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Grafton Community Solar Project heats up

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
The Shopper

GRAFTON, Vt. – Things are moving quickly for Rex James and the town of Grafton as plans for a community solar field are coming together after years of planning.

The project, known as The Grafton Community Solar Project, will sit on a one-acre site in Cambridgeport Village, right before the Rockingham town line. Tucked behind an industrial building on Saxtons River Road, the site has been designated a preferred site for solar by both the town of Grafton and by the Windham Regional Planning Commission largely because of its low visibility, low environmental impact, and effective use of formerly contaminated industrial land.

This project has been the brainchild of Rex James, solar developer and owner of Solar Strategies LLC of Grafton. James has a long history of solar, starting back in 1975, and is responsible for starting seed

work for other towns’ solar projects throughout the state including Chester, Dummerston, and Cavendish.

Providing a proposed 366 kilowatts of electricity, this is the largest community solar project of its kind in Vermont. A community solar project is different from other solar fields because residents have an opportunity to invest in the project, earning a 30% federal tax credit and owning a percentage of the revenue that is generated from the solar array each month, which results in direct deductions from their own residential or business electric bill. Unique to this offering is a discount available for elderly and low-income households through a \$26,000 grant from the Windham County Renewable Energy Program. The grant will help subsidize elderly and lower income households up to 50% of the cost to participate.

Residents can buy shares at a cost of \$4 per watt so for example, a 2 kilowatts investment would cost approximately

\$8,000 and result in a \$2,400 tax credit and a share in the profits generated each month, which would be deducted automatically from their electric bill. A typical home that has an electric cost of approximately \$100 per month, with an investment of 5 kilowatts would cost approximately \$20,000 but would generate enough power to offset their electric cost completely and result in a \$6,000 tax credit.

Of the total 366 kilowatts generated by the project, 300 kilowatts of it are being sold as shares. The remaining 66 kilowatts will be held to pay for maintenance, taxes, land fees, insurance, and other expenses.

According to James, the advantage for residents to invest in a field like this is that many homes don’t have a good location for solar panels on their own property. This field is facing due south and with the panels mounted at a perfect angle that will perform a projected 25% better than a home installation and there is no direct maintenance for investors.



Grafton Community Solar Project location.

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That is handled by James, the project developer.

Also, because this is built on a “brown field” the rate given from Green Mountain Power for power from the field is 3 cents more than normal. And because it’s an industrial site, there is already heavy electrical infrastructure on site for easy capture. The result is higher credits for the power with every watt from the system. According to James, future community solar will not get as

high a rate, which is locked in with GMP for 10 years. Also, with GMP set to raise electric rates, as rates go up so does the share credits applied to your account.

Other benefits of the investment are that the power credits are transferable to anyone using Green Mountain Power. If you move, you can have credits switch to new account or sell them. You can also donate them to local library or historical society, or leave them to

someone in your estate.

Site work has begun on the project and shares are being sold now. James expects that the shares will be completely sold by the end of August and plans to be building once half of the shares are sold with a completion date anticipated by the end of September.

To contact Rex James for more details about the Grafton Community Solar Project, email rex@solarstrategies.net or call 802-289-4492.

Inaugural TroutStock Music and Beer Festival a big success

BY JOE MILLIKEN
The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Saturday, July 13, the Trout River Brewing Company and Springfield On The Move hosted the fundraising event, TroutStock Music and Beer Festival, held at the brewing company location.

The Trout River Brewing Company, located at 100 River St. in Springfield and founded in 1996, is a brewery and tasting room offering a variety of products, including several in-house crafted beers, samples, pints, flights, growlers, four-packs, cases, kegs, and select merchandise.

The event featured Trout River’s own craft beers, as well as Stowe Hard Cider and Halyard Ginger Beer. Also on-hand were several food trucks, and non-alcoholic vendors, outdoor games, table seating, and local live music.

“The fundraiser was created to help enhance economic development for Springfield’s downtown area,” Springfield On The Move’s Jessica Martin



Enjoying the music and beer at the TroutStock Festival.

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said. “The money raised from the fundraiser is added to the Designated Downtown Fund, which is used for things like beautification, promotion, and overall economic development of the downtown area.”

VIP tickets for the event were made available exclusively to Springfield residents, who had the option of being picked up and brought home by The Current transportation com-

pany. They also had the opportunity to enter the venue an hour prior to the doors opening for general admission.

What made TroutStock unique from other beer sampling events was attendees were able to purchase full-sized pours from the various alcohol vendors, as well as purchase retail beverages upon exiting the venue. Each attendee also received a commemora-

tive glass to take home.

Participating vendors included Stowe Cider and Burlington’s Halyard Brewing Company, included Lebanon, N.H.’s Taco’s Tacos and Springfield’s Cupity Kakes, Simply Asian, and Flying Crow Coffee Co. Local live music at the event included Foreverinmotion, Jonny O, and The Illusions.

“This is the first event of this type we have hosted in Springfield, and I am happy to say that it went really smoothly and was a success,” Martin added. “So many volunteers and other entities in the community stepped up to help make this event a success, and we are looking forward to making it even bigger and better next year. TroutStock also helped create awareness to the vast parking area behind the Fellows Building.”

“We want to thank everyone for coming out to support TroutStock,” Trout River Brewing Co. President Kelen Beardsley stated after the festivities. “The event was a success, and we really had a great time!”

Sophie and Turk Aumand, 70 years of marriage

N. WALPOLE, N.H. – This year, Sophie and Turk Aumand celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. They were married June 18, 1949. On Saturday, Aug. 3, 2019, they will be celebrating their anniversary at their home in North Walpole. This is open to the public for a fun evening of sharing memories, laughter, music, free food, fellowship, fun, swimming, horse shoes, croquet, the Bellows Falls Old Home Days fireworks. Come on up throughout the day, from 2-9 p.m. and wish them more years of happiness.

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Bellows Falls Trustees discuss 66 Atkinson St. property overdue taxes

BY BETSY THURSTON
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On July 9, the Bellows Falls Village Trustees discussed 66 Atkinson St. and the budget for the Bellows Falls Police Department.

Village President Deborah Wright inquired when owner of 66 Atkinson St., Chris Glennon, would get to the roof trusses and safety concerns from the engineer’s report. Glennon stated he had a commitment through at least Aug. 1, working with Compass School senior, Ben Allaire of

Westminster on his internship with the Bellows Falls Historical Society.

Glennon explained that roughly 6% of the interior ceiling consisting of lath and plaster had been removed, helping relieve pressure on the roof. Also, 36 bags of debris were removed, as well as the exterior flower beds. Glennon added there were verbal estimates but had found it difficult to get written estimates due to the magnitude of the job.

James McAuliffe and Jonathan Wright both believed there was no added relief to the



66 Atkinson St.

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roof by removing the ceiling. Wright added it was part of the report but the Trustees were looking for Glennon to stabilize and secure the roof.

“We have not seen any improvements,” Wright said.

Wright said the Rockingham School Board was concerned because school starts next month and they wanted to know what was happening to address the visible sagging of the roof. Glennon ensured the Board that “work will progress.”

McAuliffe noticed there were overdue taxes, and Glennon said by November both

past and current taxes should be paid in full. Finance Director Shannon Burbela explained that properties with delinquent taxes will be up for tax sale in August, and the deadline for a payment schedule had passed.

Selectboard member Gaetano Putignano hoped the Trustees would take any action possible to prevent the situation from worsening. Municipal Manager Wendy Harrison said the Board could enforce an order in court. Jonathan Wright shared his frustration but said

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Greater Springfield Vermont Area Habitat for Humanity acknowledges donations

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Habitat for Humanity chapter would like to acknowledge the following



Dan Harrington of Mascoma Bank presented Bonnie McPadden with a check.

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generous donations from area businesses. The donations will allow us to continue to offer safe, affordable housing in the greater Springfield area to eligible partner families.

In April, Dan Harrington from Mascoma Bank presented Bonnie McPadden, our chapter's Family Selection Chair, with a check for \$5,000. We gratefully acknowledge this generous donation by a local business. Mascoma Bank is a Certified B Corporation.

Following is an excerpt from the bank's marketing department: "For Mascoma Bank it was never a question of if, but more so, when would we become a Certified B Corporation. Joining the ranks of more than 2,000 businesses

worldwide focused on doing business for the right reasons was a natural progression for us. Mutuality has always been the cornerstone of our culture. By joining forces with like-minded businesses, we can make an impact greater than we ever imagined. The vision and values of B Corp is the next chapter for a bank steeped in the tradition of neighbors helping neighbors, doing what we can to participate in making our communities an enjoyable, happy, healthy, safe places to live."

In June, Julie Corliss, branch manager, and Brett Smith, CEO, of One Credit Union presented GSAVHFH with a



From left to right: George Peck and John Clark, members-at-large; Bonnie McPadden, family selection chair; Julie Corliss; Dave Yesman, president; Brett Smith; and Walter Pluss, vice president.

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check for \$500. We would like to thank One Credit for the generous contribution to our chapter, allowing us to continue to serve area families with safe, affordable housing.

We would also like to thank Jeld-Wen Windows & Doors for their generous donation of new doors for our latest partner family's home at 422 La-cross Rd. in Springfield, Vt.

Tracy Sichling attends Elks National Convention

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – BPO Elk delegates throughout the United States, Guam, Puerto Rico, Philippines, and the Panama Canal attended the 155th annual National Convention of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

Exalted Ruler Tracy Sichling of the Bellows Falls, Vt. Elks Lodge 1619 attended the National Convention of the

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks this past week in St. Louis, Mo.

Sichling was responsible for voting on decisions affecting the order and its policies. Sichling also attended seminars and workshops enabling her to inform the lodge's officers and members how to best serve the community.

The Benevolent and Protec-tive Order of Elks will recog-

nize the top winners in the Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship Program. The top boy and girl will each receive a \$50,000 college scholarship. Annually, the Elks award college scholarships across the nation totaling more than \$4.7 million. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has made more than \$5 billion in donations since we first started 151 years ago. Last year alone, the Elks donated approximately \$420 million in cash, gifts, and time to make our communities better places to live. The Elks are one of the premier patriotic and charitable organizations in the United States of America. There are more than 1,800 Elks Lodges across the country with a total membership nearing 800,000. Elks' members must be American citizens who are at least 21 years of age and must believe in God.

To find out more about the Elks and Bellows Falls Elks Lodge 1619, go to www.Elks.org.

Nature Museum celebrates 30 years, new executive director

GRAFTON, Vt. – The Nature Museum is proud to announce the appointment of a new executive director by welcoming Vanessa Stern to the organization. Celebrating 30 years, The Nature Museum is entering a new phase of program and facility expansion, and all are thrilled with fresh perspectives and energy Vannesa brings to the vision for the future of the museum.

Vanessa has been a life-long lover of nature. She has described her earliest memories to be those of the woods and fields surrounding her childhood home in the Northeast Kingdom. As a teacher for the past 13 years in the public schools of Springfield, Vt., she focused on bringing children out into nature to experience its many healing benefits.

Prior to her teaching career, Vanessa was the executive director of Child First, a childcare advocacy organization in Keene, N.H. She currently sits on the board of the Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association, a local land

conservation organization, and enjoys leading hikes on the Bald Hill Reserve, a WHPA conserved trail system. She and her husband raised their children on a small sustainable farm in Westminster where they spent as much time as possible outside. Vanessa received a bachelor's degree in studio art from the University of Vermont, and an Master of Education with a focus in science from Rutgers University.

Laurie Danforth, Board president, is thrilled with Vanessa's appointment, stating, "Vanessa's enthusiasm, commitment to education, and her intense love of nature is exactly what our organization needs at this time. Under Vanessa's leadership, we'll be expanding our variety of offerings to get all ages outdoors where they can fall in love with the wonders of Vermont. Vanessa is a dynamic, creative thinker and a can-do woman. Brainstorming with Vanessa is exciting. Her mission and that of the museum are in perfect alignment."

Rick Cowan, who has served as interim executive director, stated, "Vanessa is at once visionary and practical. Having learned much about the organization as its interim director, I see Vanessa's experience, skills, and leadership style as a perfect fit for The Nature Museum. With the enthusiastic support of the board and all our other stakeholders, she will take us to the next level of environmental education."

The Nature Museum is also celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. The vision for the museum began in 1989 when Grafton resident Sue Hadden requested permission from the Grafton Selectboard to rent the upper floor of the Town Hall for a natural history museum. The rent was \$1. Soon Sue's famous collection of rocks and minerals along with the numerous collections of Don Clark were moved in and open to the



Vanessa Stern is the new executive director of The Nature Museum.

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public. Within a decade, the demand for their educational offerings and their dream of a more expansive museum led them to purchase the historic Grange building. The museum moved to their newly renovated space in the grange in 1999.

Now, 30 years later, the Nature Museum has again outgrown the building's capacity. With a generous gift of 3.5 acres adjacent to the museum from longtime neighbor and environmentalist, Mary Hudson, the new Chapman Meadow greatly expands the outdoor educational and experiential opportunities for the organization.

The Nature Museum offers robust programming for children and adults through all seasons, including Summer Unplugged, a free summer program at local libraries designed to inspire kids to put down the screen and head outside, and the annual Fairy House Festival in September, which draws over 1,200 people to Grafton for one magical weekend. As the organization enters its next evolutionary phase under the leadership of Ms. Stern, the team is hard at work developing new programs, inviting new speakers, and looking ahead to an exciting facilities expansion in the years ahead.

For more information about upcoming events and programs, or to reach Vanessa, visit www.nature-museum.org.

N. Springfield student named to Dean's List for spring 2019

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Breanna Vittum of North Springfield was recently named to the Dean's List for the spring 2019 semester at the University of Maine Farmington. Congratulations, Breanna.

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Vermont Land Trust helps protect historic Rockingham farm

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Long-time farmers Richard and Barbara Stickney worked with the Vermont Land Trust and the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board to protect 257 acres of farmland and woodland in Rockingham. The conserved land, lying on both sides of Pleasant Valley Road, is now protected from development and subdivision. The property has excellent farm soils and a 2,300-tap sugarbush. The land will always be available to farmers.

The Stickney Farm has been owned by the family since 1897, supplying butter and maple sugar to the Bellows Falls area. Richard returned to his family’s farm after attending college and serving in the military in the 1950s. Together with Barbara and their children, he operated the dairy and sugared. Their son, Pete, joined the farm in 1981 and milked cows with his father until he left to manage Elm Lea Farm at The Putney School. In 1996, Richard sold the cows and focused instead on growing hay and corn, boarding and raising heifers, and sugaring.

Richard and Barbara have decided to retire and transfer the farm to the next generation. Their grandson, Robert Stickney, will take over the business through a lease-to-purchase arrangement. “We’re excited that the farm will remain in agriculture and stay in the family for another genera-



Barbara, Robert, and Richard Stickney.

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tion,” said Richard. “Robert is the sixth generation to operate the Stickney Farm, and there is another generation in sight with his two children.”

Growing up, Robert worked on the farm with his family and will continue the same successful operation. He plans to expand the farm with cattle boarding and increase corn silage and hay production. The sugarbush will be leased to a family member for a few years, while Robert focuses on the beef operation.

Robert enrolled in the Farm Viability Program of the VHCB, and the program matched him with Kevin Channell of the Intervale Center to work on the business plan for the farm. “The business plan assistance from VHCB and working with Kevin Channell was the best thing that could have happened,” said Robert.

The Stickneys have been

working with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to adapt their farming to benefit soils and water, and the conservation agreement will further support clean water and habitat for wildlife. The farm has several tributaries of the Williams River and 15 acres of wetlands.

“The Stickney Farm is one of the last remaining farms in Rockingham,” explained Joan Weir of the Vermont Land Trust, “and a recent town plan identified conservation of farmland and forest as an important step toward ensuring the continuation of the working landscape. It’s great that Richard and Barbara have protected their farm and turned over the reins to their grandson.”

Crucial funding for the project also came from a USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service grant.

Elementary school professionals develop farm to school program

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – During the month of June, Grafton and Westminster Elementary schools had the opportunity to participate in the Northeast Farm to School Institute at Shelburne Farms in northern Vermont. A team of seven individuals comprising four teachers, two child nutrition professionals, and one administrator spent three full days at the farm

planning for our Farm to School program here in Windham Northeast. We are excited to create new and meaningful connections between our cafeteria, now called the Farm to School Cafe, and our classrooms. We intend to reinforce local food and food systems topics in classrooms, gardens, and other outdoor spaces this next school year.

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that going to court would not benefit anyone. The Trustees agreed to wait for the tax sale.

The Bellows Falls Police Department showed an over budget on overtime salaries. There are currently two vacant positions causing the increase, but Burbela noted there were also two fewer benefit packages paid.

Resident Paul Ries said, “I still think it’s important for the community to see a graph of calls... 72% of village tax pays for the police department.”

Jonathan Wright agreed that tracking data points would be important, suggesting a quarterly assessment. Harrison said she also would like to see the graph.

Both points will be reviewed at upcoming meetings. The Trustees meet next Tuesday, Aug. 13 in the Lower Theater at 6 p.m.

Savings Bank of Walpole named Top Bank in New Hampshire



WALPOLE, N.H. – Savings Bank of Walpole received four New England Banking Magazine Choice Awards for banking excellence at the annual Best Bank Expo.

The Banking Choice Awards recognize banks that receive the highest ratings from their own customers in four categories: customer service, technology, community contribution, and overall quality. The awards honored the top three institutions in each category from each region in Connecticut and Massachusetts and statewide in New Hampshire and Rhode Island. Savings Bank of Walpole was ranked in the top two in each category earning top honors in New Hampshire for the categories of community contribution

and overall quality.

Accepting the awards for the bank was Mark Bodin, president of Savings Bank of Walpole. Bodin also sat on a panel of bankers representing institutions that consistently rank at the top in independent consumer surveys to discuss best practices in the industry.

“As a truly local bank, every decision Savings Bank of Walpole makes and the products and services we offer, is rooted in what’s best for our customers,” says Bodin. “There was widespread interest in our innovative community engagement program among the bankers at the conference. Receiving these awards is an honor – and it also means that our efforts are resonating with our customers – and making them happy.”

The Banking Choice Award rankings are based upon the Banking Benchmarks, the industry’s gold standard of customer-experience measurement, which is conducted twice a year among hundreds of thousands of households and businesses. In an effort to get unbiased opinions, a double-blind survey is used to ask customers a variety of questions about the institutions with whom they bank. New England Banking Magazine presents the awards and was the host of the event.

For more information, visit www.walpolebank.com or call 603-352-1822.

Fall hospice volunteer training in Brattleboro

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – This fall, Brattleboro Area Hospice will offer its Hospice Care Volunteer Training at the Hospice office in Brattleboro. Beginning Sept. 5 and running through Nov. 14, classes will meet once a week Thursdays, from 5:50 – 8:30 p.m.

Hospice volunteers help and support neighbors and their families who are living with life-threatening illnesses throughout Windham County. Help may range from errands and gardening to emotional and physical support. Our volunteers report the work is challenging and very rewarding. Training topics include

hospice philosophy, nuts and bolts of volunteering, ethical issues, personal attitudes toward death and dying, and grief issues among others. Presenters include professionals from the community as well as hospice staff and volunteers.

Class size is limited to 12. To request an application for this 11-week training, please call the office at 802-257-0775 or this fall’s facilitator Bettina Berg at 802-387-2723. The application deadline is Friday, Aug. 16.

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# Mountain Valley Climate Action Cruise In

CHESTER, Vt. – Mountain Valley Climate Action 350VT is having an electric vehicle Cruise In, rain or shine, Saturday, July 27, from 4-7 p.m. at the First Universalist Parish of Chester, 211 North St., Route 103 in the historic Stone Village.

Electric vehicles and bicycles welcome. Owners with vehicles will meet at 4 p.m. and at 4:15 p.m. the group will cruise around the three-mile loop past the Chester Green, over the Church Street hill, and back to the site. Following the cruise through town, the EVs will be on display on the lawn behind the church, and owners will be available for a “show and tell” and to answer any questions.

“One of the ministers here attended an event like this recently and made the decision to go electric,” said organizer Melody Reed. SunCommon and 350VT, as well as MVCA, will have information tables at the event. Please join us with or without an EV and enjoy a vegan and vegetarian barbecue during the festivities. “If you’ve ever been curious about



Mountain Valley Climate Action with Mother Earth puppet in a July 4th parade.

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electric vehicles, this is a great opportunity to find out more.”

Mountain Valley Climate Action 350VT is a group of citizens who are deeply concerned about climate change and climate justice. We meet twice a month to discuss climate issues and organize educational experiences to broaden awareness, not only of climate change but about the various solutions that can be done locally to help reverse it. We take part in climate activism and

are affiliated with 350VT, an independent, nonprofit organization and affiliate of the worldwide www.350.org. You can find the Mountain Valley Climate Action page on Facebook.

To register your electric vehicle for the MVCA Cruise In, you can sign up by email: MVCAcruisein@gmail.com. For more information or questions, contact Melody Reed at melodious54@gmail.com.

# Andover scholarship given to three deserving residents

ANDOVER, Vt. – Congratulations to this year’s Andover Scholarship recipients Emma Lober, Deirdre Moore, and Mary Turner.

Emma is the daughter of

Laura Kalinen LaPrise. She graduated from the Bellows Falls Union High School and will be attending the University of South Carolina, pursuing a degree in nursing.

Deirdre is the daughter of Julie Moore. She graduated from Green Mountain Union High School and will be attending Queens College of Charlotte. Her goal is to work in the medical profession.

Mary is the daughter of Karen Meyer Turner. She graduated from Burr and Burton Academy and will be attending Ithaca College’s Park School of Communications.

Each student received a scholarship of \$1,000. It was a pleasure to meet and interview these talented young women. Their hometown of Andover wishes them great success in their college endeavors.

# Local students take part in SEEDS leadership training



From left to right are Damian Nadeau, Kiara Putnam, and Jayden Garganese from Riverside Middle School.

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From left to right are Alexis Newsome, Jayden Hinkle, and David Dykes from Green Mountain.

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REGION – Experiential training develops confidence, long-term goals, and success in high school.

Three students from Green Mountain Union High School and three students from Riverside Middle School recently joined in the

statewide SEEDS summer leadership training program held at Northern Vermont University-Lyndon, sponsored by Vermont Student Assistance Corp and funded by its federal GEAR UP grant.

They spent spend three days and two nights on campus with

students from around the state, participating in team-building activities, team challenges, projects, and games designed to help them find their passion, build their confidence, map out long-term goals, and develop a strong sense of purpose as they transition into high school.

# Stratton Foundation gives grant to Rural Oral Health Access Initiative for local schools

REGION – Southern Vermont Area Health Education Center announced grant funding by the Stratton Foundation to the Rural Oral Health Access Initiative for the 2019-2020 school year. The funding will benefit Currier Memorial in Danby; Wardsboro Elementary; Windham Elementary; Newbrook School; Leland & Gray; Townshend Elementary; and the Jamaica Village School.

During the past school year, Barb Hodgkins, licensed den-

tal hygienist, has served more than 130 students onsite at these rural elementary schools. Barb will return during the 2019-2020 school year. Parents need to complete permission slips that will allow their children to receive this important health care service. In addition to basic preventive services, Barb provides parents with follow-up information regarding their child’s dental health and any recommendations for further dental care.

ROHA’s members represent

Springfield Medical Care Systems, Grace Cottage Hospital, Stratton Mountain Foundation, the Vermont Department of Health, and Southern VT AHEC. ROHA strives to support in-school dental hygiene services, dental care referrals, and to keep abreast of the successes and challenges of this region-wide effort.

For more information about ROHA, please contact Marty Hammond, SVTAHEC Oral Health project coordinator, at 802-233-3840.

# Meal sites help make kids’ summer healthy, safe, and fun

REGION – Across Vermont, just over 36,000

school-age children rely on school breakfast and lunch to provide the nutrition they need to grow and thrive. When school is not in session, these children are left vulnerable to food insecurity and the resulting consequences. Communities are taking action by offering free meals for kids and teens during the summer months.

This year, nearly 300 sites will be serving free, healthy meals, and snacks to kids and teens during summer break through the Summer Food Service Program. Meals are served in locations where kids naturally congregate in the summer, including public parks and pools, libraries, and schools, and are often paired with either enrichment or physical activities to keep kids moving and learning. From Bennington and Brattleboro to the Northeast Kingdom and Champlain Islands, towns all

around the state will be taking part in these efforts.

Vermont schools and community groups work tirelessly to establish as many summer meals sites as possible, and their diligence and commitment to children have enabled Vermont to be ranked second in the country for providing kids summer meals, as noted in the report released by the Food Research & Action Center, called “Hunger Doesn’t Take a Vacation: Summer Nutrition Status Report 2019.”

Despite this noteworthy achievement, in 2018, this federal program reached only 31% of Vermont children who relied on school meals. More needs to be done to reach all the children who could benefit from these healthy meals. Hunger Free Vermont works to address state and federal barriers and troubleshoot solutions so that the number of summer meals sites can grow and better meet the needs of children.

Summer meals play a critical role in the health and wellbeing of Vermont’s youth. Without proper nutrition, low-income students are at risk of losing two months of both reading and math skills over summer break. The nutrition, structure, stability, and socialization of summer meal programs can help to close this achievement gap and ensure that children return to school healthy and ready to learn.

Open summer meal sites are available to anyone 18 years old and under – no need to register or call ahead. All children, regardless of household income, are encouraged to attend. Site information can be found by visiting [www.hunger-freevt.org/summer-meals-site-lists](http://www.hunger-freevt.org/summer-meals-site-lists) or by calling 211. Texting “FOOD” to 877-877 will also provide information on nearby meal sites.

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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

## 1898 Hotel Chester fire –



Hotel Chester before the fire. Now Salon 2000. PHOTO PROVIDED BY CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Below is from an 1898 newspaper clipping regarding a fire at the Hotel Chester. Today, this location is Salon 2000.

“The fire of last week Saturday night at the depot village which resulted in the destruction of the Chester Hotel was a bad one, making a great loss to that locality also to the town itself. Owing to the condition of water supply it was impossible to save any part of the hotel or livery stable.

“The streams worked well for a few moments but as soon as sand was drawn into the valves the pumps failed to work and although there was 180 pounds of steam on at the time which was enough to throw three good streams, it was impossible to use it to any good result.

“The criticisms heard on that evening by some of our people were rather aggravating to those who were trying their best to make the machine do good work. The firemen should be encouraged instead of being kicked on such occasions. It is all very well for fault finders to do this in their own opinion but to the general public it is a boiled down and concentrated meanness.

“The loss incurred by the fire amounted to from \$5000 to \$8000. Mr. Hamilton saved a good part of the furniture in the hotel but numerous small valuables were destroyed. Mr. Adams who did business in the livery stable was fortunate in saving most of his stable property.

“The coolest headed act during the fire was when Ed Holt and Augustus Archer saved Mr. Charles Burrell from being roasted alive inside the building. Mr. Holt entered a window in the third story by means

of a ladder, and while in the room on his hands and knees and unable to see on account of the dense smoke, he found Mr. Burrell in one corner of the room lying on his face unconscious.

“Mr. Holt secured a rope around Mr. Burrell’s body and lifted him outside the window and with the aid of Augustus Archer, lowered Mr. Burrell to the piazza roof and then to the ground.

“He was taken to the depot and assistance summoned. Drs. Ray and Havens after quick work with restoratives brought the unfortunate to and he was taken to Hotel Fullerton and made as comfortable as possible. His face and hands were badly burned otherwise he will come out all right.

“Recent Fires in Chester

“The following conclusions been reached by the writer concerning the recent fires in Chester.

“That, the steam whistle alarm signals are not as well understood as they should be, even by the firemen. They are the No. Street one short and one long; for Depot Street two short and one long; for South Street three short and one long; and for Factoryville four short and a long; very easily remembered.

“That upon the sounding of an alarm, firemen should at once repair to their engine houses, unless they know their engine is already on the way to the place of action.

“That the score or more of fire extinguishers located in the several villages should be called into instant requisition, their value and efficiency depending almost wholly upon their prompt application, at the earliest possible moment. The Carlisle barn in which hay was discovered burning fiercely, was doubtless saved by the timely use of one of these hand extinguishers, the fire be-

ing promptly smothered and kept within control until a hose from ‘Yosemite’ was brought to bear upon it; even then it was with difficulty wholly subdued.

“That too much care cannot be exercised in the condition in which the fire engines, on which so much of our safety depends, are kept. So small a thing as the mislaying of a hose reducer, caused the loss of many valuable minutes, before ‘Yosemite’ was brought into action, while a little disorder with the ‘Steamer’s’ valves robbed it of its usefulness; not that the final result would have been changed, or even modified, had both machines been in the pinkest of order.

“The Hotel was bound to go long before an engine was on the ground, but had the wind been fierce it would have been extremely difficult to have saved the buildings that lay in line with the flying cinders, several of which did become ignited, and were saved by hard work.

“That property is too often ‘saved from fire’ but lost to any earthly use, by the work of some more willing than wise, who do not realize that it is better for the owner that his furniture be burned than that it be irreparably ‘smashed’ even though it be not insured.”

The photo with this article is one of many in our new book, “Pictorial History of Chester, Andover, Londonderry and Weston.” They are for sale at select stores in Bellows Falls, Chester, Londonderry, and Weston.

The next meeting of the Chester Historical Society will be Wednesday, July 24 at 7 p.m. at the Academy Building. Note the date change. See you there.

## Rockingham Meeting House to feature traditional tunes –

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – The Rockingham Meeting House will continue its Third Sunday musical series July 21 at 3 p.m. These hour-long concerts feature traditional music from earlier times, from the popular to the sacred.

The July 21 concert will feature Claremont, N.H., residents Andy and Lois Buchan, performing music for fife and drum. The couple has been playing fife and drum music for more than 30 years, first as part of a corps, and more recently as a duo. Much of the music for fife and drum is drawn from the Revolutionary and Civil War eras, although there is a sizeable repertoire of more modern tunes as well. The music can be either festive or solemn.

All performances are held at the Rockingham Meeting House, a National Historic Landmark, on Meeting House Road off Vermont Route 103, a few miles north of the village of Bellows Falls.



Lois and Andy Buchan perform fife and drum. PHOTO PROVIDED

The Third Sunday series will continue through September. Future performers include the Comtu Trio Aug. 18, offering a selection of early American music arranged for organ, cello, and flute; and the Saxtons River Bell Ringers Sept. 15. All concerts be-

gin at 3 p.m. Admission is free. Donations to both the musicians and the meetinghouse restoration fund will be greatly appreciated.

For more information, go to [www.rockbf.org](http://www.rockbf.org) or email [clg@rockbf.org](mailto:clg@rockbf.org).

## Acworth Community Project Car Show

ACWORTH, N.H. – Motor on over to our second Car Show at the Acworth Village Store. This event is scheduled for July 27, 2019 from 11 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Be an attendee or be an exhibitor. You are invited to bring your antique or classic car or motorcycle to show off to attendees who will then vote for their favorite.

Entrance is free for this event,

and it promises to be a fun and spectacular show. There will be food and drinks available at the Car Show, followed by Acworth Village Store’s famous Pizza Night from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

If you are interested in showing off your awesome set of wheels, please contact Wes Cubberley at [cubdebbie@aol.com](mailto:cubdebbie@aol.com) or call 603-863-4802.

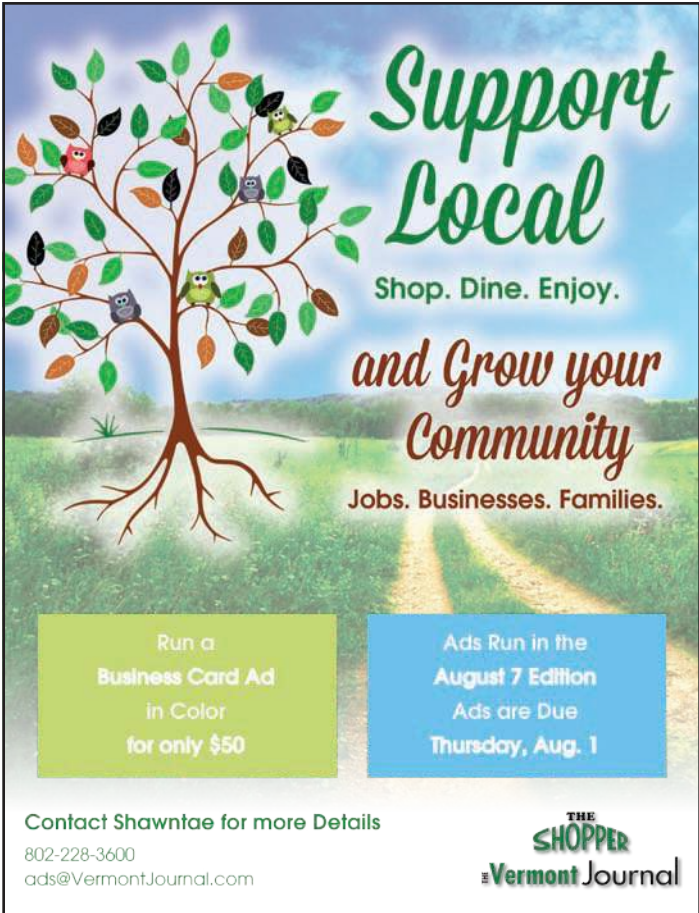
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is run by the Acworth Community Project, a New Hampshire nonprofit organization. For more information, please contact Jim Neidert at 603-835-2453.

The Acworth Village Store is located at 1068 Route 123A, South Acworth, N.H. Call 603-835-6547, visit [www.acworthvillagestore.com](http://www.acworthvillagestore.com), or check us out on Facebook.

## Veterans Town Hall forum

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – On July 31, from 1-2 p.m., White River Junction VA leadership will be hosting a Veterans Town hall at Elks Lodge 1499, 75 Putney Rd., in Brattleboro. This will be an open forum that provides an opportunity to ask questions and share feedback, ideas, or suggestions with VA leadership. This event welcomes veterans, their families, and the public to gather together for open dialogue and to learn more about what’s happening with your regional VA Medical Center. The event is free. Signup or pre-registration is not required. Parking is available onsite. For more information, call 802-295-9363 and ask for extension 5880.



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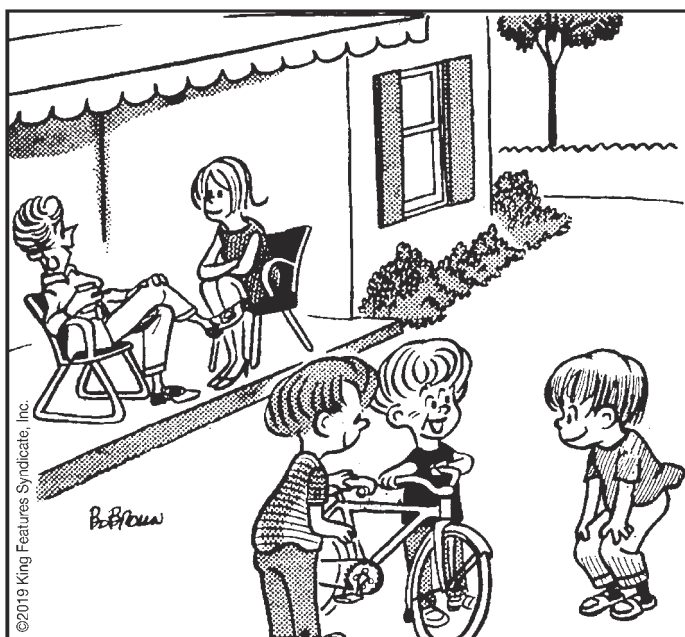
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# Estate plans can help you answer questions about the future —

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## LAFF - A - DAY



"My grandma gave it to me to stop calling her 'Grandma'."

# TAKE A BREAK!

# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**Landgrove Meetinghouse, Landgrove Rd.**  
Welcome Reverend James Kowalski, who served as the Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in NYC until his retirement in 2017, will lead the service Sunday, July 21 at 9:30 a.m. Jim is known for his down-to-earth manner as he preaches by walking around the congregation. With him, anecdotes, scripture, and questions converge. After the service, join us for refreshments, fellowship, and lively discussion.

LUDLOW, VT.

**Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St.**  
Mass on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. Sundays at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Call 802-228-3451.

Robert W. Bertrand, 1954-2019

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Robert W. Bertrand, 64, passed away Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at his daughter's home in Chester following an illness. He was born Aug. 21, 1954 in Springfield, Vt., the son of Charles "Peanut" and Barbara (O'Dell) Bertrand. He attended Springfield schools and graduated from Springfield High School with the Class of 1972.

Robert served in the United States Army and was stationed in Hanau, Germany with the Army Engineer Group for two years before his honorable discharge in 1978.



Robert W. Bertrand, 1954-2019. PHOTO PROVIDED

Robert was a house and auto painter and also worked at Jiffy Mart for many years. He was an avid ham radio operator and builder and was a talented musician, playing bass guitar in Xelement and other local area bands. He also enjoyed working on computers.

He is survived by a son Todd Bertrand; a daughter Anita Hayes and her husband Chad of Chester; a brother Kenneth Ber-

trand; stepfather John O'Neil; ex-wife Linda Legg; and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by a son Lucas Bertrand; a grandson Troy Bertrand; his sister Donna; and by brothers James and Ron.

Graveside service with military honors will be held at a later date at the Vermont Veterans Cemetery in Randolph Center, Vt.

Margaret A. Jaird, 1937-2019

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Margaret Ann Jaird, 82, died July 5, 2019 at the Gill Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow. She was born in Mount Holly, Feb. 13, 1937, the daughter of Patrick C. and Louise (Clokey) Jaird. Margaret attended the Healdville School and graduated from Black River High School in 1955. She retired after 40 years at the Ludlow Telephone Company. Margaret was a devoted parishioner of the Church of the Annunciation in Ludlow where she served as member of the Parish Council and Catholic Daughters for extended periods throughout her life.

She was predeceased by her brother Francis Jaird of Big Spring, Texas, in 2007 and her nephew Patrick Jaird of Minnesota, in 2018. Margaret is survived by her nephews Michael and Matthew Jaird of Texas, their families, and several cousins. She is also remembered by her longtime friends and caregivers, David and Newton Rose of Ludlow.



Margaret A. Jaird, 1937-2019. PHOTO PROVIDED

A burial service was held Friday, July 12 at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow. Rev. Thomas Mosher officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire, the Church of the Annunciation in Ludlow, or the Parkinson's Foundation. Arrangements are under the direction of Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield.

Russell Southwick, 1949-2019

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Russell Southwick, 85, of Canal House passed away Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at his home. Russell was born May 20, 1949 in Poultney, Vt., the son of Stanley and Verlie (Stone) Southwick. He worked for

the railroad and also cut firewood. On Jan. 1, 2009, he married Jeanette Atcherson who survives. Also surviving are Richard Smith, Pat Smith, and Jaden Smith.

Services will be held at the convenience of the family.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

**Advent Christian Church, 11 Church St., N. Springfield**  
Worship is Sunday at 10 a.m. We are a small, friendly, Evangelical church. For more information, call Pastor David Young at 802-376-2136 or go to [www.acchurch.net](http://www.acchurch.net).

**Calvary Baptist Church, 156 Main St.**  
"Into the Wild" Vacation Bible School is Monday, July 22 through Friday, July 26, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Children entering kindergarten through eighth grade are invited to attend. Please join us for crafts, games, delicious snacks, relevant Bible teaching, music, and lots of fun. Please register online by going to the link on Facebook at Calvary Baptist Church.

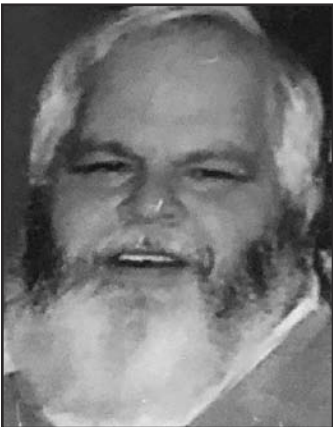
**Church of Christ, Rt. 11, 972 Chester Rd.**  
Sunday school starts at 10 a.m. Worship service at 11 a.m. Wednesday Devotional is at 6:30 p.m. Enter through the back downstairs door. Check out the Facebook page: Springfield Church of Christ.

Michael A. Elsesser, 1952-2019

**HOOKSETT, N.H.** – Michael A. Elsesser, 66, of West River Road, formerly of Acworth, passed away Saturday, July 6, 2019 at the Oceanside Center in Hampton, N.H. Michael was born in Bellows Falls, Vt., Aug. 25, 1952, the son of Richard and Dolores (Ferguson) Elsesser.

He was a graduate of Fall Mountain High School, attended welding school, and earned an associate's degree from New Hampshire Vocational Technical College in Manchester. Michael served in the U.S. Marine Corps and the Army National Guard and worked as a mechanic for Pitco Frialater Inc. in Bow, N.H. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and spending time at the family farm.

Michael is survived by his father Richard L. Elsesser and stepmother Shirley E. Elsesser; his son Adam M. Elsesser of Hooksett; his daughter Angela M. Meyer of Manchester, N.H.; his brothers James D. Elsesser of Carrabelle Beach, Fla. and Glenn R. Elsesser and wife Jody of Alstead, N.H.; his sister Debra A. Hunter of Pittston, Maine and Ruth E. Barrie of Port Richie, Fla.; and his granddaughter Samantha Meyer. He is predeceased by his mother Dolores



Michael A. Elsesser, 1952-2019. PHOTO PROVIDED

A. Elsesser and brother Paul H. Elsesser.

There will be a memorial service Friday, July 19 at 11 a.m. at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, 14 Mammoth Rd., Hooksett, N.H. Doors will be open at 10:30 a.m. Burial will take place Saturday, July 20 at 11 a.m. in the Acworth Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Michael's name may be made to the Emmanuel Baptist Church, 14 Mammoth Rd., Hooksett, NH 03106 or to the Third Congregational Church, P.O. Box 164, Alstead, NH 03602.

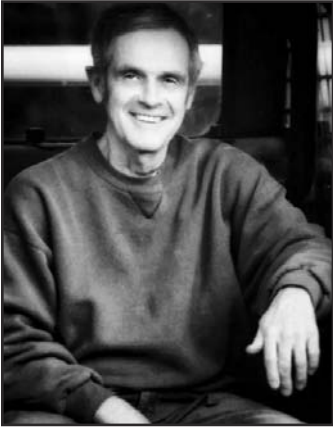
Bruce A. Reed

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Bruce A. Reed, owner of Reed's Country Way Nursery on East Street, Hingham, Mass., passed away Wednesday, July 3, 2019 after a long illness. He was 75 years old. He was the son of predeceased parents, Everett and Arlene Reed, of Bellows Falls, Vt. He leaves his devoted wife of 54 years Joanne (Graham) Reed, his daughter Shannon Reed, his son Michael Reed, and his daughter-in-law Kimberly (Bassett) Reed.

Bruce was educated at the University of Massachusetts-Stockbridge School of Agriculture, one of the top agricultural colleges in the country. The Reeds purchased the Country Way Nursery in 1971 from Guy and Ruth Melgren. He and Joanne expanded the nursery into a thriving landscape design and floral business.

Bruce came into gardening and landscape architecture because of his love for plants and nature. He approached each project by blending natural resources and existing conditions to create an atmosphere of calm, privacy, and serenity for his clients. These projects gave Bruce an enormous sense of fulfillment.

One of Reed's signature masterpieces was a Japanese dry riverbed dubbed "Reed Woods" by its proud owner. The dry river flowed through the half-acre wooded property, through natural displays of stone, granite benches, blossoming perennials,



Bruce A. Reed. PHOTO PROVIDED

flowering bushes, and natural ground cover, creating a strong sense of space.

Bruce was a man of few spoken words and yet he had a delightfully wicked sense of humor. All who had the pleasure of knowing Bruce would agree that the saying "still waters run deep" aptly describes his insightful and humor filled nature. He touched so many people's hearts and made lasting impressions on everyone close to him. All who were blessed to witness the love between Joanne and Bruce knew that theirs was a special, rare, and enduring love.

A private memorial service for family and close friends to be determined at a later time. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Old Colony Hospice, 321 Manley St., West Bridgewater, MA 02379 would be greatly appreciated.

**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.

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**St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 33 Fairground Rd.**  
Holy Eucharist, Rite I is at 7:30 a.m. on Sundays. Holy Eucharist, Rite II is at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 802-885-2723.

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**Weston Community Church on the Hill, 37 Lawrence Hill Rd.**  
On July 20, there will be a Church Sing at 2 p.m. led by Pat and Joe Connelly followed by Evening Prayer. For more information, go to [www.vtchurchonthehill.org](http://www.vtchurchonthehill.org).

Hilaire P. Hennessy, 1957-2019

**CHESTER, Vt.** – Hilaire Peter Hennessy died unexpectedly July 5, 2019 in Chester, Vt., at the age of 61. Hilaire was the grandson of Dorothy Day and Forster Batterham, and the son of Tamar and David Hennessy. He was the eighth of nine children, preceded in death by Nicky and Susie, celebrated and mourned by Becky, Eric, Mary, Maggie, Martha, and Kate. Loving friend and husband to Erin, with whom he raised four remarkable children Ivan, Riley, Tessa, and Naomi in Perkinsville, Vt.



Hilaire P. Hennessy, 1957-2019. PHOTO PROVIDED

Hilaire was born Aug. 17, 1957, in Staten Island, N.Y. He attended East Hill School in Andover, Vt., where he met Erin Schuenger. The high school sweethearts married in 1978.

Hilaire worked locally on family farms as well as traveling throughout New England and the Southeast as a sheep shearer. He was best known for his natural artistry in carving wood, bone, and antler; and for his kindness, generosity, and lifelong friendships. He was a loving father and cherished Pop-pop to five grandchildren Blake, Penelope, Sawyer, Ada Jane, and Dominic, who will remember him for his spontaneous out-

door adventures, wild bedtime stories, and barbecue sauce.

Celebration of Hilaire's life was held at Weathersfield Center Church Sunday, July 14, led by Buffy Boke. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The Hilaire Hennessy Fund, "Celebrating and supporting art enrichment in local schools," c/o 501 Main Street, Chester, VT 05143.

The family would like to thank Chester Police Department, Chester Ambulance, Springfield Fire and Rescue, and Springfield Hospital Emergency Department for their efforts and support.

Shirley M. Long, 1944-2019

**ATHENS, Vt.** – Shirley M. Long, 74, passed away peacefully Monday evening, July 1, 2019 at Springfield Health and Rehab Center in Springfield, Vt., while surrounded by loved ones.

She was born Dec. 10, 1944 to Robert A. Hitchcock and Mildred M. (Walker) Hitchcock in Bellows Falls, Vt. and grew up in Athens, Vt. with her three brothers.

Shirley spent her life being a homemaker, raising her kids, and always welcoming people into her home. She will be remembered for her silly spirit and her love of spending time with her family. Shirley loved to cook.

Shirley was preceded in death by her mother Mildred and her father Robert; her son Daniel F. Long Jr.; and her daughter Verina M. Houle.

She is survived by her partner of over 30 years Forrest (Jack) C.

Lafoe; her daughter Sheila M. Lescord and her husband Brian Lescord of Rockingham, Vt.; her brothers Raymond Hitchcock and his wife Diane Hitchcock of Athens, Vt., Paul Hitchcock and his wife Sue Hitchcock of Brattleboro, Vt., Brian Hitchcock and his wife Agnes Hitchcock of Grantham, N.H.; and eight grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

A graveside ceremony will be held Saturday, Aug. 3, 2019 at 10 a.m. at Cemetery Road in Athens, Vt., with a celebration of life to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Shirley's name can be made to the American Heart Association.

Shirley's family would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation to all the Bayada Hospice staff who befriended her and provided her with exceptional care.

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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

I have loved the sport of baseball for a very long time. The first two pictures I saw of myself from my youth had me in a baseball uniform and a cowboy suit. I do remember the days of being in tune with the Lone Ranger and Tonto and Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, but that interest faded longer ago than I can remember. But baseball still is in the forefront of my existence.

For most people, I believe baseball is a father-child thing. My father was my main influence on the topic. Matt McCarthy and his sons are living out their own baseball dream. Matt's wife Shanna loves baseball as much as the Green Mountain Union High School baseball coach does, and their boys both have been dealt the same hand. They play baseball in season and out of season as well. They both love it and hope to get better by playing a lot of it.

A few years back, I mentioned an opportunity Dylan McCarthy had to be a part of an independent team that played ball at the fields in Cooperstown, N.Y. Now Dylan's brother Kaiden plays ball for the same Green Mountain Lightning organization, thus the two of them are deeply ingrained competing in the sport. Both McCarthy brothers were good enough while competing in the Empire League to have times they competed above their age brackets in the competition.

This story actually begins back when Dylan was 9 years old and he was invited to play in a pick-up baseball game at Pingree Park in Londonderry, Vt. Someone saw him play and eventually he became a member of the Lightning team. The team had players from many places including Manchester and Bennington

and New York state. The team competes in the Empire State Baseball League in New York state. That first year, the Lightning were good enough to advance to the finals in the 10 and under division and fell just short of a title.

Who you know plays a part sometimes in who you become. Word of mouth has at one time or another helped Dylan along his baseball journey and Kaiden too. Their father Matt used to play softball with a former Twin Valley baseball player by the name of George Molner. The former Wildcat was good enough to play Division I baseball at Fairfield University. He ran a team called the Connecticut Edge, and Dylan was able to compete with them last fall.

The Edge played at least a doubleheader every weekend. Dylan's play there caught the eye of Michael Walls, whose organization, the Connecticut Crush, competes at an even higher level. This is where Dylan is playing this summer. And Dylan has a Green Mountain Chieftain teammate Rex Hill playing on the team with him. Both players have the dream of playing college baseball. Playing for the Crush helps them be exposed to college coaches on a regular basis. The Crush has a limited roster and although McCarthy referred Hill, his involvement is not automatic.

"We have some rules, and one of the biggest is no dads allowed. I know Matt is a very good baseball coach, but that doesn't fly here. We take referrals, but for a player to play here we have to have one of our coaches to have seen him play," said Walls. That's why both McCarthy and Hill are on the roster. Walls told me that a love of baseball was crucial for involvement.

This year's Crush team has players from four states: Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Vermont. Of course McCarthy and Hill will travel the furthest.

"I've been around doing this for 14 years," Walls said. "I try to do everything the best way including we compete against some of the best, like the big tournament we are going to in Saratoga, N.Y. this weekend. We only take kids who really want to be here. Dylan is having a monster summer. He will be pitching some big ball this weekend. He is 2-1 for us and in 27 innings has struck out 50. He is competing up in the 16/17 and under group, although he was 15 for much of the season. He also bats cleanup for us and is hitting close to .400."

Walls also said, "Rex also has pitched well and is 2-1 too. He has played better than his numbers at the plate. In ways, he kind of has struggled, but it's because he has had one of those seasons that he

has hit into a lot of bad luck. He has hit a lot of balls just at some-one and hasn't been able to get any bloopers to fall in to even things out. He has helped us all over defensively. He has played third, short, second, and some outfield. He has been a big help all over. Both of them are phenomenal young men. They both clearly have strong family bases who will support the players and that is important to us."

McCarthy and Hill also play baseball for Bellows Falls Pierce Lawton Legion Post this summer. They had to have the blessing of Post 37 Coach Bill Lockerby to have both baseball experiences. Having a revolving cast of players isn't easy, but Lockerby gave his blessing.

Bellows Falls has had a tough summer and if they had been competing for a playoff berth, the absence of these two players at times might have left them short.

Back around 1980, an outstanding Fall Mountain athlete named Keith Leclair missed his basketball playoff game to attend a baseball camp in February. Fall Mountain lost a close one to Laconia in overtime. I believed at the time Leclair had let his team down. Later, when Leclair secured a scholarship to Western Carolina and went on to a strong career there for baseball and went on to become an equally outstanding coach at both Western and East Carolina, I realized those possibilities could have been arrived at by his camp exposure.

Readers who have never heard of Leclair need to know the Walpole native touched so many athletes as a coach, but unfortunately died of ALS at the age of 40. He built a phenomenal 13 NCAA Tournament appearances and earned an equally impressive five conference Coach of the Year awards. He was a big time coach because of his desires displayed in the sport at a very young age. Along with Carlton Fisk, they are the two area athletes who have truly excelled at the sport.

In conclusion, McCarthy and Hill are out there pursuing their dreams. Their route has been well laid out. They are playing as much ball as they possibly can. Chances are they will never rise to the level of either Fisk or Leclair, but they are trying hard to become as good as they can to go as far as they can.

If you would like to comment on this column or communicate with the author, feel free to email to [bmurphy@vermontjournal.com](mailto:bmurphy@vermontjournal.com).

HCRS 12th annual Golf Tournament raises over \$22,000

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Health Care and Rehabilitation Services hosted its 12th annual Golf Tournament fundraiser at the beautiful Woodstock Country Club June 14. The event raised more than \$22,000 for the nonprofit agency's alternative school for boys in Newfane – the Kindle Farm School.

A field of 88 players competed for numerous prizes. The first place team award went to Elden Dube, Gary Neil, Jay Zandleoni, and Cliff Harper. Second place went to Robert Kischko, Joe Coutermarsh, Nick Sceggell, and Mark Wheeler. Hal Moore, Dan Sherburne, Jim Lynch, and Bill Kuhnert won third place. The low score all-women's team award went to Suzy Coutermarsh, Lynda Jo Gregory, Sandy Thomas, and Sherry Richardson. Winners of the longest drive award were Courtney Veuthey and Nick Sceggell; Laurel Denny and Nick Sceggell won the closest to the hole awards.

HCRS would like to thank the numerous individuals, businesses, and organizations who generously supported this event. Without their contributions, this successful fundraiser would not have been possible.

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First place team Elden Dube, Gary Neil, Jay Zandleoni, and Cliff Harper. PHOTO PROVIDED

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Okemo Valley Golf Club Men's League results, July 9

LUDLOW, Vt. – Seven weeks are now in the books for the Okemo Valley Golf Club's Men's League, and the season-long race for the Commissioner's Cup could not be tighter. Only one point separates the top two teams. Winning the night, July 9, in this week's team-of-two-best-ball format, and moving up the leaderboard, was Knight Tubs. Lou Falango, Bob Fortuna, Ken Guy, and Terry Thayne combined to win 14 holes. Finishing second, and inching up the leaderboard a bit was Sotheby's Realty. Pat McLaughlin, Larry Plumb, and Craig Peters combined to win 11 holes. Rounding out the top three, and now only one point out of first place, was Built Rite MFG. Chris Garvey, John Smith, Rick Doyle, and Tim Faulkner combined to win 10 holes. Lou Falango was this week's closest to the pin winner.

**Weekly results:**

- 1st Knight Tubs 14 holes won, 15 points
- 2nd Sotheby's Realty 11 holes won, 13 points
- 3rd Built Rite MFG. 10 holes won, 11 points
- 4th Stryhas Builders 9.5 holes won, 10 points
- 5th HWC Financial 8.5 holes won, 9 points
- 6th Diamond Realty 8

- holes won, 8 points
- 7th Huntley's Wealth Management 7 holes won, 7 points
- 8th Green Mountain Appraisals 4 holes won, 6 points

**Season standings:**

- 1st Stryhas Builders 84 points
- 2nd Built Rite MFG. 83 points
- 3rd Knight Tubs 73 points
- 4th Diamond Realty 69 points
- 5th Huntley's Wealth Management 65 points
- 6th HWC Financial 65 points
- 7th Sotheby's Realty 62 points
- 8th Green Mountain Appraisals 53 points



Ludlow golfer scores hole-in-one

LUDLOW, Vt. – On June 6, 2019, Kevin Theissen of Ludlow aced the 210-yard, 14th hole at Okemo Valley Golf Club using a 5 hybrid club. His hole-in-one was witnessed by Mark Senecal, Clemente Delarosa, Dave Higley, and Michael Santa Maria. Congratulations, Kevin!

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Four new winners on week 10 at Claremont

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Four drivers earned their first victory laps of the season Friday, July 12, at Claremont Motorsports Park; no small accomplishment on the tenth night of the 2019 season. And then there was Aaron Fellows.

While Fellows continued to baffle both fans and fellow competitors en route to his ninth feature win in a row, Dana Smith topped the Sportsman Mods for the first time this year, as did Joe Tetreault in the Street Stock main, Bruce Adams in the Pure Stocks, and Six-Shooter Eric Lanou. Both Adams and Tetreault were perfect on the night, also winning their qualifying races.

Jack McClay and Eric Martell led the R.E. Hinkley Late Model Sportsmen to the green, with McClay leading lap one before row-two starter Ricky Bly

took command. Luke Hinkley and Ben Poland were soon in hot pursuit, but Fellows, starting scratch on the field, was up to third as lap ten went in the books, and cruised into second four laps later.

The 11-time-track champ inched ahead of Bly on lap 18 and then sailed to victory, taking the checkers six lengths ahead of last season's champ, with Poland close behind in third. Hinkley, in his first Friday night run of the summer, was fourth, and Tyler Lescord came home fifth.

With a huge crowd on hand for the Five Dollar Fireworks event, nobody went away less than amazed with the three-car war that waged over the final 12 go-rounds of the Casella Street Stock feature.

Joe Tetreault started up front and after two close laps racing against Briana Akusis, then

saw multi-race winner Dave Greenslit in his rearview mirror, bearing down from ten lengths back and, not far behind Greenslit, Chris Riendeau.

Tetreault held an eight-length lead when a Raven Streeter looper on lap 18 brought Greenslit to his door and Riendeau to his bumper. And the battle was on.

With Greenslit in the high groove, and Tetreault down low, they swapped the lead back-and-forth through two subsequent cautions, with neither giving an inch. Greenslit held a wheel's-length advantage on laps 28 and 29, but it was Tetreault scoring his first victory of the summer as the lead trio flew under the checkers glued together.

It was a Sunapee sweep in the Pepsi Sportsman Mods. Alyssa Rivera led the first five go-rounds of the main event,

but two-time track champ Dana Smith, hungry for his first win of the season, then took charge on a restart and drove away.

Brian Robie – already a five-time winner this summer – was soon up to second and, a few laps later, it was Mike Smith powering into third but, on this night, Dana Smith had all bases covered as the laketown trio took the top three spots.

Chris Carver was the man on the point for the first ten laps of the Pure Stock main but when he was popped out of the lead to bring out the race's second caution, and he and the offending party both refired from the rear, Kyle Templeton and rookie Bruce Adams moved to the front row.

Adams made quick work of taking command and speeding off to his first career victory. Templeton, the Pure Stock

points leader, was strong in second, while first-timer Clark Brooks – at 11, already a Hudson champ, and weighing in at 58 pounds – made his Motorsports Park debut a successful one, earning the third-place trophy just ahead of Carver.

Eric Lanou led all the way to score his career-first Six-Shooter victory. Division kingpin Jeremy Blood, already an eight-time winner this summer, was second on the night, and Paul Colburn – an earlier heat race winner – earned the third-place hardware.

Claremont Motorsports Park will be silent next Friday, July 19, as the Thrasher Road speed-plant takes its annual summer break before returning to action July 26. For information on the speedway and its upcoming events, visit [www.claremontmotorsportspark.com](http://www.claremontmotorsportspark.com).

July 12 feature finishes:

- **Late Model Sportsmen:** Aaron Fellows, Ricky Bly, Ben Poland, Luke Hinkley, Tyler Lescord, Jack McClay, Ryan Bell, Mark Blair, Eric Martell.
- **Sportsman Modifieds:** Dana Smith, Brian Robie, Mike Smith, Kyle Welch, Kenny Thompson, Alyssa Rivera, Eric LeClair.
- **Street Stocks:** Joe Tetreault, Dave Greenslit, Chris Riendeau, Robbie Streeter, Mike Parks, Briana Akusis, Raven Streeter, Cody Schoolcraft, Travis Cass.
- **Pure Stocks:** Bruce Adams, Kyle Templeton, Clark Brooks, Chris Carver, Cooper Roberge, Sammy Silva, Tom Englehart, Jon Alden, Richard Streeter, Jim Carley.
- **Six-Shooters:** Eric Lanou, Jeremy Blood, Paul Colburn, Eric Prescott, Earl Moul.

Written by Gary Dutton.



# arts & entertainment

## “Anew Light” fine art show

CHESTER, Vt. – DaVallia Art & Accents invites you to a new fine art exhibition at their 39 North Gallery. Their fine art show, “Anew Light,” will feature original oil paintings by Julia Jensen July 17 through Sept. 4.

George Inness, the late 19th century American painter, maintained: “The definition of art is to represent objects, not for themselves but in order to embody the echo they have placed on our soul.” Like Inness, Julia Jensen believes that all painting is ostensibly an expression of direct experience; the experience of passing through the world coupled with the experience of one’s internal, emotional, and spiritual responses to that world. When she paints, she makes a concerted effort to “keep the subject out of it,” keeping the focus on color and shape. Understanding that her paintings, with its crisp dynamic paint application, can be viewed not as a landscape, but as a pure outdoor palette. Julia



Painting by Julia Jensen.

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Jensen balances her materials in a way that has the potential to embody the echoes of our interior landscape.

39 North Gallery, located on Route 103 in Chester, provide an inspiring atmosphere to ex-

perience a diverse array of art. For more information, visit [www.39NorthGallery.com](http://www.39NorthGallery.com) or call Michael Alon at 802-875-8900 to schedule an appointment for a private viewing.

## “When Harry Met Sally” at the Ludlow Town Hall July 20

LUDLOW, Vt. – FOLA brings a late ‘80s rom-com classic “When Harry Met Sally” to screen in the Heald Auditorium at the Ludlow Town Hall Saturday, July 20 at 7 p.m.

Billie Crystal, Harry, and Meg Ryan, Sally, star in this 1989 Rob Reiner directed and Nora Ephron scripted movie about the trials and tribulations of two longtime friends trying to fall in love, and perhaps just ending up out of love. The two meet in college in 1970s and keep running into each other on and off during the 1980s until Sally calls Harry in the middle of the night looking for a shoulder to cry on when she learns about her ex-boyfriend’s marriage plans.

Carrie Fisher and Bruno Kirby play the best friends who help them navigate their



“When Harry Met Sally” screening at FOLA.

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star-crossed relationship. In his Chicago Tribune review, Gene Siskel quipped, “When Harry Met Sally pleasantly affirms the institution of marriage while showing how difficult it is to achieve a lasting one.” “When Harry Met Sally” is

free and open to everyone, but donations are appreciated. The movie is rated “R” and it runs for one hour and 35 minutes. Berkshire Bank will provide the popcorn with FOLA supplying water. Call 802-228-3238 or visit [www.fola.us](http://www.fola.us).



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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Vermont Summer Group Show is on view to the public now through Aug. 17. Join us July 19, from 5-8 p.m. to meet the artists. Take part in viewing this collection of over 70 works of art from 19 artists working in Vermont, New Hampshire, and New York. Enjoy live music with x+1 acoustic bass and sax jazz.

The featured artists are Clare Adams, Jean Cannon, Terry A. Carter, Nancy Fitz-Rapalje, Kathleen Gatto-Gurney, Kim Grall, Corinne Greenhalgh, Carol Keiser, Jeremy Kraft,

Carla Liguori, Jeanne McMahen, Lisa Eckhardt McNealus, Amy Pandolfi, Gil Perry, Mark Ragonese, Melissa Rubin, Matthew Saxton, Jeffrey Spring, and Rodrica Tilley.

Clare Adams, based in the village of Cambridgeport, presents drypoint etching prints of the landscapes surrounding her studio. Her influence comes from Asian arts as well as her interest in reviving old techniques. All serve to inform her observational landscape prints and her abstract designs.

Terry A. Carter, based in Brattleboro, uses a background

in drawing and study in fine arts to create intricate patterns and designs, each inspired by the carefully treated gourd it is painted on. The work is presented as sculpture, while keeping the natural shape of each gourd.

Carla Liguori of Bellows Falls, and Toms River of New Jersey work with the materials of clay, needle felting, found objects, paint, glazes, and most recently kiln-fired glass, to create mixed media anthropomorphic sculptures.

Mark Ragonese, based in Bellows Falls, is a master wood-

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## Play presentation of “Love, Loss, and What I Wore”

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Academy Museum is presenting a play written by Nora and Delia Ephron based on the book by Ilene Beckerman. The

show is a scrapbook of humorous and poignant vignettes that all women can relate to. It follows stories about the nostalgic power of women’s clothing. Some call it a “chick flick” with relatable characters, quotable comedy, and the right amount of sentimental moments mixed in.

This Off-Broadway pro-

duction earned several recognitions: 2010 Drama Desk Awards for Unique Theatrical Experience and 2010 Broadway.com Audience Choice Awards for Favorite New Off-Broadway Play.

Join us for an evening of entertainment at the museum Friday, July 26 or Saturday, July 27, 2019. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

each evening.

Under the direction of Stephanie Rowe, the cast members are made up of women from this area: Ann Fuhlbusch, Proctorsville; Kate King, Perkinsville; Aprille Lawrence and Bailey Matteson, Springfield; Sara Norcross from Reading; and Judie Raffetty from Ludlow. Support the museum and the arts and our local talent. See you soon at 14 High St. in Ludlow.

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# arts & entertainment

## Chester Music Series presents The Stone Cold Roosters

CHESTER, Vt. – The 2019 Chester Summer Music Series is delighted to present The Stone Cold Roosters, comprised of Colin McCaffrey, Ted Mortimer, Roy Cutler, Casey Dennis, Thal Aylward, and Chuck Elleron, Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. on the Academy Lawn across from the green in Chester, Vt., as the second of our six summer concerts.

The Stone Cold Roosters is a band that can strut, swing, and rock across decades of American music with style. Classic country, swamp-rock, hillbilly-funk, blues, western



The Stone Cold Roosters.

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swing, and honky-tonk are just a few of the stops the Roosters make on their continental tour. Their debut CD, Out Of The Woods, recently won Country

Album Of the Year from the Times Argus, and was hailed as “righteously old-fashioned” by Burlington’s Seven Days. The mostly original 12-song disc is full of classic sounding western swing and timeless Americana.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. In the event of rain, the concerts will be held at American Legion Post 67, 637 Route 103 South in Chester.

For further information, contact Chris Kleeman at 802-875-4393.

## Sensible Shoes to perform in Proctorsville

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The town of Cavendish and the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association invite everyone to spend an evening listening to the sounds of Sensible Shoes at the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville Wednesday, July 24 at 6 p.m., weather permitting.

Sensible Shoes is a returning regular to the green and is always warmly welcomed to the gazebo. The four members are drummer and singer Steve Drebber, lead guitarist and singer Tim Utt, bass guitar and vocalist Pooh Sprague, and Barbara



Sensible Shoes.

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Blaisdell on keyboard. This concert is sponsored by Neal’s Restaurant and by The Golden Stage Inn.

Cavendish encourages all area residents and visitors to join their friends and neighbors in front of the gazebo on the green. Bring a blanket or a

comfortable chair, have a picnic, or just lie back and relax on the grass. It’s a fun way to enjoy the summer weather and either reconnect with old friends or make new ones.

As always, the concerts are free and open to all. For more information, please call Robin at 802-226-7736. In the event of rain, postponement information will be reflected on the Cavendish Facebook page.

## Heartfelt Art at Gallery at the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT is pleased to present “Heartfelt Art,” a show of artwork by residents of Springfield Health and Rehabilitation Center, open now through Aug. 7.

On display is a collection of paintings, drawings, and mixed media pieces. Although struggling with an array of cognitive and physiological disorders, these remarkable individuals are able to express themselves through color, line, form, and value. Putting together meaningful images and scenes in the present has helped them not only to cope with the limi-

tations of their situation, but also provide catharsis and validation for their innermost dreams, ideas, feelings, and memories. It is amazing what they can create.

Gallery at the VAULT is located at 68 Main Street in Springfield. We are open Monday 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and through Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information,



“Heartfelt Art” exhibit at Gallery at the VAULT showing now through Aug. 7.

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call 802-885-7111, email galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit www.galleryvault.org.

## Bloom and Funkhouser jazz duo celebrates Duke Ellington

WESTON, Vt. – The Sundays On The Hill Concert Series is delighted to have the Bloom and Funkhouser jazz duo swing into Weston’s historic and acoustically perfect Church on the Hill Sunday, July 21, 2019 at 4 p.m. The church is located on Lawrence Hill Road and is just a few steps up the hill from the Weston Village Green, off Route 100. Parking is available at the church and along the road and village green.

The stellar jazz duo of Peter H. Bloom, flute, and John Funkhouser, piano, will perform an exuberant show to celebrate the 120th birthday of the great Duke Ellington. Expect a mix of classics like “Take the A Train,” “Don’t Get Around Much Anymore,” “Caravan,” and “In a Sentimental Mood,” with other gems like “I’m Beginning to See the Light” and the lush ballad “Chelsea Bridge” by Ellington’s longtime composing partner Billy Strayhorn.

The Bloom and Funkhouser Jazz Duo is based in Boston and tours across New England. Peter and John have performed together for more than 20 years. Both are veterans of the legendary Aardvark Jazz Orchestra, and each has impressive credentials performing nationally and internationally. They play with style and verve. For this concert, musicians will be using a keyboard. For more information, go to www.sundaysonthehill.org.

## Calypso in the Country

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Calypso in the Country on the patio of J.J. Hapgood Store, 305 Main Street, in Peru is to benefit Neighborhood Connections. A tasty tropical island buffet along with the music of a local favorite band, Blue Flames Steel Band, awaits you. Come dance and eat Monday, July 22, from 5:30 -8:40 p.m. Call 802-824-4800 to reserve your spot on the island.

Neighborhood Connections is a community-based nonprofit social services agency serving individuals and families in the nine area

mountain towns of south-central Vermont. With particular emphasis on those most vulnerable, we respond to community-identified needs with a range

of social services and health-related program. Check out our website at www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org and like us on Facebook and Instagram.

## Tom Ghent at the Stoughton Pond

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – Weathersfield Parks and Recreation present a free musical afternoon with returning singer and songwriter Tom Ghent at the Stoughton Pond picnic pavilion in Perkins-

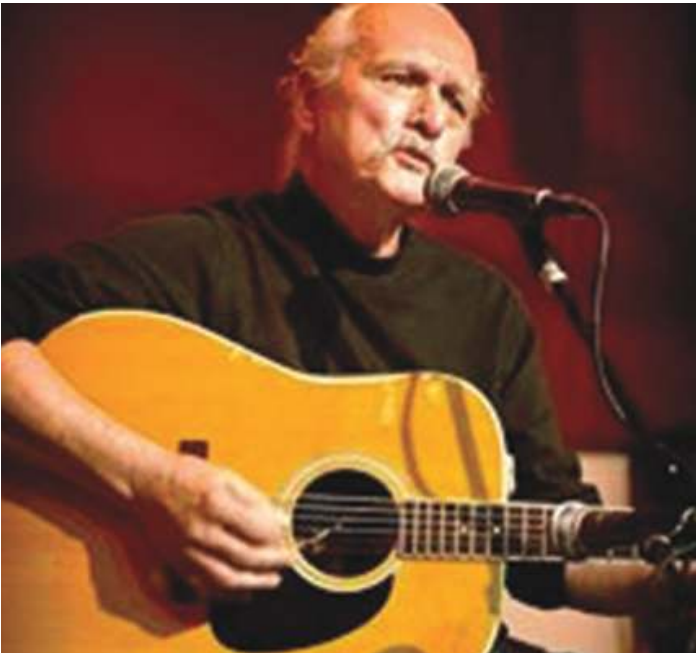
ville, Vt. Sunday, July 21, 2019, from 4-6 p.m.

Tom Ghent’s songs have been recorded by Kris Kristofferson and a host of notable performers dating from the Greenwich Village coffee-

houses to folk festivals in Monterey, Big Sur and the Hollywood Bowl. He was a vocalist on Joan Baez’s “The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down” and Mick Jagger’s “Ned Kelly” and more.

Bring a picnic, chair or blanket, or sit on the benches inside the pavilion. Relax and enjoy the music with friends.

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Tom Ghent.

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# outdoor news

## Fit ‘n Fun Duck Run and wellness activities

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Area Parent Child Center will be hosting the Fit ‘n Fun Duck Run, featuring wellness and fun activities for all ages, July 20, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come have lunch from one of the food trucks, enjoy the obstacle course, bounce house, rock wall, dunk tank, face painting, yoga and dance class trials, informational booths, silent auction, and more. There is sure to be something for everyone at the Fit ‘n Fun Duck Run. Admission is free. Please park at KJ’s Place. The Springfield Area Parent Child Center is located at 6 Main Street in North Springfield, Vt.

The Duck Run part of the event will begin at 11:30 a.m. when hundreds of adorable rubber duckies dive into the Black River and race to the finish line. The first duck to cross the finish line wins its sponsor \$300 cash, second place is \$150, and third place is \$75. Everyone can spon-



Sponsor a duck in the Fit ‘n Fun Duck Run. PHOTO PROVIDED

sor rubber ducks in advance at the Springfield Area Parent Child Center, The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center, or online at [www.sapcc-vt.org](http://www.sapcc-vt.org). Rubber ducks can be sponsored in advance until July 18, and then at the door the morning of the event. The more duckies you sponsor, the greater your chances of winning!

2019 marks the second year of

a joint collaboration between the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center and the Springfield Area Parent Child Center to provide health and wellness activities to families in southeastern Vermont and New Hampshire border towns. Money raised from the Fit ‘n Fun Duck Run will help these organizations continue to offer these wonderful youth and family activities.

If you have questions, or would like to get involved with the Fit ‘n Fun Duck Run, contact the Springfield Area Parent Child Center at 802-886-5242 or [sapcc@sapcc-vt.org](mailto:sapcc@sapcc-vt.org), or the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center at 802-885-2568 or [info@myreccenter.org](mailto:info@myreccenter.org). Rain date is July 21.

## Forest Service offers bear safety tips to recreation users

REGION – Forest Service officials in Vermont announced that they have had several reports of bear sightings, bears approaching and entering shelters, and some reports of bears aggressively getting into backpacks in an attempt to find food. This week, the agency began posting alert notices at trail shelters and at developed campsites to notify recreation users about the recent spike in bear activity on the Manchester Ranger District of the Green Mountain National Forest. The Forest Service says it has had numerous reports of bear sightings throughout the months of June and July.

Reports of human encounters with black bears continue to increase across the Green Mountain National Forest. While many visitors and campers never encounter a bear, the forest is their home and bears can quickly become habituated

to human food and waste. In recent weeks, visitors have reported numerous incidents of bears looking for food.

It is vital that people recreating on the forest keep a clean campsite to ensure that bears and other animals don’t forage for your food. Be sure to properly store all food and odorous items, including toothpaste, condiments such as ketchup and mustard, food wrappers, and anything else that may attract bears. Improperly stored food not only attracts bears to people currently camping at a site but lets the bear know that it can find food at that campsite in the future. The bear may return to the site when other families are recreating there.

Too many times, visitors believe they have stored their food safely, but in reality have left it within a bear’s reach. Bears are meant to be wild and feeding them creates negative consequences for them. Bears that get too used to people may eventually have to be killed to ensure your safety. Following safe food storage practices protects both you and the bears. It is your responsibility to ensure your safety and that of future campers by not purposefully or inadvertently feeding bears. It is illegal in the state of Vermont to feed bears. So remember:

- Always keep a clean camp.
  - Don’t leave any food, including condiments, out when not in use.
  - Store food in bear-resistant units, hard-shelled vehicles, or car trunks.
  - Keep sleeping areas, tents, and sleeping bags free of food and odor like toothpaste or deodorant.
  - Don’t sleep in clothes you cooked or handled fish or game in.
  - Never bury or burn food waste.
  - If camping in the backcountry, hang your food bag at least 10 feet off the ground and 5 feet out from a tree limb that could support a bear, or better yet pack and use bear resistant containers.
  - If possible, in backcountry areas, place sleeping tents at least 100 yards away from food storage and cooking areas.
  - If hiking with a dog, keep it on a leash or leave it home.
- Persons should report bear sightings or damage caused by bears to their nearest Vermont Fish & Wildlife office at 802-828-1000 or a local Vermont State Game Warden at 802-442-5421 prior to taking any control action on their own. Vermont Fish & Wildlife personnel will recommend appropriate measures or control strategies that can alleviate bear related problems.

## BRAT receives grants for BioBlitz

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The all-volunteer Black River Action Team is hosting a two-day nature exploration extravaganza Saturday and Sunday, July 27 and 28 thanks largely to a pair of community grants from the

Claremont Savings Bank and Mascoma Bank.

The funds will be used to purchase equipment and supplies for the second Black River BioBlitz, allowing participants of all ages to join the

free, family-friendly event held in Springfield, Vt. From hands-on displays to expert-led walks, participants will be intrigued by all manner of flora and fauna, from trees to turtles, dragonflies to ducks, and ferns to flowers. There will even be a nocturnal session featuring owls presented by VINS and

moths by the Vermont Entomological Society. Observations of all organisms can be shared with the project page at iNaturalist to help BRAT build on a natural resources inventory of the watershed.

Learn more about BioBlitz at [www.BlackRiverActionTeam.org](http://www.BlackRiverActionTeam.org).

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## Neighborhood Connections discuss ticks

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dalities.

Dr. Kenneth Liegner is a board certified internist with additional training in pathology and critical care medicine, practicing in Pawling, N.Y. He has been actively involved in diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease and related disorders since 1988. He has published articles on Lyme disease in peer-reviewed scientific journals and has presented poster abstracts and talks at national and international conferences on Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases. He has cared for many persons seriously ill with chronic and neurologic Lyme disease. His work has focused on the serious morbidity and mortality that can eventuate from this aspect of the illness. He has emphasized the urgent need for widespread clinical availability of improved methods of diagnostic testing and for development of improved methods of treatment for Lyme disease in all its stages. He holds the first United States patent issued proposing application of acaricide to deer for area-wide control of deer-tick populations as a means of reducing the incidence of Lyme disease.

Attendees are encouraged to register with Neighborhood Connections at 802-824-4343.

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LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**JULY 24 & AUG. 1 – CLAREMONT, N.H. –** Join us for a two-part Photoshop 101 class Wednesday, July 24, from 6 – 9 p.m., and Thursday, Aug. 1, from 6 – 9 p.m. at Claremont Makerspace. The class is a basic introduction to the tools and uses of Adobe

Photoshop Software for photography and photo manipulation. Subjects covered include file types, resizing images, canvas size and zooming, using toolbars, layers, and making color adjustments, as well as various other tips, tricks, and hints. Participants must have basic computer skills and a laptop with Adobe Photoshop 6 or higher.

**JULY 27 – CHESTER, Vt. –** Qigong Summer Workshop Saturday, July 27 from 9 a.m. -12:30 p.m. at Fullerton Inn in Chester. Discover the Qi with flowing movement! Email [laurenpottervt@gmail.com](mailto:laurenpottervt@gmail.com) and register online at [www.laurenpotterreikihealing.com](http://www.laurenpotterreikihealing.com).

**CHESTER, Vt. –** Spiritual Guidance Workshop on Saturday, July 27 from 1:30 - 5 p.m. at the

Fullerton Inn in Chester. Email [laurenpottervt@gmail.com](mailto:laurenpottervt@gmail.com) and register online at [www.laurenpotterreikihealing.com](http://www.laurenpotterreikihealing.com).

**WEDNESDAYS – PERU, Vt. –** CBD Yoga, happening every fourth Wednesday of the month from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at New Spring Farm, 135 Batchelders Barn Rd. in Peru. For details, email [peaceofparadisising@gmail.com](mailto:peaceofparadisising@gmail.com).



INVITATION TO BID  
WINTER SAND

The Chester Highway Department is seeking bids for winter sand for the town's stockpile. A bid form and additional information can be obtained at the Chester Town Office, 556 Elm Street, Chester, VT during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.).

All bids must be received at the Chester Town Office no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2019.

Town and Village of Ludlow, Vermont  
Planning Commission  
Notice of Public Hearing

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 24, Chapter 117, § 4444, of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, the Planning Commission for the Town and Village of Ludlow proposes to adopt the Municipal Plan.

The Planning Commission for the Town and Village of Ludlow will conduct a public hearing for the residents, taxpayers, and interested persons in the Town and Village of Ludlow on the twentieth day of August 2019, at 6:00 P.M., in the Town Hall conference room to hear comments on the “Plan”.

**Statement of Purpose**  
It is the purpose of these zoning regulations to implement and be consistent with the Town and Village of Ludlow, Vermont, Municipal Development Plan, hereinafter referred to as “the Plan”, and to provide for the orderly community growth, to provide for public health, safety, and welfare, and the purposes established in the ACT, Section 4302.

**Geographic Areas Affected**  
All of the Town Geographic Areas will be affected.

**The proposed “Plan” contains the following Chapters:**  
1. Introduction  
2. Vision Statement  
3. Role in the Region  
4. Landscape  
5. Community  
6. Plan for the Future  
7. How to make it Happen  
Appendixes A-I

The proposed “Plan” is on file with the Town Clerk, SWCRPC Web Page, and copies are available at the Planning and Zoning Department, at the Town Hall, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 A.M. through 4:30 P.M.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
TOWN OF GRAFTON, VERMONT  
(Pursuant to 24 VSA 4384, 4385 and 4444)

**August 8, 2019 @ 6PM at Grafton Elementary School, 58 School Street, Grafton, VT**  
[This will be the final public hearing on the Selectboard reviewed proposed Town Plan, unless discussion at the public hearing indicates further change is required. See 24 VSA 4385(b)]

Pursuant to 24 VSA §§ 4384 and 4385, the Grafton Selectboard will hold its final public hearing on Thursday August 8, 2019 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Grafton Elementary School to consider the adoption of a new Town Plan, which includes changes recommended by the Selectboard, and to provide opportunity for public comment. This is intended to be the final public hearing on the Town Plan as required by said Section § 4385(c) before the Selectboard votes to adopt the Town Plan. Copies of the full text of the proposed 2019-2026 *Grafton Town Plan* as approved by the Selectboard on July 11, 2019, together with the report submitted by the Planning Commission to the Selectboard, as soon as it is available from the Commission, are available for review at the Grafton Town Office or available at <https://raftonvt.org> on the “Town Plan, Subdivision Regulations, Flood Regulations” page.

Pursuant to 24 VSA 4444(b) the following is provided in this Notice:

1. Purpose of the Town Plan: This Plan has been prepared by the people of Grafton to set a direction for the Town's future and to address changing needs through a continuous planning process. The Planning Commission obtained input from the many organizations in Grafton, which provide services to its residents. It has held public meetings on the Plan and has received advice and assistance from the Windham Regional Commission (WRC), Vermont League of Cities & Towns (VLCT), and others.  
  
The plan will serve as the foundation for existing and future by-laws or ordinances, which may be adopted. It is meant to be a guide for the Selectboard, the Planning Commission and other town officials both in their routine business and in their consideration of proposals, which would have an impact on the Town. Under § 6086 (a) (10) of Title 10, Chapter 151 (Act 250), this Plan will serve as a guide for Grafton's Development Review Board and the District Environmental Commission in reviewing proposals for development and subdivision, which come under its jurisdiction. Under Section 248 Title 30, Chapter 6 (Energy) of this Plan will also serve as a guide during Vermont Public Utility Commission's proceedings for reviewing the siting of public utilities in the Town of Grafton.

Should the Selectboard make “substantial changes in the concept, meaning, or extent of the proposed plan..., it shall warn a new public hearing or hearings under subsection (a) of this section.” [24 VSA 4385 (b) first paragraph] If no substantial changes are to be made by the Selectboard, the Selectboard will consider the adoption of the Town Plan at its next meeting, which will immediately follow the public hearing.

2. Geographic Area Affected by the Plan: The entire Town
3. List of Chapter Headings:
  - a. Introduction
  - b. Chapter 1. Land Use
  - c. Chapter 2. Historic, Cultural and Natural Resources
  - d. Chapter 3. The Economy
  - e. Chapter 4. Roads and Transportation
  - f. Chapter 5. Energy
  - g. Chapter 6. Education
  - h. Chapter 7. Housing
  - i. Chapter 8. Recreation
  - j. Chapter 9. Town Government and Services
  - k. Chapter 10. Flood Resiliency
  - l. Chapter 11. Grafton and Its Neighbors
  - m. Chapter 12. Response to Vermont Planning Goals
  - n. Appendices including Maps
4. Town Plan and PC Report available at Town Hall, 117 Main St., and on web at [www.raftonvt.org](http://www.raftonvt.org)

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

CLUBS

**JULY 22 – LUDLOW, Vt. –** Hike the Healdville Trail to Okemo with the Green Mountain Club on Saturday, July 20. Meet at 9 a.m. at Clark's IGA in Londonderry and carpool to the trail head for the Healdville Trail north of Ludlow. Hike 5.8 miles round trip with 1,900 feet elevation gain. There are some steep places on this hike, but overall it is moderate. Bring extra layers, raincoat, snacks, lunch, fluids, and a headlamp just in case. There is a fire tower at the summit,

which provides a great 360-degree view. RSVP required. Contact Katie Brooks at 516-978-4016 or [kiktadams@comcast.net](mailto:kiktadams@comcast.net).

COMMUNITY MEALS

**JULY 20 – CHARLESTOWN, N.H. –** The Charlestown Congregational Church, 71 Main St., will host its annual Chicken BBQ on Saturday, July 20 in conjunction with the Charlestown Town-wide Yard Sale Day. Lunch will be served under the tent and takeout is available from 11 a.m. until sold out. A complete dinner includes salads, drink and dessert, or you can purchase a half chicken only. Come relax and enjoy delicious BBQ after a morning of yard sales.

**JULY 25 – PERU, Vt. –** Londonderry Community Picnic Lunch will be on Thursday, July 25 at noon at Hapgood Pond for residents of the

mountain towns. The meal will be under the pavilion at the park. The meals are free; donations are welcomed. The park is located on Hapgood Pond Road in Peru. Hosted by Second Congregational Church, UCC, of Londonderry. Residents of all ages are welcome. Any questions, please call the church at 802-824-6453.

EVENTS

**JULY 20 - CHARLESTOWN, N.H. –** Charlestown Recreation Dept. Craft Fair & Flea Market is Saturday, July 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fort at No. 4, 267 Springfield Rd. in Charlestown. This event is coinciding with the Charlestown Town-Wide Yard Sale Day. Vendors, please message the Charlestown Recreation Dept. Facebook page for registration information.

**JULY 22 - LUDLOW, Vt. –** Please give blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, July 22, from 12:30 – 5:30 p.m. at Okemo's Jackson Gore's Roundhouse. Take advantage of Rapidpass on your computer at home the day of before you come in to give. For an appointment, please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

**JULY 26 & 27 – LONDONDERRY, Vt. –** Don't miss the annual Whale of a Sale on Friday and Saturday, July 26 & 27, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Second Congregational Church, 2051 Vermont Route 11, in Londonderry. As usual there is lots of furniture, kitchen items, home décor, prints and frames, small electronics, gardening items, sports equipment, and toys. Also includes our bake sale with delicious homemade items. For details, call 802-824-6453.

**JULY 27 – ACWORTH, N.H. –** The second annual Acworth Community Project Car Show is happening on Saturday, July 27, from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Acworth Village Store. Bring your antique or classic car or motorcycle to show off to attendees who will then vote for their favorite. Entrance is free. There will be food and drinks available at the car show followed by Acworth Village Store's famous Pizza Night from 5:30 -7:30 p.m. If you are interested in showing off your set of wheels, contact Wes Cubberley at [cubdebbie@aol.com](mailto:cubdebbie@aol.com) or 603-863-4802.

**CHESTER, Vt. –** Join us for the Mountain Valley Climate Action 350VT Electric Vehicle Cruise In on Saturday, July 27, from 4 – 7 p.m. starting at the First Universalist Parish of Chester. Starting at 4:15 p.m. the group will cruise the three-mile loop through Chester and back to the site. Following the cruise through town, the EVs return to the site for a show and tell and vegan/vegetarian BBQ. SunCommon, 350VT, and MVCA will have information tables at the event. For more information or questions, you can contact Melody Reed at [melodious54@gmail.com](mailto:melodious54@gmail.com).

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**Middle School Boys & Girls Soccer Coaches Needed**  
**for upcoming 2019 Fall Season at Green Mountain Union High School**

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:  
- Management and Coaching of the Soccer Teams  
- Program development  
- Experience is preferred but not required.

Background Checks Required

Please forward a letter of interest and references to:  
Todd Parah  
Athletic Dirctor  
Green Mountain Union High School  
716 VT Route 103 South  
Chester, VT 05143  
802-875-2146

EOE 7/2019

**Black River High School/Middle School COACHES NEEDED**  
**for upcoming 2019 Fall Season**  
**These positions are for one year**  
**Starting August 15th**

**Varsity Boys Soccer Coach**  
**Middle School Soccer Coach**

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:  
- Management and Coaching of the Teams  
- Program development  
- Experience is preferred but not required.

Background Checks Required

Please forward a letter of interest and references to:  
Joe Gurdak or  
Karen Trimboli  
Black River High School/Middle School  
43 Main Street  
Ludlow, VT 05149

EOE 6/2019

FULL TIME SPECIAL-EDUCATION  
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Black River High School/Middle School

Black River High School is currently seeking to hire two (2) highly qualified individuals to serve as a Special Ed Paraprofessionals

The ideal candidates will be caring, patient and flexible, Team spirited and very organized. You must be passionate about students, and learning.

Candidates must be highly qualified with an Associates degree or by successful completion of the ParaPro Assessment (see online). The candidates must also enjoy being active, working collaboratively with a team, and possess the qualities of patience, creativity, flexibility, dependability, consistency, commitment, and a desire to learn new skills. Candidate will need to have the ability to follow a detailed educational and behavioral plan. Experience working with Special Needs Students a plus.

Background Check required.

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, a resume and 3 letters of references to:

Karen Trimboli  
Principal  
Black River High School  
43 Main Street  
Ludlow, VT 05149  
EOE

6/2019



AUTOMOTIVE/REAL ESTATE

calendar

**THURSDAYS – PUTNEY, Vt. –** Dinner and a movie on the last Thursday of the month, 5:30 p.m. The chefs at the Gleanery will serve a special menu in time 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.

**WEEKLY – WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. –** The Rev. Dan Foster House, the museum of the Weathersfield Historical Society, is open for July and August on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 5 p.m., and Friday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. Admission is free and donations are welcome.

LIBRARIES

**JULY 19 - LONDONDERRY, Vt. –** Join us the South Londonderry Free Library Friday, July 19 at 2 p.m. for their Moon Landing story time program. Includes stories, songs, finger plays, games, and a related craft. For details, call 802-824-3371.

**JULY 20 – WESTON, Vt. –** Join us at Wilder Memorial Library Saturday, July 20 at 11 a.m. for a Glow-in-the-Dark Art Class with Christine Mix. Children will learn about and create their own glow-in-the-dark stories about the universe, featuring stars, moons, planets, aliens, and anything from their imagination that glows. Children 6 years and under must be accompanied by an adult. Located at 24 Lawrence Hill Rd., Weston.

**JULY 26 - LONDONDERRY, Vt. –** Visit us at the South Londonderry Free Library Friday, July 26 at 1 p.m. for their Wild & Crazy Hair story time program. Includes stories, songs, finger plays, games, and a related craft. For details, call 802-824-3371.

**JULY 27 – WESTON, Vt. –** David Rosane & the Zookeepers will tour to support Vermont libraries and to shine a light on a library’s pivotal role in our communities Saturday, July 27 at 5 p.m. at the Church on the Hill. Opening act is Jake Geppert. All ages welcome.

**WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. –** The Weathersfield Proctor Library will host its 9th annual Summer Evening with Friends and Neighbors event Saturday, July 27 at 6 p.m. at the Weathersfield Center Meeting House. This year the Woods Tea Company will present a concert with a blend of traditional, original, and vintage musical styles that pleases the ear and inspires a smile. They are well-known in New England, but have also shared their talent across the United States.

MUSIC & THEATER

**JULY 19 – CHARLESTOWN, N.H. –** Firehouse 6 Dixieland Band will perform a free concert, rain or shine, Friday, July 19, from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at the Charlestown

Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield Rd. Refreshments will be on sale including burgers, hot dogs, chips, cold beverages, and sweets. Please bring a lawn chair.

**JULY 20 – WARDSBORO, Vt. –** Wardsboro Curtain Call presents contemporary bluegrass and folk quartet The Stockwell Brothers at the Wardsboro Town Hall on Saturday, July 20. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. music begins 7 p.m. Admission at the door and BYOB. For more information, email kwkmdavis@yahoo.com or call 802-896-6810.

**JULY 21 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –** Third Sunday musical series continues at the Rockingham Meeting House, on Sunday, July 21, at 3 p.m., featuring Claremont, N.H., residents Andy and Lois Buchan performing music for fife and drum. Much of this music is drawn from the Revolutionary and Civil War eras, although there is also a repertoire of more modern tunes. All performances are held at the Rockingham Meeting House, a National Historic Landmark, on Meeting House Road off Vermont Route 103, a few miles north of the village of Bellows Falls. For details, visit www.rockbf.org or email clg@rockbf.org.

**GRAFTON, Vt. –** The Grafton Cornet Band invites you to a free summer concert on Sunday, July 21, from 5 – 6 p.m. the Grafton library lawn. Bring chairs or a blanket for comfort and maybe a picnic. For rain, the band plays in the historic Grafton Community Church. Any band player is welcome to play along with the band – just wear a white shirt and come to the rehearsal an hour before the concert.

For details, visit www.GraftonBand.org.

**JULY 23 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** The Springfield Community Band will present its annual Children’s Concert on Tuesday, July 23 at 7 p.m., at The Common on Common Street in Springfield. The fun-filled event will feature junior band conductors, musical activities, and fun pieces such as “Syncopated Clock,” “The Typewriter,” and “The Flight of the Bumble Bee” with Caitlin Sullivan on piccolo.


**JULY 24 - CAVENDISH, Vt. –** The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association invites everyone to the Proctorsville Green for the continuing Cavendish Summer Music Series on Wednesday, July 24, from 6 – 8 p.m. Sensible Shoes is a returning regular to the Green and is always warmly welcomed to the gazebo. This concert is sponsored by Golden Stage Inn and Neal’s

Restaurant. Bring a blanket or a comfortable chair, have a picnic, or just lie back and relax on the grass. For more information, please call Robin at 802-226-7736. In the event of rain, postponement information will be reflected on the Cavendish Facebook page.

**JULY 24 – 28 - WHITE RIVER JCT., Vt. –** Northern Stage’s Summer Musical Theater Intensive Students, ages 12-18, will perform “Legally Blond” July 24 – 28, from 7:30 – 10 p.m. at Northern Stage in WRJ. For show times and details, visit www.northernstage.org.

**JULY 26 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** Summer Encore Theatre, the traveling student drama troupe, will present “The Sun, the Moon and the Stars” at the Riverside Middle School Auditorium on Friday, July 26 at 10 a.m. Local students from the Summer Daze program will participate

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**On The Quiet Side Of Town.** This 34.4+/- acre parcel offers a great opportunity to build with Septic Permit in place, power at the road. Sloping topography offers views of the Connecticut River and the hillsides of New Hampshire. Mostly wooded for selective clearing. **\$59,900**

**Stop to smell the sweet lilacs lining the drive** to this inviting Weathersfield country Cape home. There is much to love about this property including the 38 acres of fields, forests and the lovely flowers, shrubs and ornamental trees in the landscaped yards. Enter into the cozy kitchen, family room with a beautiful wood burning cook stove. Can't you just smell the bread baking in the oven? The sizable living room-dining room boasts lovely wood floors and woodwork. Three bedrooms are on the second level with plenty of closets and storage for all the treasures. The three season porch overlooks the in-ground pool and provides a quiet place for morning coffee and bird watching. An attached 2 car garage and a separate barn-workshop will make this the perfect new home for your family. **JUST REDUCED TO \$398,000**



**Comfortably perched on a hill is this modified modular.** Includes a two car garage under and an in-law apartment with one bedroom, 1-1/2 baths, nice sized kitchen/dining/living. Upstairs offers a mudroom, laundry area, two bedrooms and a bath on one end and a master suite with oversize bath and ample closet on the other end. Big living room with fireplace and sliders to the back deck, formal dining area with access to the front deck and a nice functional kitchen. Replacement windows. **JUST REDUCED TO \$145,000**



**Not your average ranch style home.** This Perkinsville home offers 2-3 bedrooms, open concept living space with large living room, kitchen and dining area. Includes laundry area on the first floor; two bedrooms, office, den, full bath and sliders to the back deck. Basement has a finished room for additional family room or bedroom. Lovely grounds with garden space, yard and shed. **\$135,000**



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**Pre-Owned** 2012 Model Year  
**Ford Focus Titanium**



**SALE**  
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