakin.

As a follow up to the last Selectboard meeting concerning Green Mountain Pinnacle Plan presentation, Betsy Bosiak sent a letter to the Selectboard to answer questions that had arisen. Bosiak presented the Green Mountain Power plans initially at the April 3 meeting, outlining pole locations and where power lines would be buried in the Chester Pinnacle Recreation area. Jonynas asked whether the second pole after the pole lead-

ing to the cell tower could be eliminated. According to the letter, the second pole could not be eliminated because before it goes underground, they have to have a clean pole. The Selectboard approved the easement for that project to move forward.

The Selectboard began the process of reviewing all the policies prioritizing those to be reviewed first. After extensive discussion, the decision was made to start with reviewing a group of seven policies that had a date prior to the year 2000. Those will be covered in the next meeting. Following that review the others of importance were identified as personnel policy, which deals specifically with conflict of interest; and the financial policy, which includes details on the bidding process. Chase specifically wanted to establish a policy on reviewing policies. Jonynas suggested "a date adopted and last time reviewed" for each policy as reviewed.

Discussion turned to how to replace one of the two town loaders needed for the town. The options were whether to repair the loader for upwards of \$20,000 or to purchase a new one.

The money for the first payment of \$40,000 toward the total purchase price, or \$160,000, was included in the approved town budget for next year. However, due to an oversight, the loader was not included in the list of capital items voted on at Town Meeting. To approve the purchase there would need to be a special Town Meeting to authorize a loan for that purchase.

Both Lee Gustafson and Arne Jonynas made the point that there is no money in the budget for repairs or for rental, but that there is money in the capital fund already identified towards the purchase of a new one. Chase did not like that option, preferring to look at other options that included rental and even questioning whether a second loader were needed, specifically since it was not determined whether the excavating the gravel pit would be approved this year. The Selectboard agreed to get the opinion of Chester Public Works Director Graham Kennedy on several options for the next meeting.

The quarterly financial review revealed, that according to Pisha, "Bottom line, we are where we had hoped to be" with the exception of the public works line item, which was significantly overbudget due to increased use of sand, gravel, and overtime because of winter weather conditions.

Costs and savings of the solar array were discussed with the Selectboard agreeing to review the solar plan and do a cost analysis to consider purchase of the array, a possibility after the first seven years were up.

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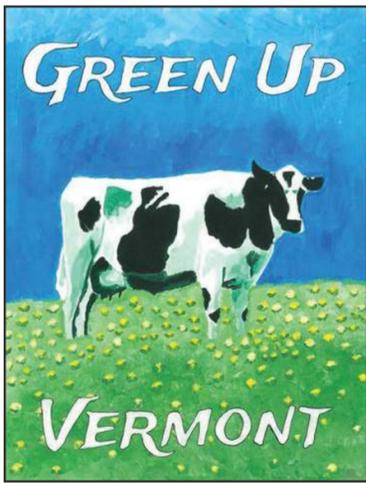
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Cavendish Green Up Day—

CAVENDISH, Vt. — On the first Saturday in May, Cavendish will join hundreds of communities throughout Vermont to support the 47-year-old tradition of picking up roadside trash accumulated over the previous winter. Green Up Day is a fun volunteer opportunity that unites communities, raises environmental consciousness, and results in litter-free roads and town spaces for us all. Thanks to moving the date to Saturdays, town-wide volunteer participation has climbed steadily in recent years.



Green Up Day approaches.

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pitch in and clean up unsightly litter from the town roadsides. Come to the Proctorsville Green with a friend or family member Saturday, May 4 to pick up special green trash bags, protective gloves, and your road assignment. The big sweep begins at 9 a.m. and ends at noon with a free town-sponsored barbecue on the Proctorsville Green. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, and soda will be on hand.

In case of a downpour, Green Up Day will be held Sunday, May 5. For more information, call Diane McNamara at the Town Office at 802-226-7292.

No special gear is required to join this family-friendly event — just the desire to

Andover Green Up Day—

ANDOVER, Vt. — Come help beautify the town grounds, clean our roadsides, and spruce up our cemeteries at Andover's Green Up Day. A community of volunteers will meet Saturday, May 4 at 9 a.m. at the Andover Town Hall. Vermont Coffee Company coffee and homemade donuts will be served as volunteers choose their work assignments.

Participants are encouraged to bring gardening gloves and tools including wheelbarrows, rakes, clippers, loppers, and leaf blowers and join in the community spirit.

The work will continue until noon. Afterward, participants are invited to share



Greta Bernier of Andover, Vt. was the grade 5-8 winner in this year's Green Up Day poster contest.

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a lunch with their friends and neighbors. Bring a potluck salad or dessert to accompany

the hot dogs and lemonade that will be provided. Thanks to our generous community members and the Vermont Coffee Co. for donating food and refreshments.

Can't make it on Saturday morning? If you have a favorite road or cemetery you would like to work on before Green Up Day, please contact Town Clerk Jeanette Haight, 802-875-2765 or clerk@vermontel.net, to let her know where you will be working. Or, you can let her know while picking up your Green Up Day garbage bags at the Town Office.

This is a great event for our environment and our town; so if you haven't come before, give it a try this year! There are plenty of jobs for all, no matter how young or old.

Whiting Library receives donation from LEGO Contest

CHESTER, Vt. — For the eighth year in a row, the Whiting Library in Chester received a donation from St. Luke's Episcopal Church from proceeds at its annual LEGO Contest, held at NewsBank Conference Center March 16, 2019. The donation will support supplies and programs for young people at the library, which hosts a LEGO Club for youngsters and students on Mondays 3-4:30 p.m. During the month of April, the library is also displaying Anna Bennett's "Jungle Oasis," which won second place in the Fifth

Grade category. The public is invited to go see the clever details in one of this year's award-winning constructions.

Youth services librarian, Stephanie Kaufman, who had witnessed this year's event, said, "I was so excited to walk into the LEGO contest and see such activity, and that excitement only grew as I walked around the room and saw such clear creativity and passion from everyone who participated."

For pictures from the 2019 LEGO exhibits, visit www.st-lukesepiscopalvt.org, look un-



At left, Lillian Willis, LEGO contest chairman, presents a check to Stephanie Kaufman, youth services librarian.

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der Learn More, LEGO Contests, and click on the link to the Flickr album. To receive email notice next year about

the 2020 contest, please contact Lillian Willis at 802-875-1340 or lbwillist@comcast.net.

4H CLUB

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- Garrette Shanks, Vernon
- Photography (traditional): Emeillia Gomo, Chester; Jenna Dolloph, Grafton; Whitney Dunklee, Vernon; Makayla LaFlam, Vernon; Garrette Shanks, Vernon; Megan Carson, Windham
- Poster: Emeillia Gomo, Chester; Jenna Dolloph, Grafton; Whitney Dunklee, Vernon; Elyse Thurber, Vernon; Megan Carson, Windham
- Public speaking: Ella Dubin, Northfield, Mass.
- Stage presentation (group): Elizabeth and Viola Brown, Vernon
- Stage presentation (individual): Viola Brown, Vernon;

Anna Carson, Windham; Ella Dubin, Northfield, Mass.

- Tabletop exhibit: Matt and Shawn Whitney, Chelsea; Emeillia Gomo, Chester; Jenna Dolloph, Grafton; Landon Campbell, Randolph; Lillie Tuckerman, S. Woodstock; Violet Tuckerman, S. Woodstock; Ella Goodband, W. Townshend; Lilia Kocsis, Vernon; Makayla LaFlam, Vernon; Whitney Dunklee, Vernon; Britney Zager, Gill, Mass.; Rylie Zager, Gill, Mass.
- Technology (promotional video): Elizabeth and Viola Brown, Vernon; Whitney Dunklee, Vernon

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Londonderry area community lunch schedule announced

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Second Congregational Church, UCC, of Londonderry is thrilled to announce its 12th season of sponsoring luncheons for Londonderry and surrounding towns' residents, this year being the first to welcome citizens of all ages.

As it has in the past 11 summers, the church will hold six lunches in 2019 on the fourth Thursday of each month, May through October. The lunches, starting at noon, are held in the church's Friendship Room – except the July



Londonderry area community luncheons scheduled at the Second Congregational Church.

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lunch is a picnic at Hapgood Pond. All are welcome. There will be a free-will offering.

The schedule for the 2019 lunches is May 23, June 27, July 25, Aug. 23, Sept. 26, and Oct. 24. Please contact the church at 802-824 6453 to let us know if you will be coming. Neighbors and family members should pass this information along to those that might enjoy these lively, delicious gatherings.

Martha Dale, the church's senior lunch coordinator, said that this year we are welcoming a new chef, Carol Barclay. Carol follows in the footsteps of last year's chef, Marie Porreca, and those of Carol's father, Lenny Barclay, who had been the chef at the church luncheons for 10 years.

Other folks who make these lunches possible are Rev. Laurie Krooss, minister of Second Congregational; Bill Cooley who greets attendees; Susie Cooley who organizes set up and service; Judy Brownell, preparing floral arrangements; and Beda Lyon who organizes a very dedicated cleanup crew.

As in recent summers, this year's July lunch will be a picnic at Hapgood Pond. Lunch will be served under the pavilion and will feature delicious picnic fare – hamburgers, hot dogs, all the fixings, salads, and dessert. Participants should bring lawn chairs to the July picnic and plan on spending a summer afternoon enjoying the Vermont scenery, good food, and good company.

Second Congregational is located at 2051 North Main Street, Londonderry. For more information including directions to the church or to Hapgood Pond, please call the church at 802-824-6453.

Salem State University inducts Ludlow freshman into Honor Society

LUDLOW, Vt. – The First Year Experience Office at Salem State University inducted a Ludlow resident and 199 other students into the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society.

Salem State freshman Leah Goodreau of Ludlow was inducted into the honor society along with other first-year students who achieved a 3.6 GPA or higher as part of the eighth class inducted into the Salem State chapter.

The first year students, along with their friends and family, attended the 2019-2020 Alpha Lambda Delta induction ceremony, which took place at Veterans Hall

in the Ellison Campus center Feb. 22, 2019.

During the induction ceremony, new members were sworn into the society and awarded a membership pin and certificate. The Alpha Lambda Delta executive board spoke at the event about the impact that membership has had on their academic success.

Along with student and professional staff from the First Year Experience Office, other members of the Salem State community were featured as speakers for the event. Salem State University Provost and Academic Vice President David Silva congratulated and encouraged the first year stu-

dents on their honor.

"As students who have figured out the necessary skills and strategies to be successful, I want to challenge you to give back to your fellow students," said Silva. "I hope that you will take on the role of mentor and role model for future generations of students at the institution."

Alpha Lambda Delta at Salem State University re-established itself in 2012 and has inducted over a 1,000 members since then. These students are now a part of a society that encourages superior academic achievement, community service, and playing a helpful role in society.

Springfield Medical Care Systems adds RiseVT program manager to improve healthcare

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – RiseVT, a primary prevention strategy of OneCare Vermont, has partnered with Springfield Medical Care Systems to bring health and wellness opportunities to the Springfield area as part of a massive statewide expansion to improve the health of Vermonters where they live, work, learn, and play. OneCare Vermont is the Accountable Care Organization for the state, working with providers to improve patient health and lower healthcare costs.

"It's a lot easier to get more exercise in if your school hosts regular walk to school days or incorporates yoga

into the classroom daily routine," remarks Marissa Parisi, executive director of RiseVT. "When you are at work it helps employees lead healthful lives if the cafeteria or catering options are all healthy or there is time set aside for walking groups – or if your town installs sidewalks so it's easier to move around on foot, or your local libraries loans out snowshoes. All of these sorts of small changes can really add up for individuals to make an impact on their health outcomes."

RiseVT started in Franklin and Grand Isle counties with a commitment to invest in preventive health for the community served by the Northwestern Medical Center in St. Albans. SMCS is the eighth health provider to now have RiseVT, hiring Laura Jensen as its onsite program manager in February.

Jensen comes to RiseVT with a background in public health and lifestyle medicine. "I am

excited to be working in the Springfield area where there are many existing organizational and natural resources available that encourage health and wellness," Jensen remarks. "I look forward to drawing attention to these efforts, working with the community to provide capacity, resources, and develop strategies to fill any gaps in services."

"Our commitment to preventive health is clear with our new lifestyle medicine program that can help address individual's health issues through lifestyle changes. The addition of RiseVT will make it easier for our patients to keep up with their lifestyle change options, while also preventing chronic diseases in the first place," states Joshua Dufresne, acting CEO of SMCS. SMCS is among the first health systems in Vermont to offer lifestyle medicine – the department out of which Jensen will do her population health work.

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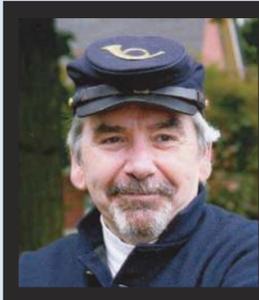
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LOCAL HISTORY

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

Andover schoolmarm —

Recently Peter Farrar loaned me a couple interesting historical items. One item is a 38-page handwritten manuscript. This is an amazing record of early 1900s Andover. It was written by Agnes Beatrice "Bea" Farrar, Peter's grandmother.

The other item Peter loaned me is a book titled, "Big Heart The Journey to Castleton's Two Hundred and Twenty-fifth Birthday." In this book, I



Boynton Hill School where Bea taught school in 1915.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY HARRY A. FARRAR

found additional history regarding Bea. Watch for more articles regarding Bea and Harry A. Farrar. Harry learning to drive is a real hoot.

According to the book "Big Heart," Bea was orphaned at 8-years-old. She was taken in by Mother Griswold of Orwell and raised as her own. From Mother Griswold, Bea learned the importance of hard work and education. Bea's maiden name was Agnes Beatrice Field. Below is an excerpt from Bea's manuscript.

"In return for the scholarship for the two year course at Castleton Normal School I promised to teach two years in rural schools. I received my Teacher's Qualification Certificate and my diploma from Castleton Normal School and I was to put into practice the many things I had learned in those two years.

"My first school after graduation was in Andover Vermont. It consisted of all the grades, and many of the children were Fins. I stayed at the home of a Finnish family, and thought 'I'll soon learn their language' but I was a poor pupil. When I wished to converse with the mother I had to tell one of her children what I wanted to say, the child would tell the mother in Finnish language and the mother would answer in Finnish language and then the child would tell

me what the mother said. So I did not converse often with the mother. The father talked in English and I could visit with him. My room was not heated and it was necessary for me to find a different place to stay before winter time.

"My next place was in an old farm house at the foot of a long hill. The family in this home consisted of father, mother, two children and an old uncle.

"The father was a rugged man about six feet tall, who had lost both feet at the ankles. He wore very special heavy shoes. After his farm chores were over at night and he removed his shoes the only way he could get around was on his hands and knees, creeping like a baby. He was a brave man and never once did I hear him complain about his handicap. He did all kinds of farm work. His wife was a small woman, very spry, and helped her husband many ways as well as looking after the old uncle, her two children and me. I was made to feel I was one of the family. I helped her wiping the supper dishes and caring for my room.

"Most days I walked to the school house. The long hill was quite a walk and I was glad I travelled up it in the morning. At night it was easier to go down after the long school day. It was an interesting walk on sunny days. Not as pleasant in wet weather.

"One morning during the winter we discovered it had snowed hard during the night.

Everything was heaped with snow. The father hitched his team to the farm sled and with teacher and several of the school children who lived near by, climbed the long hill to the school house.

"One little first grader on the sled, exclaimed over and over 'Oh Lepisto's stops are covered.' At first I wondered what he meant, then I realized that by stops he meant fences. Indeed the snow covered the fences. Many of the children came on skis. What good times at recess and noon time the children had playing outdoor games...."

The photo with this article is the Boynton Hill Schoolhouse in Andover where Bea taught school in 1915. The photo was taken by Peter's grandfather Harry A. Farrar. This schoolhouse had sheet metal siding instead of clapboards. It was described as having wide temperature swings, from an oven in the summer to an icebox in the winter. Today, the school is a private home.

This is one of approximately 275 photos in Chester Historical Society's new book, "Pictorial History of Chester, Andover, Weston and Londonderry." It's available at select stores in Chester, Weston, Londonderry, and Bellows Falls.

This week's old saying. "I feel more like I do now than I did before."

Where we come from, the Lisais of Russia

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join Ellen Howard at the Rockingham Library Saturday, April 27 at 1 p.m. as she traces the story of her grandparents' emigration during the early 20th century, their establishment of Bellows Falls Cash Market in 1926, and the presence of close to 29 Lisai descendants still living in Vermont with most still living in the immediate area. This program, part of an ongoing series, is co-sponsored by the Rockingham Library and Rockingham

Historic Preservation Commission. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call the library at 802-463-4270, visit www.rockinghamlibrary.org, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls.



Lena, Larysa, Anthony, and Leonard Lolik Lisai. PHOTO PROVIDED

Sights and sounds of the French and Indian War

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The sights and sounds of the French and Indian War return to the Fort at No. 4 Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5. Living historians will encamp on the fort's grounds offering a glimpse into both the military and civilian life of the 18th century. Tour the fortified village. Shop Sutlers Row. Enjoy lunch prepared by North Charlestown Community Church. Mock battles take place each day at 1:30 p.m.

As an added treat, the fort will host an English Country Dance, Saturday evening beginning at 7 p.m. Priscilla Bordon will be calling with accompaniment by Larry Young and Susanne Powers.

Those visiting on Sunday have the opportunity to attend a very short version of



Check out sights and sounds of the French and Indian War at Fort at No. 4. PHOTO PROVIDED

18th century Morning Prayer Services at 11 a.m. and a brief recital of Latin prayers at 11:30 a.m.

For additional information on this and other activities at The Fort at No. 4, please visit www.fortat4.org.

American Civil War through folksong at the Walpole Town Hall —

WALPOLE, N.H. – The Hardtacks, a musical duo, will present "Rally 'Round the Flag: the American Civil War Through Folksong" at a Walpole Historical Society event Friday, April 26, in the Walpole Town Hall at 7 p.m.

Woody Pringle and Marek Bennett present an overview of the American Civil War through the lens of period music. Audience members participate and sing along as the presenters explore lyrics, documents, and visual images. Through camp songs, parlor music, hymns, battlefield rallying cries, and fiddle tunes, Pringle and Bennett examine the folksong as a means to enact living history, share perspectives, and influence public perceptions of events. Showcas-



Hardtacks will perform "American Civil War Through Folksong." PHOTO PROVIDED

ing numerous instruments, the presenters challenge participants to find new connections between song, art, and politics in American history.

This event is funded courtesy of the New Hampshire Humanities Council and is free and open to all. Refreshments will be available.

Historical Society, Town Library present "Frontier Elegance"

WALPOLE, N.H. – The Walpole Historical Society and Walpole Town Library will co-sponsor an event at the Town Hall Thursday evening, May 2 at 7 p.m. Long-time Walpole resident Bill Ranauro has re-

cently published a book titled "Frontier Elegance: The Early Architecture of Walpole, New Hampshire 1750-1850." Bill will discuss and visually present on the subject of Walpole's outstanding collection of 18th-

and early 19th-century historic architecture. This event is free and refreshments will be available. Bill's book will be available and he will be signing his book prior to and after the presentation.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

“RESPECT, PROTECT, AND ENJOY” – words from the website for the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. Words matter. Lowell Lake State Park’s Long Range Plan matters. This quiet system of woods, lake, swamps, fens, and trails found near Londonderry, Vt. has been an undeveloped park since 1977. The park is an extraordinary teacher of our connectiveness with nature. It is a special place with increasing visitor presence during the summer. Summer visitors have almost tripled in the last four years.

Forrest, Parks and Recreation are working on a plan to develop the old cabins remaining from an early 1940-50s summer camp into overnight lodging. Lowell Lake State Park is a relatively small park, with a third of the 356 acres taken up by a lake and several islands. Two of the 11 cabins are located close to the shore of the lake and most of the buildings, including the lodge, fall within the 300 feet of the protective shoreline zoning regulations of Londonderry. The impact of the proposed renovation of these buildings, providing accessible paved paths, lighting and new parking areas on this quiet shore area will be felt through the next generations of visitors. No longer will the beach area in front of the lodge be accessible for day use. A new beach will be created. A new parking area for day use will be expanded and a new traffic pattern will be created. On the busiest day in the summer at maximum capacity, each boat will have 1.5 acres of lake. There is no plan to give the loons space in which to build a nest and raise a family.

We would all enjoy the opportunity to spend several nights on a beautiful and fascinating lake and wetlands. There is a lot of demand for park lodging from summer visitors to Vermont.

This is where we need to stop and really look at what we will lose forever if we simply make our personal desires trump the long established ecology and life systems of fish, animals,

and plant life on this lake and trails. The noise, light, and increased footprints on the 10-acre area for cabins and lodge will alter the already established migratory pathways of animals called wildlife corridors. It will alter the nocturnal activity, affect the mating cycles, and change the wildlife experience for all who visit this park.

There is common ground with FPR in respecting, protecting, and enjoying this beautiful park. We can all agree that the number of visitors needs to be better managed. As an example, when the parking area is full, the staff will send a notice of park closure via social media.

Respect the rights of all life in this special place, not just human rights. The town of Londonderry’s zoning regulations are designed to protect the lakeshore. They need to be respected. Most of the old cabins designated for lodging are within 300 feet of the edge of the lake.

Protect the shoreline, fish, game, plants, and wildlife so they may flourish in this area of wetlands, forests, and lake. Our children’s children should experience Lowell Lake as we do.

Enjoy the peace and quiet as you walk the trail around the lake, fish off the shore, paddle through the hemlock swamps, and swim in the clear, warm summer waters. Loons may build a nest this year. This is a place you can come and be restored in spirit and mind. It gives you gifts of perspective and reminds you of the natural rhythms of life.

Encourage FPR to work on visitor management plans and not develop overnight lodging. Many times doing less is by far the best plan for small natural recreational areas and in particular for Lowell Lake State Park.

Sincerely,
Diane Holme
Chester, Vt.

Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

Dear Editor,

Spring has arrived at the Statehouse with the ice rink being disassembled and the daffodils showing their buds. Also arriving are tourists from near and far who are welcome to sign our visitors’ book or not. They wander about with handheld information devices or use their smart phones to get the history of the building, etc. In just three days this week, there were tourists from the District of Columbia; California; Redding, Conn.; Reading, Pa.; Ashland, Mass.; London, U.K. (I wanted to ask them about Brexit but didn’t want to ruin their visit); the Republics of Uganda and Namibia; Kennebunkport, Maine; Tanzania; Topeka, Kan.; Ontario, Canada; Ohio; Springfield, Vt.; Liberia and so many other places.

Dear Editor,

One of the aspects of serving in the Vermont Legislature I treasure is the range of work we do. Every day we focus on different issues. In Senate Government Operations, we have been dealing with a wide range of issues; from burn pits and their health effects on our National Guard to proposed Constitutional Amendments to elections and an experiment in Municipal Self-Governance.

One issue which has surfaced for a number of years from several Vermont towns – Brattleboro, Hartford, and Marlboro – and our Abenaki Marlboroers has been to make the change from recognition of Columbus Day to Indigenous People’s Day. For the last three years, two different Vermont governors have proclaimed the second Monday in October Indigenous People’s Day. In Gov. Scott’s October 2018 proclamation he stated that: “Re-imagining Columbus Day is an opportunity to celebrate indigenous heritage and resiliency and to recognize and honor the historic, cultural, and contemporary significance of Indigenous Peoples of the lands that also became known as the Americas.”

Vermont is not alone in making this change. Since 1992, over 60 cities and towns na-

tionwide have taken this step. Several other states – Oregon, North Carolina, and Iowa – have also had annual governor’s proclamations issued, and bills to this effect are under consideration right now in the legislatures of New Mexico, Montana, and Maine. Alaska, which does observe Indigenous Peoples’ Day on that day, never did observe Columbus Day, similar to Hawaii, which observes Discoverers’ Day referring to the original Polynesian voyagers on the same day, although it is not an official state holiday. South Dakota recognizes Native Americans’ Day.

While our Legislature has explored this change for a number of years, this year seemed different. As we work to dismantle implicit bias and systemic racism in Vermont, we felt this year in particular we needed to align our holidays with our values. I believe that we feel that in making this change we are completing history not erasing history. We listened to compelling testimony encouraging us to view this holiday differently – that it needs to be for the living – recognizing the dignity of all our indigenous people living here.

The anniversary of Columbus’s landing in the Bahamas Oct. 12, 1492 was first observed as an unofficial patriotic holiday, similar to the Fourth of July. The first official Columbus Day per se was declared in Colorado in 1907. Several other states followed suit. After intense lobbying by the Knights of Columbus, a Roman Catholic fraternal organization, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Congress made it a federal holiday in 1937. In an effort to standardize the observance, it was moved to a Monday to create a three-day weekend in 1971.

Rich Holschuh, a commissioner on Vermont’s Commission on Native American Affairs, says it well: “I do not support the idea of removing from our histories those events or persons that we, with hindsight, now find less palatable or honorable. We need to know these things. This is the value of ‘learning the lessons of history.’ By exploring a more complete narrative, with the inclusion of all the voices involved, we can listen, understand, and resolve to do better. We now know that Columbus was not the idealistic, magnanimous, inspirational figure we were told years ago. He is not the one to be set on a pedestal and honored for his great, and often fictional, accomplishments. The heroic myth was created in service to a set of divisive ideologies of separation and entitlement, which left those outside its walls denied, dispossessed, and/or dead. Not to be

ignored is the fact that a version of these attitudes has played out all over the planet, with the indigenous people of each place at the receiving end of exploitation, disenfranchisement, and dismissal, often paying the ultimate price.

This is the more complete story that we should learn, and understand. And then work to honor and celebrate the resilience of the human spirit, its creativity, persistence, and adaptability. There is much to be done – and undone – in order to provide for the future generations and the world they will inherit.”

As President Obama said in his last proclamation of Columbus Day: “As we reflect on the adventurers throughout history who charted new courses and sought new heights, let us remember the communities who suffered, and let us pay tribute to our heritage and embrace the multiculturalism that defines the American experience.”

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

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



“She says they brighten up the cave.”

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Margaret Tidd, 1926-2019

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Margaret Tidd, 92, of Front Street passed away Wednesday, April 17, 2019. Margaret was born in Bristol, Vt. Oct. 23, 1926, the daughter of Wallace and May (Weiss) Clapper. She excelled in sports and in her senior year her team won the Vermont State Basketball Championship.



Margaret Tidd, 1926-2019. PHOTO PROVIDED

She worked as a sales person and was a "Rosie Riveter" making jungle hammocks during World War II. She was a member of the American Legion Post 37 Auxiliary for 37 years and was active in her children's church activities. She was always grateful for her friends and family. She was a kind soul loved by many and will be missed by all.

Surviving are her children Michael A. Tidd of Springfield, Vt. and Margaret Ellen Jones of Putney, Vt.; grandchildren Ross Martin and wife Dani-Rae, Danielle Singleton and husband Josh, and Ian Singleton and wife Bess; great-grandchildren Spencer, Cassidy, Jacob, Sydney, Sage and stepson Cole, and Senna; and two special nieces Suzanne Barrow and MaryAnn Sorrell who helped her throughout her life. Also surviving are her stepchildren Kevin Tidd and wife and their children Joanne Davis, Nancy Davis, and Butch Davis and their families; and

many nieces and nephews. Also surviving is her dearest friend George Smith of Bristol, Vt. who she maintained a special relationship with throughout her life. She is predeceased by her daughter Sharon T. Singleton, her parents, her brothers Arthur, Charles, and Donald Clapper, and sisters Ethel "Toots" Lonergan, Marion McGuire, and Ruth Sorrell.

A graveside service will be held Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 11 a.m. in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Bellows Falls, Vt., followed by a celebration of life at the Moose Family Center in Bellows Falls. Margaret loved purple if anyone would like to wear a touch of it. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home.

the rear of the building. Wheelchair accessible. Call 802-875-2638. Email churchoffice@chesterbaptist.org or visit www.chesterbaptist.org.

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LUDLOW, VT.

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

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

Please join us for service at 10:30 am, followed by fellowship. We have a variety of ministers providing sermons and special music by Erik frequently. Communion offered the first Sunday of each month. Wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 802-522-8249 or email cindysummer55@gmail.com.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Church of Christ, Rt. 11, 972 Chester Rd.

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

Lighthouse Baptist Church, 142 Wall St.

Saturday service at 10 a.m. Bible Study at 11 a.m. Worship Tuesday night is at 7 p.m. with bible study and prayer. For more information, call 802-885-5763.

First Congregational Church UCC, 77 Main St.

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

United Methodist Church, 10 Valley St.

Sunday worship is 9:30 a.m. Come and praise God through music, scripture, and prayer. Christian education and child care available during worship hour. Communion available weekly

Lucille DeRosia

CHESTER, Vt. – There will be a graveside service for Lucille DeRosia Saturday, April 27 at 11 a.m. in the St. Michael's Cemetery in Brattleboro, Vt. A recep-

tion will follow at the American Legion in Chester, Vt., from 1–3 p.m. Lucille passed away March 17, 2019 and was the wife of Fredrick DeRosia.

Corydon R. Sleeper, 1948-2019

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Corydon "Cory" R. Sleeper, 70, passed away surrounded by his family Thursday, April 11, 2019 after a long battle with cancer. He was born in Brattleboro, Vt., Aug. 29, 1948, the son of Horace B. Sleeper and Janet (Armstrong) Sleeper. He graduated from Leland and Gray Seminary in 1966, attended Northampton Community College, and was a graduate of LaSalle University with a degree in diesel mechanics.

He enrolled in the U.S. Navy in 1969, where he was an Assistant Navigator, 2nd Class Quartermaster. He was also enrolled in the Army National Guard after his service in the Navy. He was also a member of the Masons. He married Carolyn Curran May 4, 1971. They had two daughters, Michelle and Kristin.

Cory is survived by his wife Carolyn, his daughter Michelle Bostrom, son-in-law Kurt Bostrom of Townshend, grandchildren Kohlin Bostrom and Kelsi Bostrom, son-in-law Haig Handshaw of Londonderry, grandchildren Grayson Handshaw and Sawyer Handshaw;

sister-in-law Elaine Hill of Townshend, her children Jennifer Flynn and husband Michael and son Jax of Newfane, Kelley Grover and her husband Zack of Dummerston; and brother-in-laws Michael Curran and his wife Teresa of Pensacola, Fla., Alan Curran and his wife Lynn of Walker, La., Steven Curran and his wife Angela of Milton, Fla., Johnny and Karen Osler of Jeffersonton, Va.; and many cousins and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents Horace B. Sleeper and Janet Sleeper, his daughter Kristin Elaine Handshaw July 12, 2017, and a granddaughter Jayden Nicole Handshaw Oct. 29, 2004.

Cory was a kind and caring person with a passion for jokes. His dedication was to gardening with tomato plants being his favorite. He enjoyed fishing around Lake Seymour where he spent time with his cousins Skip and Ed. He loved to be "tinkering" in his garage with his door always open for friends and family.

A celebration of life will be held at the convenience of the family.

PLEASE NOTE

In order to have room for each obituary we receive each week, we ask that submissions are limited to 350 words. We reserve the right to shorten any obituary.

Church Services are subject to space with priority given to obituaries. Each service is published on a rotation every two to four weeks. All Church Services are listed online at www.VermontJournal.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Amanda at Editor@VermontJournal.com.

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for those who wish to receive. Fellowship and refreshments after service. Service by the Rev. Gerry Piper. For more information, call 802-885-3456.

WALPOLE, N.H.

Walpole Unitarian Church, corner of Union and Main St.

Sunday Service begin at 10 a.m. Minister is Rev. Elaine Bomford who will be present twice a month. The first Sunday of each month is Family First Sunday with breakfast and spiritual activities for the whole family. Check www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org.

WESTMINSTER, VT.

Christian Family Circle Chapel, 1512 Back Westminister Rd.

Sunday song service begins at 10 a.m., Sunday school at 10:30 a.m. Fellowship lunch on first Sunday of each month. Non-denominational. Visit www.christianfamilycirclechurch.com and like us on Facebook.

The First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US Rt. 5

Regular Sunday worship is at 10 a.m. All are welcome! The church has a ramp and lift for wheelchair access and a handicapped bathroom. For more information, call 802-772-4148 or find us on Facebook.

WESTON, VT.

The Old Parish Church, 644 Main St.

A diverse, informal, & welcoming congregation. Sunday service begins at 10:30 a.m. Coffee and social time follows. For more information, contact Jon Bliss, minister, at 802-824-4452 or email easthillfarm@vermontel.net.

WINDSOR, VT.

Old South Church, UCC, 146 Main St.

Sunday worship is at 10 a.m. followed by coffee hour. All are welcome. For more information, call 802-674-5087 or email oldsouthchurchwindsor@gmail.com.

All services are listed online at www.vermontjournal.com.

William T. Chapman, 1930-2019

WESTON, Vt. – William T. Chapman, 88, of Weston, Vt., passed away March 29, 2019 at home following an illness. He was born in Vienna, Ill. Dec. 12, 1930, son of Pleasant and Florence (Simpson) Chapman.

He was educated at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind. and received his master's degree from New York University. William worked for the Charleston Post & Courier before a 25-year career with the Washington Post where he covered Congress, the Johnson presidency, political campaigns, and civil rights. He was posted to Tokyo, Japan. He later worked for the Boston Globe in Japan. He wrote a book on Japan and another on the Philippines.

His wife, Christine (Patton) Chapman, was a professor of English and American literature in Japan and wrote articles for the New York Times, Washington Post, The Economist, and other publications. Married in Rochester, N.Y., they retired to Vermont 25 years ago,



William T. Chapman, 1930-2019. PHOTO PROVIDED

living the whole time in Weston before her passing in 2010.

He is survived by two sons Peter T. Chapman of Weekhawken, N.J. and Daniel S. Chapman and his wife Bita Honarvar of Atlanta, Ga.; and by two grandchildren Samad and Naveed Chapman.

Funeral services are private. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

Noah G.S. Smith, 2017-2019

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Noah Gabriel Scott Smith, infant son of Renee (Toutant) and Jeremy Smith, passed away April 10, 2019 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. Noah was born Feb. 26, 2017 at Springfield Hospital in Springfield, Vt. Noah loved music, playing with his big sister "sisy," and was developing a great personality. Noah leaves behind his parents, sister Alyssa Smith, maternal grandmother Christine Toutant, maternal grandfather Timothy Toutant, paternal grandparents Cheryl

and Mark Williams and Steve Smith, and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. A celebration of Noah's life will be held at a later date. There are no visiting hours. If friends desire, memorial gifts in Noah's memory may be made to Boston Children's Hospital, c/o Brewster-Shea Funeral Home, P.O. Box 885, Manchester Center, VT 05255. To send the family personal condolences, please visit www.sheafuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements are in the care of Brewster-Shea Funeral Home.

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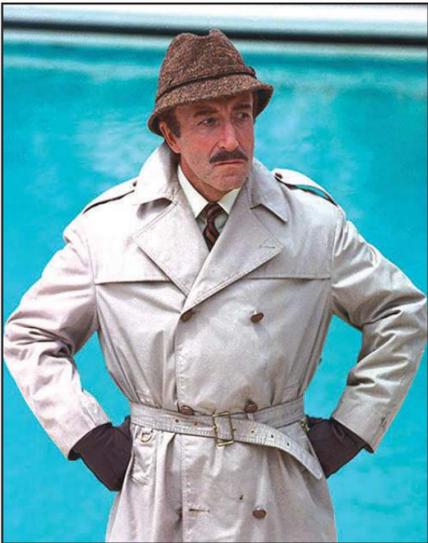
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arts & entertainment

Film series continues with “The Return of the Pink Panther”

LUDLOW, Vt. – FOLA's annual film series highlighting the movies of Peter Sellers continues with a screening of “The Return of the Pink Panther” Saturday, April 27 at 7 p.m. in the Heald Auditorium at Ludlow Town Hall.

“The Return of the Pink Panther” is the third movie in the Pink Panther series. Sellers once again plays the idiotic Inspector Clouseau, who despite having been temporarily demoted to a cop on the beat is once again tasked with catching the thief who has taken the Pink Panther diamond. Unbeknownst to Clouseau, his boss, Chief Inspector Charles Dreyfus, played by Herbert Lom, has become so exasperated with Clouseau that he is trying to kill him. The bumbling detective travels to exotic locales all over Europe in pursuit of the jewel thief, Sir Charles Litton, aka the Phantom, played by Christopher



Watch “The Return of the Pink Panther.” PHOTO PROVIDED

Peter Sellers movies. “The Return of the Pink Panther” Saturday, April 27, and “Being There” May 11. Both movies start at 7 p.m. The movie is open to everyone and is free; donations are appreciated. The movie is rated G and runs one hour and 53 minutes. Berkshire Bank will provide the popcorn with FOLA supplying water.

FOLA would say thanks to our generous sponsors for this year's film series: Big Eyes Baker, Ludlow Rotary, Marylou Scofield Attorney at Law, and The Book Nook. This movie has been specifically sponsored by Big Eyes Bakery and Ludlow Rotary.

For more information, call 802-228-7239 or visit www.fola.us.

Plummer. It's a slapstick comedy and a crime thriller wrapped into one hilarious movie. Don't miss the post-credits scene to find out what happens to Chief Inspector Dreyfus.

Please join us this spring for a set of wild and hilariously

Festival of Fiddlers seeks photos —

REGION – Vermonters are being asked to celebrate the state's rich tradition of fiddling by documenting fiddlers playing in each of Vermont's 251 towns in the year 2019. “We want to gather at least one photo from every town, whether it's an individual or a group, playing on the town green, the meeting house, at a dance, the farmers market, fire station Grange hall or just in someone's kitchen or backyard,” said Jill Newton, a member of the Northeast Fiddlers Association, which, along with the Champlain Valley Fiddlers Club

and Young Tradition Vermont, is sponsoring the effort.

“So far, we have posted fiddlers from just five towns on our website, www.fiddlersonthegreenvt.com, but we hope that number will grow to 251 before snow flies next fall.”

Photos may be of a planned event such as a summer concert series or family reunion or just a random happening. The idea of the festival is to not only bring attention to and celebrate Vermont's great fiddling tradition and the organizations that keep it alive, but to also encourage

younger Vermonters to carry on the traditions.

Photos can include musicians in addition to the fiddlers, and the musicians do not have to be residents of the town or even of Vermont. The photos will be made public on the website where progress in meeting the festival goal will be monitored. Folks can submit their photos by email to fiddlersonthegreenvt.com or by mail to Fiddlers on the Green, P.O. Box 644, Townshend, VT 05353.

Those submitting are asked to include the town, date, venue, fiddlers' names, tune titles, and any other details they can supply. Fiddlers can also submit listings of upcoming events to the website's calendar.

Information about the sponsoring organizations can be found at the festival's website, www.fiddlersonthegreenvt.com.

Springfield Community Chorus performs requiems

SAXTONS RIVER/SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Community Chorus concerts this season feature two choral requiems, one by Maurice Duruflé and the other by Gabriel Fauré. Both of these French composers also played both organ and piano. Fauré's years as a composer spanned from 1865 to the time of his death in Paris in 1924. Duruflé's years as an active composer were 1920 to 1986. These

two requiems will be accompanied by organ and a small ensemble.

The Saturday, April 27 concert will be at 7 p.m. at Christ's Church, 24 Main Street, Saxtons River, Vt., and the Sunday, April 28 concert, which begins at 3 p.m., will be at the Congregational-UCC Church of Springfield, Vt.

Ken Olsson will direct both concerts. Choral members come from Springfield and surrounding towns including

Ludlow, Londonderry, Chester, Weathersfield, Bellows Falls, Vt. and Claremont, N.H.

The concerts are free, but donations are gladly accepted. We appreciate all of our sponsors and would like to recognize ImageTek for their continued sponsorship. We are also grateful for support from the Choral Arts Foundation of the Upper Valley of Vermont and New Hampshire. For further information, go to www.springfieldcommunitychorus.org.

Award-winning author publishes collected travel tales

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – “All my life I have disagreed with David Henry Thoreau: Unlike him, I definitely think it is ‘worthwhile to go around the world to count the cats in Zanzibar.’”

Thus begins writer Elayne Clift's 13th book, “Around the World in Fifty Years: Travel Tales of a Not So Innocent Abroad,” a collection of selected stories about her global travels, told in prose and poetry.

Clift, an intrepid traveler who has visited almost 100 countries on every continent except Antarctica for both work and pleasure, says she caught the travel bug as a youngster when her family took annual summer trips to Canada to visit relatives.

“That was in the days before interstate highways and Holiday Inns,” she recalls. “We traveled scenic roads in New York, New Hampshire, and Vermont, staying in AAA-approved motels and eating breakfast in Howard Johnson's. There was always a stop in Niagara Falls for a ride on the Maid of the Mist, and a room at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. It was pure heaven.”

Clift's travel memoir is not a Fodor's Guide. It shares personal stories, vignettes, photographs, and postscripts that range from poignant to hilarious. There are scenes from Indian railway stations to rural Romanian villages. Along the way readers meet the people who made her travel special, ranging from a professor in Jordan to a desert driver in Dubai

to an elderly artist in France. One reviewer has called the book “a treasure of armchair travel.”

A popular writing workshop leader and lecturer, Clift is widely published internationally. Her columns appear regularly in two New England newspapers and on various blogs, and her stories, poetry, travel writing, and essays have frequently been anthologized. Her novel, “Hester's Daughters,” based on “The Scarlet Letter,” appeared in 2012 and her third short story collection, “Children of the Chalet,” received the Award for Excellence in Fiction from Greyden Press in 2014.

She will be reading from her new book April 25 at 6 p.m. at Village Square Books in Bellows Falls.

Stone Church Arts presents The Revenants



The Revenants to perform.

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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bluegrass Gospel Project alums Taylor Armerding, Andy Greene, and Kirk Lord will perform original, time-honored, and contemporary Americana music at the Stone Church on the Hill in Bellows Falls Saturday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. Showcasing compelling, intricately braided vocals, richly textured instrumental work, and solid, innovative rhythm, the three band members bring decades of performing experience to the stage.

Taylor Armerding has

been a passionate participant in the New England bluegrass scene for more decades than he now admits. A founding member of the Boston-based progressive bluegrass band NorthernLights, he achieved national prominence, including appearances at major festivals and tours with Peter Rowan and Vassar Clements.

Andy Greene is a singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and one of Vermont's most versatile acoustic musicians. During the 1980s, he performed with the acoustic group Up the Creek. In the fall of 2016, Andy

was enlisted to play the banjo with Northern Flyer. He also teaches music and facilitates studio production.

Kirk Lord is a bassist and a well-respected member of the New England bluegrass community. His early years as a rock 'n' roll and R&B musician included a stint with The Truth. By 2016, he added to his list of credits membership in Northern Flyer. In addition to performing, he is an experienced stage and studio tech.

The Revenants in the Chapel at Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St., in Bellows Falls. Purchase tickets in person at Village Square Booksellers, Bellows Falls, or Misty Valley Books in Chester. Alternatively, call the box office at 802-460-0110 or visit www.stonechurcharts.org.

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Essential oils and DIY recipes with Terra Johnson

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Curious about essential oils? Know a bit, but want to learn more? Pranarom's national educator Terra Johnson will lead us in through a hands-on class about aromatherapy and essential oils Monday, May 6, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., at the Springfield Food Co-Op. Walk away with DIY recipes to support your health, well-being, and self-care.



Learn how to create your own essential oils.

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Terra has extensive experience in essential oils and scientific aromatherapy, form sourcing, working with organic farmers and distilleries, to blending, bottling, and packaging. We will focus on pain relief and body care, insect repellents, and cleaning sprays, plus mood boosters and oral care... and more!

The workshop is free to the

public and everyone is welcome. Spots are limited, so please RSVP to wellness@springfieldfood.coop. We will also welcome drop-ins, if space

allows. Springfield Food Co-Op is located at 335 River St. in Springfield. For more information, call 802-885-3363.

The Sky Blue Boys to perform at Stage 33 Live

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Old-time brother duo "The Sky Blue Boys" will perform in Bellows Falls at a special two-set late afternoon matinee at Stage 33 Live in Bellows Falls Sunday, April 28 at 4 p.m. The first half will spotlight songs and stories, followed by an update of their longtime audience favorite old-time live radio show.

Banjo Dan and Willy Lindner were the driving force behind the much-loved, legendary bluegrass band "Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plowboys" during its 40-year run. As a twosome, they play and sing in the vintage country music brother-duo tradition of the '30s and '40s. The clean, evoca-

tive sound of "The Sky Blue Boys" is a reminder of things past and of things constant.

Doors open at 3 p.m., show starts at 4 p.m. Only 40 seats are available. Advance tickets double as chair reservations and are available online only until the day before the show at www.stage33live.com. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of show, although if the chairs have all been reserved it will be for standing room. You may bring your own seating.

The listening event will be recorded and filmed. Your likeness or voice may be incidentally documented; your presence is your permission.

33 Bridge Street is an accessible space.

33 Bridge Street is a couple blocks toward the river. Stage 33 Live is in a brick building on the right after the Post Office and over the little bridge. The most reliable parking is in the free lot across the street, next to the canal.

Stage 33 Live documents live performances and presentations on a simple stage in a former factory building for downstream audiences. Only original material is allowed. For more information about the project and about other upcoming events, go to www.stage33live.com.

Calling all local artists to VAULT's Open Wall Show

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – You are invited to show your work at Gallery at the VAULT in our Open Wall Show. This is a chance to display your work in a non-juried show. There is no fee.

The theme for our next show is "Rhythms." Themes are loosely adhered to. This is a great opportunity for artists who would like to get their work out there for the first time as well as for seasoned artists.

Please bring work that is framed and wired for hanging and acceptable for viewing by all ages. You can bring in two works if they are 18 by 20 inches or smaller or one if it is larger. Sculpture, jewelry, pottery, and fiber art are welcome along with the paintings and

photos.

The time to bring them in is Thursday, May 2, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.; Friday, May 3, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday,

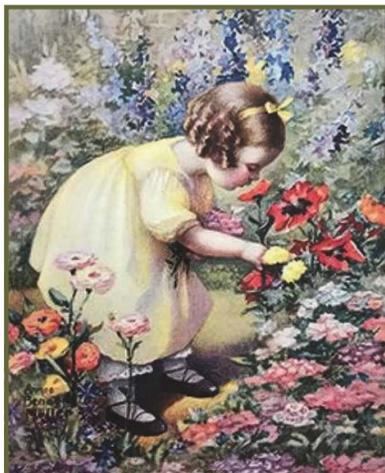
May 4, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show will run from May 8 to July 25.

Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street in Springfield, is 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 galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit www.galleryvault.org.



"Fox" by Marita Johnson, "Plains Pipes" by Michael Caron, and cards by residents of Cedar Hill Memory Care Center, from the last show, "Contrasts."

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Tickets on sale for the Apple Blossom Cotillion

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The 63rd Apple Blossom Queen will be crowned Saturday, May 4, 2019 at Riverside Gymnasium in Springfield. "The Apple Blossom Cotillion is both a community tradition and a fundraising event," says Tonia Fleming, Development Officer for Springfield Hospital. Proceeds are used to fund the Dr. E. Sherburne Lovell Health Career Award and to support local health care services.

Tickets are available to purchase now for the Friday, May 3 "Opening Night" performance and the Saturday, May 4 "Grand Performance." Both shows start at 7:30 p.m. and doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at Tina's Hallmark Store in Springfield Plaza, Boccaccio's salons in Springfield and Bellows Falls, and at Members Advantage Credit Union in Springfield.

This Apple Blossom Cotillion welcomes back long-



Contestants practicing for the 63rd Apple Blossom Cotillion.

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time directors Pam Church Shaughnessy and Carrie Jewell to continue the tradition started by the Springfield Hospital Auxiliary, continued by Bob Spindler, and now presented by the Hospital's Development Office. This year, 12 high school contestants and their escorts will be joined by 21 elementary school couples. The event's theme, "A Gleeful Evening," will feature songs performed in the long-running musical comedy-

drama television series "Glee." An exhibit of the Cotillion's past, including portraits of past Apple Blossom Queens and gowns worn in past Cotillions, is on display on the third floor of Springfield Health Center at 100 River St. in Springfield, Vt., and will run until the week after the Cotillion.

For more information, call Tonia Fleming at 802-885-7613 or email tfleming@springfield-med.org.

A cappella group sings out in Proctorsville

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – If you like the idea of a musical cup of coffee, you'll find it Sunday, April 28 when the popular a cappella group House Blend performs at the Raise the Roof concert series in Proctorsville.

House Blend is an assemblage 12 performers who are self-described singing addicts with a musical repertoire that includes American gospel, Eastern European village songs, Renaissance madrigals, Bach, and quirky contemporary pieces – all of it spiced with humor, energy, and passion for singing.

The crisp acoustics of the 1890 Gethsemane Episcopal Church, combined with their powerful voices, will create an eclectic, infectious, harmonious brew of music that will raise the roof and fill your cup to the brim. The concert begins at 4 p.m. at the church at 89 Depot St.

in Proctorsville, next to Crows Cafe. There is an admission at the door. For further information, call 802-226-7497.

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Tax Day Pull-Up Challenge results

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – For those who have put in the hard work of exercising, the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center and Graham and Graham PC wanted to give individuals an opportunity to earn a cash refund for their efforts with the first ever Tax Day Pull-Up Contest. The premise was simple: do as many pull-ups as you can in one of four divisions – Men's Unassisted, Men's Assisted, Women's Unassisted, Women's Assisted. The assisted division simply meant that half of your body weight was removed using the "assisted pull-up" machine. The event was open to anyone willing to give it a shot. A cash prize of \$100 would be awarded to the individual who completed the most pull-ups in each division.

April 15 started early for Springfield resident Sam McCoy who was the first competitor to participate at 6:30 a.m. In all, 30 individuals took part; including the oldest participant,



Overall winner, Chester resident Alan Garvin, is presented with his \$100 by EdgarMay Executive Director, Christian Craig.

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71-year-old Bryce Honeywell, who completed 20 assisted pull-ups! The day was won by Chester resident Alan Garvin who completed 34 unassisted pull-ups. In the women's unassisted category, Meg Letson of Bellows Falls claimed the crown and \$100 with 11

unassisted pullups. In the assisted categories, Rachel Karwelat, an employee at Drew's Organics in Chester, won the women's division with 60 assisted pull-ups. Springfield resident Mat Jackson won the men's assisted with 48 pull-ups.

Start doing your daily pull-ups today, as the event will return April 15, 2020. Can you earn a refund on your fitness hard work?

The event was sponsored by the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center and Graham and Graham PC, located in Springfield, Vt. For more information regarding exercise and wellness programs at the EdgarMay, visit www.myreccenter.org or call 802-885-2568. To learn about the tax and financial services offered by Graham and Graham PC, visit www.grahamcpa.com or call 802-885-5340.

Senior Solutions volunteers and news

REGION – The Townshend area has lost two volunteer Meals on Wheels drivers. If you're interested in signing up to help, please contact Catherine Chavez, the kitchen manager at West River Valley Cares, at 802-365-7190 x-109.

Senior Solutions is sending three individuals to Seattle for training as PEARLS counselors. We are also working on partnering with a psychiatrist who will mentor the program. The program will consist of eight weeks of counseling. Connecting aging Vermonters with people who can help them overcome some of life's challenges is our goal.

Thank you to all the volunteers who signed up for the HomeMeds screening training. We now will be able to add more people to cover the Windham and Windsor requests for analysis of their prescription interactions.

The 3SquaresVT applications are available through our HelpLine at 802-885-2669. We can advise you on your eligibility, help you fill out the form, and submit it with the required documents. We may also be able to help you identify other health and medical benefits to make your life more comfortable. Many of these benefits are only for the older Vermont-

ers. You are not taking anything away from anyone else. Please let us help you access benefits designed by the government to make growing older in Vermont more enjoyable.

We need volunteers in Bellows Falls, Ludlow, and all around the Upper Valley to fulfill the need of our clients who would enjoy seeing a friendly visitor. We provide the training, background check, and resources to make a successful experience for both our volunteers and our clients. Call 802-885-2669 and sign up to volunteer and make someone very happy.

Learn hands-only CPR

GRAFTON, Vt. – Survival rates for cardiac arrest patients continues to be as low as 10% primarily because no one around at the time of the incident administers CPR. The survival rate can be doubled and even tripled when CPR is begun at once. Waiting for an EMS responder to arrive costs time that can never be overcome even with all the specialized training and equipment that EMS responders have.

It is important to keep the patient's blood flowing, which can be done by administering chest compressions. This is the most important immediate aspect of CPR and needs to be done at once while waiting for EMS to arrive. Breaths will be administered by EMS when they arrive on scene. Because of this, a type of CPR has been developed called Hands-Only or Bystander CPR, which can be easily learned in one



Grafton EMS is teaching hands-only CPR.

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short lesson.

A simple Bystander CPR class will be offered Wednesday, May 1 at 7 p.m. at the Grafton School. The class will cover adult hands-only CPR and the use of an AED. There is no cost for this training, which will be provided by the Grafton Rescue

Squad, although it is necessary to register in advance. Sign up now by emailing grafftonrescue@vermontel.net or by leaving a message at 802-843-2401. Check Grafton Fire and Rescue on Facebook for updates on this and other Rescue Squad and Fire Department activities.

Video Festival to feature local high school talent

CASTLETON, Vt. – Castleton University invites high school students to participate in the 24th annual Castleton Videofest.

High school students throughout Vermont and the surrounding area are encouraged to enter submissions in four categories:

documentary, experimental or animation, narrative fiction, and public service announcements or advertisements.

Castleton will award a \$1,000 scholarship to the individual who takes first place in each category. Video professionals will judge the entries on creativity, content, and execution.

Submissions must be digitally submitted or postmarked by May 1. A public screening of the winning videos and an award ceremony will be held at Castleton University in the Casella Theater Friday, May 10.

For more information, visit www.castleton.edu/videofest.

Nominations are open for 2019 Con Hogan Community Leadership Award

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Nominations are now being accepted for the \$15,000 Con Hogan Award for Creative, Entrepreneurial Community Leadership. Initiated in 2015, the annual award is a tribute

to Con Hogan's life's work and commitment to public service. The goal of the award is to encourage and reward leaders who share Con's vision of a better Vermont – one that places the highest value on the public

good – who seize the responsibility for making that vision real, and who mentor emerging leaders. The \$15,000 award may be spent however the selected individual chooses.

As in the past, the 2019 award will go to an individual selected by a committee representing a broad range of interests and experience including health and human services, the arts, government service, early care and education, agriculture, and civic duty. The individual will have demonstrated the following characteristics: focus on results, using data and measurement to mobilize action, working with people across diverse perspectives, taking risks in pursuit of a vision, and persisting through setbacks.

The awardee must be an individual who is a Vermont resident and has not previously received the award. Nominations will be accepted through the Vermont Community Foundation's website until 5 p.m. Thursday, June 27, 2019. The award will be presented at a public event Oct. 2, 2019 in Montpelier. For more information or to submit a nomination, visit www.vermontcf.org/conhoganaward.

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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

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Just imagine... Life is going great for you day after day. You seem to be enjoying just about every 24 hours to the fullest. Then all of a sudden, someone hits you with an opportunity that almost doesn't make sense. You pinch yourself and realize this moment is true. You really, really don't want to make a change, but on the other hand, how can you not?

This is exactly the position Springfield girls' basketball coach Joe Costello found himself in just after his remarkable Lady Cosmo completed their tremendous Final Four winter. This wasn't the first time he had received an offer from this firm in Maine. They had come calling before, but each time, he had looked in the mirror, saw the permanent smile on his face and said, "No, thanks." This time though, it was different.

Costello is headed to Paris, Maine that is. The four-year head coach of Springfield girls' basketball had settled in. He enjoyed working with Springfield lawyer John Marchica, and he especially loved coaching the Lady Cosmo. He called this past basketball season, "The most rewarding highlight of my professional life."

Fate has been fickle throughout Costello's journey. He grew up in Windsor, N.Y. I have journeyed to his backyard when I covered UVM basketball in Binghamton, N.Y. I even had the pleasure of working out at a health club he used to frequent in Johnson City. His dad coached varsity basketball there 35 years, 18 as the head coach. This was one factor that helped Costello start to believe in himself along the way during his Cosmos tenure. He said about the task in front of him, upon taking said job, "I've always been confident with my abilities. I come from a coaching family."

He made his Springfield coaching debut as an assistant. It was his wife, Jade, who came on the scene first. He followed along to assist her with the Cosmos girls' soccer team. This was one of those right place at the right time moments. When the girls' hoops job opened up, Costello had already become familiar with many of the Cosmo hoopsters. "I wasn't a total unknown to the school, or some of the girls. They had seen my approach and philosophy connected with coaching. I don't know who all of the

other candidates were, but being with the girls' soccer team had to help."

Upon Costello taking the helm, the Cosmo hoopsters were in a true transition moment in their history. Chelsea McAllister had been a standout performer for four years and she had just graduated. McAllister had been both a scorer and a facilitator, and returning players would be looking to play a much different game. Costello said, "I had inherited kids who had played with an alpha their entire lives. I had to shift a mindset that players were use to, of deferring to someone, and they now had to change their roles to become playmakers, creative forces, and overall basketball players. We concentrated on those things during my first two years and then became much better along the way."

Springfield finished 5-15 and 3-17 while the coach was establishing his way of doing things. They finished 10-10 in 2017-18, playing a difficult schedule, before bowing in a tough play-off game against Randolph. Then, with all cylinders churning ahead, this year's team went 15-5 and advanced to the State Semi-Finals for only the third time in school history. Thus far, the Lady Cosmo has appeared in a Final Four once every 15 years the event has been held. Springfield had appearances in 1977 and 1995 before this year's team making it again. That leaves one to think, where is the program at now?

Costello happens to think things are in pretty good shape. "We have a special group of kids returning. They have worked hard to get where they are - especially the juniors because they were brought along faster than they should have been. They have been able to see the big picture and they have stayed true to it. They were given a vision and they have followed peer modeling, which allows them to set the tone for a sustainable program," he relayed to me with confidence. He cares deeply whom the next coach is and will share whatever he needs to in hopes the transition is as smooth as possible.

Plenty of tears have been shed in Cosmoland since Costello's departure has been made public. One parent shared with me, "While Joe's decision totally makes sense for him and his family, I'm a little bit heartbroken he isn't sticking around. As an adult, it's easy to see your child has a gem of a coach. What I have seen Joe do, so quietly and so unassumingly, is to get these girls to believe in themselves in a way that was pretty stunning. Even when we talked, after he broke the news to the girls, he won't take any responsibility for the success of their season, but he honestly was, and the confidence he has given them really extends beyond the sport as well. His approach to knowing these girls beyond the court is something I will be eternally grateful for."

Of course, Joe Costello is not the only one of significance who is departing Springfield. His wife Jade is assistant principal and when her contract runs out June 30, she will be on the road to Paris too. Remember this is not a Paris in another country; however, another country is responsible for these two talented professionals ending up as husband and wife and being able to bless Springfield with

their professional talents for a short time.

Joe Costello only met his wife because he was dealt a cruel fate. Although Joe was a talented basketball player, it was baseball he had hoped would be his ticket to a full college career. While attending college at Lafayette, he suffered a career ending injury when he tore both his rotator cuff and labrum, so instead of continuing to study on campus, he hit the road to Galway, Ireland. His program allowed participants to arrive early and get to know the area some before classes started. There he happened to meet another student set to study abroad and "We've been together ever since," the coach told me. Among the things that attracted Joe to Jade, was "a love of baseball" and that part worked despite the fact he favors Pinstripes and she favors Red Sox.

Jade came from Maine and with Joe's New York background those baseball allegiances definitely make sense. Jade is presently actively looking for a job in Maine and hopes to continue in the administrative field. Both husband and wife chose to turn down the present opportunity more than once, but the Maine company, which concentrates on renewable energy projects, hired Costello on as their legal consultant on about their fifth try.

"We formed a relationship a few years ago when they sought legal advice on some Vermont projects they were working on. Their in-house counsel was looking to retire in about five years and they mentioned whether we could talk when the time comes. I said, by all means, I would be happy to at least talk. The five-year period moved up a couple of times and we did talk, but each time I told them that it just doesn't fit. Then, after basketball ended, they presented a proposal we just couldn't refuse."

"It was the hardest thing in the world for me to accept this opportunity," Joe told me. "A lot of things had aligned for our family in the Springfield School District. As far as coaching is concerned, to be successful you have to have a connection with the kids, not just after 5 p.m., but also between 7-3. My family was able to make that work. If someone was having a tough day at school, I was able to find out. Springfield gave back to us as well. The community helped us raise our children. This is definitely not a day I looked forward to have come."

Will another community someday have the opportunity to see Costello back on the sideline?

"That doesn't fit right now, but I'd like to believe it will happen again. I'd definitely like to be back on the sideline someday."

Joe, Springfield was very lucky to have known you.

NOTE: Former Cosmo standout Chelsea McAllister mentioned in today's column went on to enjoy four more strong seasons at Springfield College. Reflection on those years will be mentioned in a future column.

If you would like to comment on *This & That*, feel free to email bmurphy@vermontjournal.com.

New local race series

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Dam Run, Lace Up for Laura Memorial 5K, the Springfield Booster Club's Booster Dash, and the Edgar-May Thanksgiving Day 5K will be joining forces to provide the opportunity for participants to compete in a yearlong series of events.

Participants who compete in each race or walk will be awarded points for completing each event. A special medal will be given to those who complete all four events and the top male and female in each age group will receive a special t-shirt. Points will be updated after each event. In addition, those registering for all four events will save money on registration fees. Your first chance to take advantage of these savings will be at the Springfield Dam Run Saturday, April 27.

The Springfield Dam Run: The purpose of the Dam Run, in addition to promoting an active, healthy lifestyle, is a way for family and friends to get together and be a part of their local community. This four-mile course starts on River Street and takes participants over the Springfield Dam with a gorgeous view of Mount Ascutney. The Springfield Dam Run is held Saturday, April 27 and features a kids' fun run just prior to the 9 a.m. start

time. Race day proceeds from the Springfield Dam Run benefit numerous area charities and causes. For more information, go to www.springfielddamrun.com.

The Lace Up for Laura Memorial 5K walk or run is a way to come together the last Saturday in June each year in remembrance of Laura Cody McNaughton who died in a tragic car accident June 28, 2018. The event will be held Saturday, June 29, 2019 and include a kids' fun run starting at 8:30 a.m. followed by a 3.1 mile race starting at 9 a.m. Proceeds from the memorial run will benefit the Laura Cody McNaughton Memorial fund and its annual scholarship, which will be awarded to a graduating senior who exemplifies Laura's leadership and giving spirit. For more information, go to www.laceupforlaura.com.

The Booster Dash 5K is a fun, flat course race that is designed to bring community members together while recognizing the importance of healthy living and exercise. The Dash is an event sponsored by the Springfield Booster Club and embodies the cornerstones of their work: collaboration, revitalization, and community spirit. The course begins at the Jones Center parking area and travels the Toonerville Trail along the Black River.

Proceeds from the race benefit the Springfield Booster Club and will go towards their continuing efforts to support Springfield athletes and build community. The Booster Dash will be held Aug. 3.

The Edgar May Thanksgiving Day 5K is held annually prior to the meal where Americans consume the most amount of food. The 3.1-mile course starts at Springfield Hospital and travels to Springfield High School and back. Come dressed in a costume or with a large group of family and friends to compete for fun prizes. This event is held on Thanksgiving morning at 9 a.m. Proceeds for this event benefit the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center's Annual Fund. For more information, go to www.myrecenter.org/thanksgiving-day-5k.org/thanksgivingday.

You can find all four events on Facebook or www.active.com or stop by the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center, Springfield Parks and Recreation, or the Springfield Booster Club tent at local athletic events for a registration form. If you have additional questions, please contact Christian Craig at 802-885-2568 or ccraig@myrecenter.org. See you out on the road!

Sadie Stetson is Gatorade Player of the Year for third time

ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt. - Sadie Stetson was named 2018-19 Vermont Girls Basketball Gatorade Player of the Year for the third year in a row, recognizing the St. Johnsbury Academy senior as the top player in the state. She helped lead her team to their repeat championship in Division I and defeated Division I Champlain Valley Union High School in the finals.

CVU was undefeated the whole season up until then. Stetson also was named Metro Division Player of the Year, Burlington Free Press "Miss Basketball," VBCA Player of the Year, Caledonian-Record Player of the Year, and All-State First Team.

These awards were repeats of the last two years except for the Caledonian-Record.

To my knowledge, she is the only Vermont basketball player - male or female - to ever achieve three in a row. Gatorade started recognizing players in 1986.

Stetson has accepted a full scholarship to Division I American University for next fall where fellow Vermonter Emily Kinneston, a CVU alum, had just finished four years there and was the Patriot divisions MVP last year. Speaking of Emily, according to the AAU Lone Wolf Facebook article, she is playing professional basketball in Eu-

rope for Finland's top team. Not bad for a Vermont girl!

Stetson also plays AAU basketball for the Lone Wolf Athletics where every Vermont Girls' Basketball Gatorade POY recipient for the last 14 years has played. Lone Wolf Athletics is run by Wayne Lafley and consists of four or five girls' teams and three or four boys' teams of various ages. Players come from all over Vermont and some areas of New York. They are one of the best organizations in the New England area.

Written by Don Lloyd of Springfield.Vt

Fourth Gurney Field Day

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The fourth annual Donald I. Gurney Sr. Field Day will be a celebration of Springfield athletics, to be held Saturday, May 11. In continued collaboration with Springfield Parks & Rec Dept. and the Springfield School District, we are again ecstatic to present this year's event - bigger and better! We will be celebrating more than 300 athletes in grades K-12.

The day kicks off at 8:45 a.m. with a parade of celebrated athletes leaving from Veterans Memorial Park on Route 106 and traveling to Riverside Middle School. In addition, the parade will also include local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops and Mr. Gurney's beloved Calliope. Once the athletes arrive at Riverside, they will be escort-

ed onto Robinson Field for the Opening Ceremony with guest speaker Andy Bladyka acting as the day's master of ceremony. The opening ceremony boasts live music, special guests, and a few surprises as always.

Baseball and softball games are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. with at least 15 games planned on all six fields. The basketball courts will have pick-up games and the tennis courts will be in full swing. Off-season athletes have been invited along with their coaches to showcase their sports and put on fun clinics.

There will also be numerous activities including corn hole, face painting, carnival style games with an athletic theme, and a place to pick up official Gurney Field Day t-shirts and merchandise. Three concession areas are planned. The menus

will include hot dogs, burgers, pasta and potato salads, baked goods, chips, sweets, and drinks.

Youth games will include opponents from our own Springfield teams and surrounding towns. Eighth grade softball and baseball both face Sunapee at 10 a.m. Varsity baseball will face Bellows Falls at 1 p.m., JV softball will play Green Mountain, JV baseball takes on Bellows Falls and varsity softball will square off against Bellows Falls under the lights at 7 p.m.

Donations to make this year's event even more incredible and sustainable for future years are greatly appreciated and can be sent to the Springfield Booster Club, P.O. Box 666, Springfield, VT 05156. For more information, call Rachel Hunter at 802-375-5722 or email hunner1@gmail.com.

Spring sports upcoming schedule

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 -

Girls Tennis
Mount Saint Joseph at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 -

Boys Baseball
Bellows Falls at Mill River, 11 a.m.

Green Mountain at Mount Saint Joseph, 11 a.m.

Girls Softball
Bellows Falls at Hartford, 11 a.m.

CO-ED Track
Bellows Falls, Leland & Gray, Springfield at Windsor Invitational, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 29 -

Boys Baseball
Black River at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.

Fall Mountain at Campbell, 4 p.m.

Proctor at Leland & Gray, 4:30 p.m.

Rutland at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.

Windsor at Springfield, 4:30 p.m.

Girls Softball
Burr & Burton at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.

Fall Mountain at Campbell, 4 p.m.

Rutland at Bellows Falls, 4:30

p.m.

West Rutland at Black River, 4:30 p.m.

Windsor at Springfield, 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30 -

Co-Ed Track
Leland & Gray at Mount Anthony, 3:30 p.m.

Newport, Stevens at Fall Mountain, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 -

Boys Baseball
Black River at White River, 4:30 p.m.

Springfield at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.

Woodstock at Leland & Gray, 4:30 p.m.

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Woodstock at Leland & Gray, 4:30 p.m.

Poultney at Leland & Gray, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 3 -

Boys Baseball
Black River at Mount Saint Joseph, 4:30 p.m.

Fall Mountain at Monadnock, 4 p.m.

Girls Softball
Fall Mountain at Monadnock, 4 p.m.

Otter Valley at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.

Twin Valley at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.

Girls Tennis
Bellows Falls at Woodstock, 4:30 p.m.

Co-Ed Track
Newport, Stevens at Fall Mountain, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 4 -

Boys Baseball
Proctor at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.

Girls Softball
Black River at Woodstock, 4:30 p.m.

Proctor at Green Mountain, 4:30 p.m.

Co-Ed Track
Fall Mountain at Keene, 9 a.m.

Leland & Gray at Fair Haven, 10 a.m.



Spring Home Improvement

The perfect time for gardening

Rockingham Library seeking plant donations -

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - The Friends of the Rockingham Library are seeking donations for their annual plant sale coming up on May 11. Donations of houseplants, shrubs, bulbs, groundcover, perennials, flowering annuals, vegetables,

fruits, and herbs are welcome. Any plant donation will be gladly accepted, as long as it is not invasive.

It's easy to donate. Place plants in pots and label them with name and light preference. Then drop them off at the li-

brary between Monday, May 6 through Thursday, May 9 during library hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Thursday 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. The plant sale will be held Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, call 802-463-4270, visit the library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls or go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

Ron Krupp presents "Seed Starting for Less"

CHESTER, Vt. - Ron Krupp, author and gardening expert, presents "Seed Starting for Less" Saturday, May 4 at noon at Newsbank Conference Center in Chester.

This free hands-on workshop is sponsored by Whiting Library and will include a discussion on germination mixes, potting soils, seed starting dates, grow lights versus sunlight, containers, the use of cold-frames, greenhouses, and more. Everyone is welcome; whether novice or experienced, there

is something to learn just in time to get your garden started. Please bring your garden questions.

After many years of farming, gardening, being a commercial grower, founder, and manager of multiple farmers' markets through the state of Vermont, Ron Krupp decided to put his experiences down on paper. He believes that it's a gift to be able to write about one's passion in life. Most of the stories and characters in the book come from the Green Mountains of Vermont, but they could have

originated in any rural area where people have a tradition of working the land. He loves to weave his humor, wit, and a good amount of heart throughout his works and share his passion for gardening.

Aside from being an author and local gardening personality, Ron is a strong advocate and patron of community gardens and also teaches gardening at Heartbeat, a farm community in Hardwick, Vt., for adults with disabilities. He is a frequent contributor to Vermont Public Radio.

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StatePoint - The warmer weather means it's time to start thinking about home improvement projects. Whether you're getting your home in tip-top shape for your own enjoyment, or getting it ready to put on the market, not all home improvement projects are created equal when it comes to return on investment. Here are top areas on which to focus:

Interiors
The kitchen is the heart of the home and it's one of the best areas to renovate in terms of return of investment.

To give the kitchen an updated appearance, replace the



Choose projects that will provide more bang for your buck. PHOTO PROVIDED BY TYLER OLSON FROM STOCK.ADOBE.COM

flooring, countertops, sink, and faucet. A fresh coat of paint in a trendy shade can add a vibrant pop of color to energize any kitchen. Not looking to go that bold? Consider an accent wall, or stick to a classic palate of gray and white in terms of cabinets and countertops. White on white is also a popular new style for kitchens and bathrooms.

Other features home buyers are paying close attention to are laundry rooms and such energy-saving elements as Energy Star appliances and windows.

Curb Appeal
The popularity of outdoor projects remains strong and it's for a good reason. The biggest bang for your buck in 2019

could come from replacing a garage door.

Other outdoor projects with high ROI include adding manufactured stone veneer to the exterior, adding a wood deck, and replacing siding. Looking for a simpler way to make an impact? Sprucing up the landscape by planting flowers or bushes or even just clearing the yard of debris will make a big statement.

No matter what updates you end up making, it's always a good idea to notify your insurance agent. "Certain upgrades may change the value of a house, so homeowners need to make sure they're properly covered," says Bob Buckel, vice president of product management, Erie Insurance. "There are a few things to look for. Ask your agent about guaranteed replacement cost policies that can cover the cost to rebuild a home in today's dollars following a covered loss."

Some upgrades may also make you eligible for discounts, Buckel adds, especially if they make the home more secure. "For example, Erie Insurance offers certain safety discounts such as for installing smoke alarms or an automatic sprinkler system."

Now you have a checklist of DIY projects to focus on this spring. But before you start, take a moment to assess which ones are worth your time and money.

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Humane Society Plant and Bake Sale

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The annual Plant and Bake Sale to benefit the Springfield Humane Society will take place Saturday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in front of Peebles at the Springfield Shopping Plaza. This annual event offers a wide variety of house and garden plants as well as delicious treats from local kitchens. The community's help is requested in the form of donations of baked items, houseplants, and outdoor plants.

Please keep us in mind if you

are thinning flower gardens. Hosta, astilbe, iris, phlox, day-lilies, and catnip are just a few of the perennials offered at past sales. Last year we had domestic raspberry plants, lilacs, and a few "mystery" plants. If you have a new home, or if you've been thinking about adding some new flowers to an existing garden, come to this sale to see what you can buy at very reasonable prices.

For those donating plants, please include the name of the plant, indicate whether it is an

indoor or outdoor variety, and growing details; for instance, "likes full sun and a lot of water." Plants and baked goods can be dropped off the morning of the sale starting at 8 a.m. or call Jill Markert at 802-886-4475 for pick up or if you're interested in volunteering for this fundraiser.

Beautiful your home, satisfy your sweet tooth, and support the Springfield Humane Society's work for animals whom need forever homes.

Vegetable gardening for everybody

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Get ready to spring into gardening! Join us at the Springfield Town Library, Thursday, May 2 at 6 p.m. for "Vegetable Gardening for Everybody" with Patrice Jones.

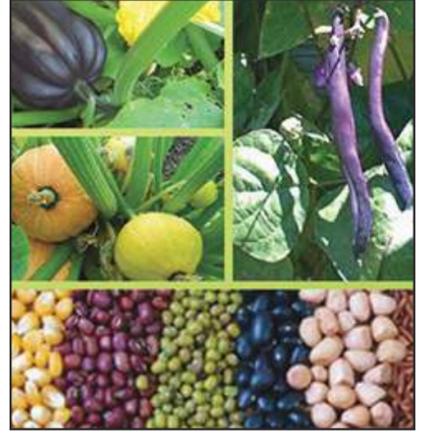
Vegetable gardening is an enjoyable and healthy outdoor activity that can also be a cost-saving way to include a variety of organic produce in your diet. Whether you're thinking about gardening for the first time or are an experienced gardener who would like to learn some new tricks, this workshop will have something for you. Topics will include planning to get the most food from every inch of your garden, no-dig methods of setting up your garden without breaking your back, and "veganic" techniques for boosting soil vitality and deterring harmful insects. The basics of sowing, transplanting, composting, and seed saving also will be covered.

Patrice Jones, co-founder of VINE Sanctuary, a Springfield nonprofit that promotes vegetable gardening as an important component of community health, will lead the workshop. With more

than 20 years of experience in veganic cultivation, Patrice can show you how to grow your own organic produce without accidentally hurting the environment by using by-products of factory farming.

All attendees will receive free seeds as well as a free limited-edition bottle of Dr. Bronner's soap for washing up after gardening. This workshop will be held in conjunction with the opening of the new seed library at Springfield Town Library.

The Springfield Town Li-



Vegetable gardening is for everybody.

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brary is located at 43 Main Street, Springfield. As with all library programs, it is free, accessible to people with disabilities, and open to the public. For more information, contact the library at 802-885-3108 or stlas@vermontel.net.

Five home trends to consider

StatePoint – Keeping up with the latest décor trends is no easy feat. That's why celebrity interior designer Taniya Nayak has pulled together top five home design trends to provide inspiration no matter your personal taste.

1. Natural and organic. Bring a touch of Mother Nature into your home with this trend that accentuates earthy, organic elements. Nayak recommends adding layers of textures, like natural raw jute, and incorporating muted tones, such as terracotta, moss green, or mustard, to achieve this nature-inspired style.

2. Feminine and free. This style embraces a pastel palette of pale blue, pink, and cream to achieve a romantic and glam look. Infuse this trend into your space by creating a striped accent wall with soft-hued tones or alternate different paint finishes, such as eggshell and satin, in the same color for a dimensional effect. Bring the look to life with fresh greenery and indoor plants.

3. Eclectic and bold. Nayak says, "Own your own style and show it off... make a statement!" An easy way to achieve this bold trend is to paint a door, an accent piece, or even a ceiling in a bright color. Unsure if bold colors are for you? Take a look in your closet to see which shades you tend to gravitate toward most.

4. Fluid and fashionable. Create a space that exudes effort-

lessness by infusing repetitive patterns and fluid transitions of the same color. According to Nayak, the best way to incorporate varying shades of a single color is to use a paint sample strip like you might find at a paint supply store as guidance to achieve a serene look throughout the space. Otherwise, stick to a single shade and carefully play with patterns. For example, pair striped dining room chairs with a patterned rug for a fashion-forward statement.

5. Luxe modern. A little design secret to keep in mind: mixing metals is back and in a

big way. Nayak encourages DIYers to compliment metallic accents, instead of matching them. She suggests creating a palette of two to four metal tones and distributing them throughout the space in ways that are intentional and maintain balance. For a look that is glam, yet modern, consider pairing rose gold with pewter, or brushed gold and stainless steel.

Ingenious and easy to achieve, these rising trends for 2019 will provide the necessary inspiration to update your home's interiors.



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outdoor news

Vermont walleye fishing season opens May 4

REGION – The Vermont walleye fishing season will open Saturday, May 4, marking the return of some of the best walleye fishing in New England.

Vermont has excellent spring walleye fishing opportunities in several lakes and rivers across the state. Such opportunities include Lake Champlain and its tributaries – the Missisquoi, Lamoille and Winoski rivers and Otter Creek. Salem Lake and Island Pond also have walleye populations.

A trio of additional waters Lake Carmi, Chittenden Reservoir, and the Connecticut River, also offer quality walleye fishing but are subject to specific regulations.

In all waters of Vermont except Lake Carmi, Chittenden Reservoir, and the Connecticut River, walleye have an 18-inch minimum length requirement and three-fish daily limit. The open season is from Saturday, May 4 through March 15, 2020.

Lake Carmi has a slot limit for walleye because of the lake's high productivity and high rate of walleye harvest. The minimum length is 15 inches and all walleye between 17 and 19



Richard Levesque of Swanton, Vt. with the 14 pounds, 8.8 ounces Vermont state record walleye he caught in Lake Champlain in 2010.

PHOTO BY BILL CRENSHAW

inches must be released. The daily limit is five walleye, but only one may be over 19 inches long. The season is open May 4 through March 15.

Chittenden Reservoir has special walleye regulations in order to produce large walleye that can help control its overabundant yellow perch population and provide anglers with an opportunity to harvest a trophy walleye. The minimum length is 22 inches, the daily limit is two, and the season is open June 1 through March 15.

Connecticut River walleye fishing rules are set by New Hampshire. No walleye be-

tween 16 and 18 inches may be kept, and the daily limit is four fish, of which only one may be longer than 18 inches.

Salem Lake and Island Pond provide walleye fishing opportunities in the Northeast Kingdom. The Island Pond walleye population has been on the rebound since the Fish & Wildlife Department resumed stocking there in 2014.

As a reminder to anglers, there is no open season on sauger, a close cousin to the walleye. Once more abundant in southern Lake Champlain, sauger may still appear there rarely. If caught while fishing for other fish, sauger must be immediately released.

Anglers are encouraged to read about current fishing regulations in the "2019 Vermont Fishing Guide & Regulations" available free from any Vermont license agent. To purchase a fishing license or learn more about fishing in Vermont, visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

Mud season is here, protect fragile trail environments

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Green Mountain Club, the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, and the Green Mountain National Forest call on Vermonters and recreational tourists to be wary of the return of mud season to the Green Mountains and to respect associated trail closures and advisories.

The wet soils on and around hiking trails are very susceptible to erosion at this critical time of year. To protect fragile soil and surrounding vegetation, some trails may be closed by land managers. We ask everyone to please respect the signage you see. Hikers walking on saturated soils or on the sides of trails cause damage to surrounding vegetation, widen trails, and inhibit natural drainage of our beloved hiking trails.

The period of snowmelt and muddy trails varies considerably throughout Vermont depending on elevation, solar orientation, depth of snowpack, and amount of spring rainfall. Even as it warms up in town, mountains are hiding cold, wet, snowy, and icy conditions that may persist deep into spring. Hikers who find themselves at high elevations will need better



While you're exploring outdoors, protect fragile trail environments. STOCK PHOTO

traction and warmer clothes than the valley may hint at. The GMC encourages hikers to use their best judgment. If you encounter conditions you are not prepared for, please turn around. If a trail is muddy, even if it is not officially closed, please find an alternative hiking spot.

"Lower elevation trails and back roads provide more sustainable opportunities for recreating during the spring months," says Keegan Tierney, director of field programs for the Green Mountain Club. "The sun melts snow and dries soils on lower elevation and south facing trails much sooner than those along the spine of

the Green Mountains. Until the end of May, consider checking out trail systems that are maintained by our land management colleagues around the state, being sure to check on their websites for information before heading out."

For information on mud season and alternative hike suggestions, call the GMC's visitor center at 802-244-7037 or email gmc@greenmountainclub.org, or the Vermont State Parks Call Center at 1-888-409-7579. In addition, a weekly trail update with the latest conditions and a list of alternative hikes will be posted on the Vermont State Parks website at www.vtstateparks.com/hiking.html.

Wildlife photographer gives "The Art in Birding" presentation

CASTLETON, Vt. – Vermont wildlife photographer Brian Machanic will present "The Art in Birding" at the Kehoe Education Center in Castleton, Vt., Sunday, April 28 at 10 a.m. The presentation will be followed by a one-hour bird walk at the new Bonsawino Wildlife Management Area adjacent to the education center.

Machanic is a native Vermonter who has had a passion

for wildlife since childhood and has been an avid naturalist and photographer his whole life. He began selling scenic and wildlife images 30 years ago at his Nature's Eye Studio in Charlotte and has published photos and stories in regional and national magazines. Machanic recently published his first book, entitled "This Book Is for The Birds."

"During my presentation, viewers will get an up-close look

at the beauty and unique attributes of various species through an exploration of a large portfolio of avian images – no binoculars or spotting scopes required!" said Machanic.

Following Machanic's presentation, participants will have an opportunity to take a one-hour field walk on the wildlife management area. Ali Thomas of the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department will lead the field walk and help participants identify some of the amazing birds that can be found there.

The event is limited to the first 25 participants. To register, contact Ali Thomas at alison.thomas@vermont.gov or 802-971-9975.

Camp Farnsworth offers girls outdoor adventure and programs

THETFORD, Vt. – For more than 100 years, Girl Scout camp has brought girls unmatched outdoor adventure, full of learning, challenges, and a lot of friendship and fun. Camp Farnsworth is where girls from across Vermont and New Hampshire come to spend a week or even a summer out in nature, making memories that will last a lifetime. Summer camp allows a child to thrive outside the structure of school and regular friends.

"Parents see their campers gain skills at camp that transfer back to the school and home environment," said Karyn Martin, assistant director of the Facilities Outdoor Program at Girl Scouts



Paddleboarding, swimming, canoeing – it's all part of summer at Camp Farnsworth. PHOTO PROVIDED

of the Green and White Mountains.

At Farnsworth resident camp, girls plan their week's activities, perhaps choosing to make a bench in wood shop, trying out yoga on stand-up paddleboards, going for a swim in the pool, or reaching new heights as they conquer the climbing tower and new low-ropes course. Girls in kindergarten through 10th grade will enjoy a variety of camp themes and activities, while girls in 11th and 12th grade can participate as coun-

selors or barn leaders in training.

Being outdoors is one of the four pillars of the Girl Scout Experience, along with STEM, life skills, and entrepreneurship. Girl Scouts change the world for the better.

Camp Farnsworth offers seven weeks of resident camp, from June 30 through Aug. 16. Open to all girls – you don't have to already be a Girl Scout to attend. To learn more about camp and Girl Scouts, see www.girlscoutsgwm.org.

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Green Mountain Fireplace Specialties is a small, family-owned fireplace specialty shop, located in the heart of Ludlow, Vt. Owners Arnie and Peggy Campney have over 40 years of experience in the industry, and they opened their Ludlow store in December of 2018. They specialize in "providing superior quality, sophisticated design, and expert installation to all fireplace and masonry projects."

Arnie has always been a mason, so he's built thousands of fireplaces in the Rutland region and Okemo Valley. "He also did all the stonework at Jackson Gore," Peggy said. The Campneys both focus on the sales of fireplaces and accessories, while Arnie and his crew does all of the installations. Their daughter, Katelyn Stewart, also participates in the family business as a sales representative.

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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 fritzeitill@gmail.com.

ALSTEAD, N.H. – Charles Andros, former NH/VT Apiary 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.

MAY 1 – GRAFTON, Vt. – Hands Only CPR Free class by Grafton Rescue, on Wednesday, May 1 at 7 p.m. at the Grafton Elementary School. Register at 802-843-2401 or email graftonrescue@vermontel.net

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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.

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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.

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

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 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.

PROCTORSVILLE, 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. – 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 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.

Town of Londonderry, Vermont Development Review Board Notice of Public Hearing

The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at the Twitchell Building Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT for Public Hearings on the following Applications:

Application by Town of Londonderry for Site Plan Review per Section 504 of the Londonderry Zoning Bylaw for land disturbance to improve grading and drainage on Parcel 101015.000 located at 100 Old School Street.

Application by West River Montessori School for Site Plan Review per Section 504 of the Londonderry Zoning Bylaw for change of use (Section 404) on Parcel 104012.000 located at 3650 VT Route 100.

Application materials are available for inspection at the Town Office or by email from the Zoning Administrator at townadmin@londonderryvt.org. Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Sections 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in the local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

TOWN OF ANDOVER NOTICE OF TAX SALE

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 conveyed to Harvey G. Parker and Tammy A. Riley (now deceased) by Warranty Deed of Kittredge Mortgage Corporation, dated February 6, 2017 and recorded on February 13, 2017 in Book 63 at Pages 390-391 of the Andover Land Records. (Parcel #011000067.510; E911 address: 48 Lee Way.)

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

Jeanette Haight, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

TOWN OF ANDOVER NOTICE OF TAX SALE

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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

Jeanette Haight, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

TOWN OF ANDOVER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the Town of Andover, Vermont will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Andover Town Office, 953 Weston Andover Road, to consider the following application for a conditional use permit:

Application #: 8.1/57/19/3/13 - Conditional Use Permit application

Applicant: Jared & Christina Smith for Rowell's Inn, LLC

Property Location: 1834 Simonsville Road, Andover, VT

Reason for hearing: Application to request a conditional use permit to operate a Bed & Breakfast, Bakery, & Restaurant

Dated at Andover, Vermont, this 15th day of April, 2019.

Jeanette Haight, Andover Town Clerk

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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 conveyed to Donald L. Montano by Quit Claim Deed of Bernadette Montano, dated February 5, 1981 and recorded on February 11, 1981 in Book 22 at Page 66 of the Andover Land Records. (Parcel #005100061.000; E911 address: 469 North Hill 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

Jeanette Haight, Collector of Delinquent Taxes



TOWN OF WESTMINSTER
Board of Listers
P.O. BOX 147, WESTMINSTER, VT 05158
Tel. 802-722-9516 Fax 802-722-9816
Manager@westminstervt.org

Town of Westminster Grievance Meeting Conducted May 28, 2019 as follows:

Title 32, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 4111 (g) reads as follows: A person who feels aggrieved by the action of the Listers and desires to be heard by them, shall, on or before the day of the grievance meeting, file with them his objections in writing and may appear at such grievance meeting in person or by his agents or attorneys. Upon the hearing of such grievance the parties thereto may submit such documentary or sworn evidence as shall be pertinent there to.

Also note that Section 64 of Act 71 requires notification of value on Homestead, for appeal purposes.

Grievances will be held by appointment only: WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL on Tuesday, May 28, 2019
10:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 6:00pm

Contact the Listers Office at 802-722-9516 or by email listers@westminstervt.org

Written appeals received after 12:00 noon on 5/27/19, even if postmarked by 05/27/19, are considered untimely and cannot be heard. There are no walk-in hearings.

WESTMINSTER BOARD OF LISTERS:
Jackie Atwood, Rachael Cohen, and Doug Oftedahl

TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit at 4:45 pm on Monday, May 13, and a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2019 at the Town Hall, for a Conditional Use application (#534)

PROPERTY OWNERS: Larry Semones & Nancy Eddy
APPLICANT: Larry Semones
LOCATION: 1412 Andover Rd
DISTRICT: R120

ACTION REQUESTED: Modify current conditional use permit (issued 8/29/13) by increasing acreage, yardage, truck trips and to store fuel.

Abutters are hereby notified that further information can be found at the Town Clerk's Office which is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Participation in this hearing is a pre-requisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

For the Development Review Board

Michael Normyle
Zoning Administrator
(802) 875-2173
michael.normyle@chestervt.gov

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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.

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

Jeanette Haight, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

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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 pccody@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 promote a sense of well being.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Yoga classes at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Rd. in Townshend. Classes available Tuesdays, from 4:30-6 p.m.; Fridays, from 3:30-5 p.m. Chair yoga for beginners is on Wednesdays, from 1-2 p.m. Instructor for all classes is Crystal Mansfield. Small fee for each class. Call 802-365-3649 for details.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Adult Learning offers ongoing classes to earn your high school diploma. Anyone interested 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 runraft@aol.com.

MAY 5 – LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Join the Green Mountain Club Manchester Section for a Hike to Angel Falls on Sunday, May 5. Meet at the entrance to Winhall Campground in South Londonderry, leave some cars here and car pool to Ball Mountain Dam. Hike 4.1 miles to Angel Falls and on to the Winhall Campground entrance. The first part of this trail with ups and downs of 50-100 feet, the second part is essentially level with handicapped access trail and then paved campground road. Rated easy. Bring extra layers, raincoat just in

case, snacks, and fluids. For times and to RSVP (required), contact Joe Ninesling at 802-289-2801 or runraft@aol.com.

COMMUNITY MEALS

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.

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Roast Pork Supper at First Congregational Church of Westminster on Saturday, April 27. There will be two seatings: one at 5 p.m. and one at 6:15 p.m. This family style dinner includes roast pork and gravy prepared by Father’s Restaurant. Also included will be stuffing, mashed potatoes, corn, applesauce, and bread. For dessert, choose from a variety of homemade

cupcakes, coffee, tea, milk. Children under 5 eat free. Take out will be available. All are welcome.

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.

Winterplace Condo Association

in Ludlow, VT is seeking a full-time laborer with good carpentry skills. Year round position with competitive pay, health insurance and Simple plan. Weekends required during ski season. Please call 802-228-4934 for an application.

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on May 13, 2019 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, to consider an amendment to a Conditional Use Permit located in the Village Residential Commercial District:

APPLICANT: Craig & Jessica Goodman
5 Lamere Square
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
PROPERTY OWNER: Andrew Valente
PO Box 382
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
PROPERTY LOCATION: 6 Andover Street
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 220443.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to consider an amendment to a Conditional Use Permit to change the use of a space that was previously permitted for an office to a wholesale baking & packaging business. The project is located in the Village Residential Commercial District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 286-05-CU; Amendment No. 5

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

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

Wilson & Lawrence Inc.
Tennis Court Contractors in Grafton, VT is Hiring Laborers at \$14/hour.
Also looking for Driver/Laborers with a clean Driver’s License.

Please call 802-843-2436. Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm.

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on May 13, 2019 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, to consider a Subdivision, located in the Town Residential District:

APPLICANT: Tesha Buss
4771 Route 100A
Plymouth, Vermont 05056
PROPERTY LOCATION: Rod & Gun Club Road
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 030111.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to subdivide a lot into 5 separate lots. The project is located in the Town Residential District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: SUB19-006

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

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk



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9 Lovell Drive, Bellows Falls, VT 05101
<https://wblake.com/company/careers/>

TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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King Crossword

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- 13 CD—
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- 15 Office machine
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- 18 Scrooge’s outcry
- 19 Hateful
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- 24 Met melody
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- 31 Neighborhood
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- 37 Payable
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- 45 Omega preceder
- 46 On in years
- 47 Actress Myrna

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be tempted to be more assertive when dealing with a job-related matter. But a carefully measured approach works best at getting the cooperation you’re looking for.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) While others urge you to act now, you instinctively recognize that a move at this time is not in your best interests. You should know when to do so by week’s end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A busy schedule keeps you on the move for much of the week. But things ease up by the time the weekend arrives, allowing you to reconnect with family and friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Travel dominates the week, and despite some delays in getting to where you want to go, the overall experience should prove to be a positive one in many ways.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Leonine self-confidence comes roaring back after a brief period of doubt and helps you get through a week of demanding challenges and ultimately emerge triumphant.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Virgos who have made a major commitment — personal or professional — should be able to tap into a renewed reservoir of self-confidence to help them follow through.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You soon could receive news from a surprising source that could cause you to change your mind about how you had planned to deal with an ongoing job-related problem.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A surprise move of support from a colleague who has never been part of your circle of admirers helps influence others to take a new look at what you’ve put on the table.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While a bold decision to take an “I know what I’m doing” approach impresses some colleagues, it also raises the risk of causing resentment among others.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A misunderstanding ‘twixt you and a friend might not be your fault at all, despite what he or she suggests. Talk it out to see at what point the confusion might have started.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Getting into a community operation fulfills the Aquarian’s need to help people. It also can lead to new contacts that might one day help you with a project.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A minor problem could delay the start of a long-anticipated trip for two. Use the time to recheck your travel plans. You might find a better way to get where you’re going.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are a dedicated romantic who seeks both excitement and stability in your relationships.

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calendar

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EVENTS

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, 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. We have a large assortment of items including books, puzzles, dishes, glassware, household items, and many other treasures. 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. Jeannie consults with pet lovers from all over the U.S. who are trying to get vital information and understand how their animal feels. If you have questions, please contact at 802-885-3997.

MAY 3 – 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.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The United Methodist Church Spring Rummage Sale will be on Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 10 Valley St. in Springfield. There will be many great items available as well as coffee and donuts for sale! Everyone is welcome!

MAY 4 – CHESTER, Vt. – Gassetts Grange is holding their Monthly Square Dance and Round on Saturday, May 4 from 7 – 10 p.m. at Chester Town Hall. There will be 50/50 tickets on sale along

with refreshments. Menu available includes hot dogs, bags of chips, desserts, and beverages. We do ask for a door donation. Handicapped ramp out back, building is equipped with an elevator. Please come and have fun dancing, sitting, or listening. House band is Green Mountain Express. Any questions, call 802-591-4290.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Join us for our Spring into Health 5K, a family-friendly run/walk to benefit Grace Cottage Hospital on Saturday, May 11 at 8:30 a.m. This event starts and ends at the Townshend Common. Flat, paved course. Professionally-timed. Prizes, raffles, snacks, water. Free tees to the first 100 to register. Free parking at Leland & Gray High School. Rain or shine. To register, visit www.gracecottage.org/events. For more information, call 802-365-9109.

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Cavendish Green Up Day is Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to noon. Come to the Proctorsville Green with a friend or family member to pick up special green trash bags, protective gloves, and your road assignment. The big sweep begins at 9 a.m. and ends at noon with a free town-sponsored barbecue on the Proctorsville Green. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, and soda will be on hand. Rain date is Sunday, May 5. For more information, call Diane McNamara at the Cavendish Town Office at 802-226-7292.

RUTLAND, Vt. – Free flights for kids! EAA Chapter 968, the Green Mountain Flyers, is hosting a Young Eagles rally on Saturday, May 4 at Rutland-Southern Vermont Regional Airport, from 9 a.m. with registration closing at noon. Children ages 8 to 17 will receive a ground tour of an airplane and an opportunity to experience flight. This free airplane ride will last approximately 20 minutes. Flights start around 9 a.m. and will continue until the last registered child has had a flight as weather conditions permit. The rally will stage to the right of the main terminal building; parking is located in the airport parking lot. Parent or guardian presence and signature required. For more information, email EAA968@vermontel.net or text 802-692-0660.

MAY 4 AND 5 – CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – French and Indian War Re-enactment at The Fort at No. 4 on Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Re-enactors/living historians personifying British and French troops, rangers, militia, camp followers, Native Americans, and sutlers gather to recreate events surrounding New England's involvement in the war. Included during this two-day event are tactical battle reenactments, open hearth and campfire cooking, blacksmithing, textile production, and colonial trades.

MONDAYS – WESTON, Vt. – Weston Rod & Gun Club will host

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town & Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on May 13, 2019 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, for an Amendment to a Planned Unit Development Permit, located in the Town Residential and Mountain Recreational Districts.

APPLICANT: South Face Village @ Okemo Development Co., LLC
213 Court Street, #603
Middletown, Connecticut 06457
PROPERTY LOCATION: Trailside Road
Ludlow, Vermont 05149

Parcel No. 060201.000
060221.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Planned Unit Development Permit to substitute three duplex buildings in place of the proposed 12-unit condominium building C-5, modify the owner's day lodge and delete residential units in the day lodge. The project is located in the Town Residential and Mountain Recreational Districts.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 333-11-PUD;
Amendment No. 3

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

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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APPLICANT: Scott Murphy, Municipal Manager
PO Box 359
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
PROPERTY OWNER: Village of Ludlow
PO Box 359
Ludlow, Vermont 05149

PROPERTY LOCATION: 212 Pleasant Street
Extension
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 230803.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application for a Conditional Use Permit to upgrade the wastewater treatment facility, including a new pump building, control building renovation. This project is located in the special flood hazard area (floodway) of the Municipal Proprietary District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 473-19-FHR

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

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

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APPLICANT: Winterplace COA
PO Box 370
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
PROPERTY OWNER/LOCATION: Brian Hickey
67 Johnson Road
Carlisle, Massachusetts 01741

AST Property LLC
170 Bennetts Farm Road
Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to consider an amendment to a Planned Residential Development Permit to turn attic space into a bonus room. The project is located in the Mountain Recreational District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 081-94-PRD;
Amendment No. 12

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

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

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PROPERTY LOCATION: 212 Pleasant Street
Extension
Ludlow, Vermont 05149

Parcel No. 230803.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application for a Conditional Use Permit to upgrade the wastewater treatment facility, including a new pump building, control building renovation. This project is located in the Municipal Proprietary District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 472-19-CU

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Rosemary Goings
Board Clerk

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APPLICANT: South Face Village @ Okemo Development Co., LLC
213 Court Street, #603
Middletown, Connecticut 06457
PROPERTY LOCATION: Trailside Road
Ludlow, Vermont 05149

Parcel No. 060201.000
060221.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Conditional Use Permit to substitute three duplex buildings in place of the proposed 12-unit condominium building C-5, modify the owner's day lodge and delete residential units in the day lodge. The project is located in the Town Residential and Mountain Recreational Districts.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 334-11-CU;
Amendment No. 3

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Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town & Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on May 13, 2019 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, for an Amendment to a Subdivision Permit, located in the Town Residential and Mountain Recreational Districts.

APPLICANT: South Face Village @ Okemo Development Co., LLC
213 Court Street, #603
Middletown, Connecticut 06457
PROPERTY LOCATION: Trailside Road
Ludlow, Vermont 05149

Parcel No. 060201.000
060221.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Subdivision Permit to a 15 lot subdivision to subdivide lot 1 into 2 lots to create 16 lots total and a lot line adjustment to lot 2. The project is located in the Town Residential and Mountain Recreational Districts.

APPLICATION NUMBER: SUB05-002;
Amendment No. 1

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

Rosemary Goings
Board Clerk

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calendar

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 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!

MAY 4 – CHESTER, Vt. – Join Gramma Ray for a reading of the children's book "A Small Blue Whale" by Beth Ferry and Lisa Mundorff on Saturday, May 4 from 11 a.m. to noon at Phoenix Books at Misty Valley. A gorgeous and utterly charming picture book about a lonely blue whale

who learns a true friend is definitely worth the wait. After we read together, we will have a fun activity!

MAY 6 – NORWICH, Vt. – Montshire Museum is hosting "Books & Beyond: Science for Preschoolers" on Monday, May 6, from 10 – 11:15 a.m., and from 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Enjoy a different book with each session of Books and Beyond, along with a fun, hands-on experiment. This program is specially designed for children ages 3-5 and their parents or caregivers.

MONDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – Children of all ages are invited to join the LEGO Club at the Whiting Library in Chester. We will provide the LEGOs and DUPLOs, and you supply the imagination. The program is on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. 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 m: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@myrecenter.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 Acorns Club invites young adventurers to explore the natural world through interactive games, puzzles, and activities. Most sessions involve exploring our backyard and the nearby woods, fields and pond. Our environmental educators Jay DeGregorio and Jill Bruning lead the group. We hope you and your little ones can join us!

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

SATURDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Edgar May Open Play Group is 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@myrecenter.org.

LIBRARIES

APRIL 27 – LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Planting a Rainbow at the Londonderry Free Library on Saturday, April 27 at 10:30 a.m. The library is celebrating spring with spring stories and a planting workshop for children. Join art teacher Casey Junker Bailey for the fun. We will decorate pots, plant seeds, and create our own rainbows of spring color. The workshop is free of charge and appropriate for all ages. For more information, call the library at 802-824-3371.

APRIL 29 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Introduction to Cartooning for the Non-Cartoonist Workshop on Monday, April 29 at 5:30 p.m. Kurt Shaffert leads the 1.5 hour hands-on workshop at the Rockingham Library. Shaffert will use the graphic memoir by Congressman John Lewis' "March: Book

One" as a model for this workshop. Pick up a copy of this book at the front desk at any time. This workshop is limited to eight participants. Registration is required. To reserve your spot or for more information, call the library at 802-463-4270, visit www.rockinghamlibrary.org, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St.

FRIDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Minecraft Club at the Rockingham Free Public Library every Friday, from

3:30-4:30 p.m. A limited number of computers are available. Registration is recommended. If you are joining the club with your own laptop and Minecraft account, you do not need to sign up.

SATURDAYS – ALSTEAD, N.H. – Stop by the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library for cinnamon buns the last Saturday of each month and visit with friends or neighbors. The cinnamon buns are from McGuire's Bakery for a small fee. All the proceeds go to benefit the library. The library is at 3 Main St., Alstead, N.H.

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Hi friends! My name is Bubbles. I am a 10-year-old declawed kitty looking for my new home. I need a home where I am the only pet as I am not fond of other furry friends. I came to the shelter when my owner was moving and couldn't take me along. I am very sweet and loving. I love attention from all the staff and visitors here at the shelter. I love lounging by the window to catch sun rays in my comfy bed. I am great with kids and adults alike! I would be a great companion for someone who is home a lot or who is lonely.

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Location, Location. This 4.76+/- acre parcel is located on the back side of a well regarded neighborhood offering sunny exposure, partially cleared land, proximity to VAST trail system and designed septic system. Well worth looking into for those looking to be a step above. **JUST REDUCED TO \$44,900**



This two story home is located in an established neighborhood within walking distance to schools, healthcare, shopping. A comfortable floor plan with living room, formal dining room, kitchen, walk-in pantry and mudroom on the first floor, three bedrooms and a full bath on the second floor. Spacious basement offers storage space, bath, laundry and enough room for workshop. Detached garage for more storage. **JUST REDUCED TO \$109,900**



North Springfield farmhouse with ample room inside and out. First floor includes an attached garage, mudroom, handicap accessible bathroom, spacious eat-in kitchen, formal dining, living room, and bedroom with 1/4 bath and den. Second floor includes two more bedrooms, full bath and a large family room. Large level side yard with private back patio. **\$118,900**

Weathersfield treasure located just off Skyline Drive. This 3-4 bedroom home offers great detail throughout including an open/bright kitchen with abundant corian countertops, viking range, canadian pantry. Formal dining area with windows taking in bright light and views of the back yard. Living room with cathedral ceilings and stone fireplace. Den/Bedroom with catwalk storage on first floor, 2nd bedroom and 3/4 bath with fossil stone tile. 2nd floor balcony currently hosts a baby grand piano to the Master Bedroom with 3/4 tiled bath. Walk-out daylight basement includes family room, laundry room, half bath, office and bedroom. Attached 2 car garage, multi-tiered deck, gazebo. Detached barn with garage bay, workshop space, carport and overhead 23X16 seasonal living space. Kennel, shed and a heated green house. Situated on 5.3+/- landscaped acres with gardens and pond. Just beautiful! **\$419,900**

This unique and beautiful property is ready to become your new home or perhaps a new business location. Located on the Main Street of picturesque Chester village the former Rectory has beautiful woodwork throughout as well as lovely french doors, fireplace and numerous built-ins. This home features two living rooms, the dining room with built-ins, an eat-in kitchen with a butler's pantry, three bedrooms as well as a den or office. The bonus room, formerly the Chapel, is open to numerous possibilities. A full basement and attic space and sitting on a newly sub-divided lot of .53 acre the property includes a detached garage and lovely wrap around porch. **\$325,000**



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Ranch w/Country Views & Close to Village!
2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 2.4+/- Acres
Chester, \$150,000



Upgraded One Level Commercial Building w/Lots of Potential
Convenient To 91 & RT 11
Springfield, \$89,000



1939 Cape on Double Lot!
Perfect Starter Home
2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, 0.27+/- Acres
Springfield, \$79,000



Nice Level 3.79+/- Acre Lot
Cleared For Views
Great Privacy, Close To Downtown
Brattleboro, \$110,000



Beautiful 12.7 +/- Acre Building Lot
Just Above the Village
Grafton, \$79,000



1.0+/- Acre Lot Nestled Perfectly At End of Cul-De Sac
Close To Chester Green
Chester \$330,000



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802-875-2323

SPRINGFIELD
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MEETINGS

APRIL 30 – WALPOLE, N.H. – Connecticut River Trout Unlimited Chapter 450 meeting on Tuesday, April 30, from 6 – 8 p.m. at Spenser's Place 10 Westminster St. in Walpole, N.H. For more details, contact David Deen at strictlytrout@vermontel.net.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 6 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.

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

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

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

MUSIC & THEATER

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.

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

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.

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

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

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

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.coda.org. For more information regarding this meeting, contact Sarah E. at sarahcoda2016@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.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital will host a Mental Illness Family Support Group on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Grace Cottage Wellness Center (133 Grafton Rd) in Townshend. NAMI Family Support Group meetings are monthly 90-minute support groups of family and friends of individuals living with a mental illness where they can talk frankly about their challenges and help one another through their learned wisdom and coping strategies. For more information, call 713-591-2857. To find a complete list of all NAMI offerings, visit www.namivt.org.

ASCUTNEY, Vt. – Twin State Depression Support Group meets on the third Wednesday at Martin Memorial Hall, Lower Level, 5259 Route 5, Ascutey at 6:30 p.m. Do you know or think you may be depressed? Have a friend or family member who has depression? Then this group is for you! Support, empathy, sharing, education, confidentiality, and peer-led. Contact TwinStateDSG@gmail.com

or 641-715-3900, ext. 650055#.

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

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.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meets on the first Thursday of every month, from 11 a.m. – noon at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Rd., in Townshend. Led by Grace Cottage Community Health team member Claire Bemis. Free. Call 802-365-3763.

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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