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Rockingham Old Home Days

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Saturday, Aug. 3, the Rockingham Old Home Days fireworks display will begin at approximately 9:30 p.m. after a fun-filled day of games, music, shopping, great food, and entertainment. All of these exciting activities take a commitment of time, planning, lots of volunteers, and funds. Anyone wishing to donate to the Firework Fund, please send your donations to Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce, 17 Depot St., Bellows Falls, VT 05101.

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Sidewalk study, public comments focus on speed

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – The July 24 Chester Selectboard meeting featured a Church Street Sidewalk Scoping Study presentation by Christina Haskins from Dufresne Engineering. The proposed Church Street sidewalk would stretch from existing sidewalk near the Route 11 side, approximately at Meadow Road, through the length of Church Street, connecting to sidewalk on other end on Route 103. This would provide a safe walking loop.

Of the 19 comments from attending community members, over half related to safety concerns resulting from speeding on Church Street, which is posted with at 25 miles per hour. One Church Street homeowner talked about three vehicles, a car, truck, and motorcycle, losing

control and going through their wall at various times. Another homeowner who regularly uses handheld radar has clocked speeds as high as 57 mph and said, according to his data, over half of vehicles are going over 45 mph.

Board Chairman Arne Jonynas agreed that speed is an issue on the road and that although the sidewalk project would not happen until next year, the Selectboard would consider safety measures such as no thru truck signage, imposing weight limits, controlling speed, and better enforcement more immediately.

The Selectboard agreed to add an agenda item to the next meeting to deal with traffic on that road and look at options. Board member Heather Chase recommended that Town Manager David Pisha and Police Chief Cloud get together to discuss a possible enforcement schedule. Jonynas added, "It

will be great to get both things taken care of – safe place for pedestrians and traffic under control in that area. That's a goal of the Selectboard and that area."

The project is currently gathering data from the public and has developed a three-question survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/77CJT2L to receive additional input.

With public input a priority now, the project will also be completing a right of way study with a presentation scheduled for Fall 2019. The alternatives presentation would not include any final designs, but would outline impact and costs for each alternative. At the fall presentation, the goal would be to walk away with a selection of which alternative, if any, to pursue. Design stage would follow along with their final report to submit for state and town for final review. Final presentation to the public would happen next March after the town meeting.

Local resident Lillian Willis presented to the Selectboard on outlining research done on Yosemite Fire Station and the possibility of developing the property into a museum. In 2018, Chester awarded ownership of Yosemite and had some structural repairs done. Research by The Chester Historic Preservation Committee determined that Yosemite might be the only two-tower original fire tower in the nation.

In October, the town applied for Historic Preservation Grant that would assist in structural repair of the building. This grant, worth \$20,000, required a commitment to matching funds if awarded. The grant, however, was denied.

According to Willis, the Historic Preservation Committee outlined three issues that needed to be addressed if they were to reapply for the grant: a layout

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Okemo Valley TV's 2019 Awards for volunteers, community producers

LUDLOW, Vt. – Okemo Valley TV, the community access television station and media education center, has announced the winners of its four annual awards for Outstanding Achievement, Producer of the Year, Youth Producer of the Year, and Community Service. The annual awards are to recognize volunteers and community members who have made significant contributions through the creation of programming or providing a valuable service to the organization.

Producer of the Year went to Zachary McNaughton for the production of his new fishing series, "Vermont Master Anglers," as well as overseeing "Trailer Trash Talk," produced

by students in his Video Production class at River Valley Technical Center.

Youth Producer of the Year is Natasha Fortin for her three-season coverage of Black River High School sports throughout the school year for soccer, basketball, softball, and baseball for both the girls' and boys' teams.

This year's Community Service Award went to Kelly Stettner of Black River Action Team for her effective use



Kelly Stettner with Okemo Valley TV's Patrick Cody.

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of our services as an outreach tool for her organization, through the production of her TV series "Black River Connections."

The Outstanding Achievement Award went to the Ludlow Fire Department for the high-quality production of a new membership recruitment video.

A regional organization with a studio and offices in the Ludlow Community Center complex, Okemo Valley TV is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to providing free and low-cost media services for community members and organizations. For more information on this year's awards or how to get involved, visit www.okemovalley.tv.



Volunteer Ludlow Firefighters Fran and Angela Kissell.

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Natasha Fortin.

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Cavendish to borrow funds, remedy next year to make up for tax calculation error

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
The Vermont Journal

CAVENDISH, Vt. – At the July 29 Cavendish Selectboard Meeting, Cavendish Town Clerk Diane McNamara informed the Selectboard that she had inadvertently miscalculated fire district rates on the recently mailed Cavendish Tax Bills. What should have been billed as .0801 per \$100 valuation was instead billed as .0008 for Fire District 1, and .0672 for Fire District 2 was mistakenly billed as .0007. The result is a Fire Districts

tax shortfall of \$195,000, money needed to support the two fire districts throughout the year.

The Selectboard discussed several options to remedy the error including reissuing the bills or issuing an additional bill. In the end, the decision was made to borrow the funds and make up the shortfall next year. Consensus was that too much confusion would happen by issuing additional bills this year.

The town is preparing a mailing to all property owners explaining the calculation error and how it will be remedied. That mailing should be sent out

this week.

Also during the meeting, George Timko was voted in to replace Michael Kell who had resigned his Selectboard position in recent months.

The Selectboard also accepted the resignation of Jill Flynn as animal control officer with regret, and the town is currently seeking a replacement.

The Golden Stage Inn was approved for their annual Honey Festival scheduled for Sept. 14.

The next Cavendish Selectboard meeting is Monday, Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cavendish Town Office.

BRISC receives anonymous \$20,000 donation toward capital campaign fund

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Independent School Committee has received its first large donation in the form of appreciated stock. The investment, made by an anonymous donor, is another significant step toward the group's larger fundraising goal. BRISC aims to raise \$800,000 by August 2020 and will continue meeting with prospective donors over the summer and into the fall. Members of the committee have been

sharing the mission and vision for Black River Academy through a variety of community events.

The group continues to seek input from the community. Weekly meetings are held every Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Black River High School library. Anyone with interest or expertise is encouraged to attend the meetings and to contribute to the work in progress. The group's current focus is to generate fundraising dollars for start-up and reserve

funds to establish Black River Academy. BRISC is seeking not only monetary support but also volunteers.

If you would like more information or would like to get involved with the Black River Independent School, please contact Uli Donohue or John Bannon at blackriverindependentschool@gmail.com. Please visit our website www.blackriveracademy.org. Donations can be made on the website or by mailing a check to P.O. Box 485, Ludlow, VT 05156.

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TPW Real Estate opens third real estate office in Ludlow

LUDLOW, Vt. – TPW Real Estate is excited to announce they have opened a third real estate office in Ludlow, Vt. For many years, TPW Management has been operating in Ludlow and it was a natural progression to expand the real estate business to this location. Currently, TPW operates both real estate and property management services in Manchester, Stratton, and now Ludlow.

Betty McEnaney has joined as the managing broker in Ludlow. Having served Ludlow and the towns surrounding Okemo Mountain since 1979, Betty is prepared to answer most any question about residential real estate and country living in Vermont.

Betty has specialized in residential real estate for 40 years. Primary homes and vacation properties are what she knows well with a particular fondness

for country homes and historic architecture.

Betty has served as president of the Crown Point Board of Realtors twice, and as president of the Vermont Association of Realtors in 1998. Betty has earned the Certified Residential Specialist, Seniors Real Estate Services, Graduate Realtor Institute, and e-Pro designations from the National Association of Realtors to better serve her clients and customers. In 2016, Betty was the Realtor of the Year for the Crown Point Board of Realtors and then went on to be named the Realtor of the Year for the state of Vermont.

In 2003, Betty started The Goodwill Project where she donates 5% of every dollar earned to a nonprofit that is either located in Vermont or that serves Vermonters. These



Betty McEnaney.

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recipients are chosen by the buyers and sellers that Betty works with. To date, donations have been shared throughout Vermont providing assistance when least expected.

TPW's principal broker Annie Bessette commented, "We are excited to welcome Betty

as the managing broker for TPW Real Estate located on Main Street in Ludlow. I have always enjoyed working with Betty and feel she is truly one of the most highly respected and knowledgeable realtors in southern Vermont. All of us at TPW welcome her and look forward to an exciting future as she provides a high level of service to sellers and buyers in the Ludlow/Okemo area."

Betty added, "I am thrilled to be a part of TPW Real Estate and I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones in the years to come."

The Ludlow office is located at 108 Main Street in Ludlow. Betty can be reached at 802-228-9400 x 1306, 802-236-7099, or bgm@tpw.com.



Judd's Power Equipment grand opening

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Judd's Power Equipment, located 6109 U.S. Route 5 in Westminster, is celebrating their Grand Opening Saturday, Aug. 3, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come down and see what's up and meet our Husqvarna representative, Brian. NASH 104.9 will be doing a live broadcast on location.

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Mr. Pianoman is back on the Village Green

BELMONT, Vt. – Jamie Wards, aka Mr. Pianoman, will be performing once again in Belmont, Thursday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. in the village green. This free concert is presented by the Mount Holly Community Association. Jamie Wards is their longest running continuous act, going 15 years and counting. This energetic piano player will play all the classic sing-alongs plus favorite jazz and blues songs. He loves that New Orleans style and plays 'til it's dark and then some.

So bring a chair because it's a great way to catch a sunset and meet your neighbors.

Mr. Pianoman always has a musical contest that anyone can enter. This year, the first prize is a Belmont General Store pizza with two toppings and second prize is a Belmont burger combo. So come by and pick the winning song title, and you could be munching good food.



Mr. Pianoman is back in Belmont. Photo by Sharon Lickerman.

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Claremont Savings Bank selected for Workforce Housing program

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Claremont Savings Bank has been selected to participate in Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston's Housing Our Workforce and Equity Builder programs.

Housing Our Workforce is a \$2 million program that offers a two-to-one match of down payments made at the time of purchase by eligible homebuyers. Launched in 2019, HOW provides assistance with down payment costs to eligible homebuyers who earn more than 80% and

up to 120% of the area median income. Borrowers can receive up to \$20,000 in assistance on a first-come, first-served basis from Claremont Savings Bank.

Equity Builder Program offers grants to provide households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median income with down payment and closing costs. "I am very excited to share that Claremont Savings Bank is an approved lender able to offer two down payment assistance programs that will help our customers," said Brandy Blackinton, vice president, retail lending man-

ager. "This allows us to spread assistance to a larger percentage of our community members."

Depending on availability of funds, Claremont Savings Bank is eligible to receive up to \$100,000 in 2019 through HOW. For more information about HOW, EBP, and other available Homebuyer Assistance Programs, please visit your nearest CSB office or visit www.claremontsavings.com/loans/homebuyer-assistance-program.html.

Loans are subject to credit approval. Funds may be limited by availability.

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showing potential year-round use; plan for adequate public access and handicapped facilities; and a solution to address lack of adequate parking.

Although Willis outlined an extensive amount of work done to date to address these con-

cerns including consulting with an architectural historian and an architect, as well as researching historic plaster repair, she requested \$12,000 from the Selectboard to fund a detailed feasibility study that would address all three issues in more depth in order to reapply for the grant Oct. 1, 2019. "There's no more homework we can do that would make a difference.

We need that feasibility study," she said.

Jonynas expressed his appreciation for all the work done on the project but said that it came down to a budgeting issue and that they didn't have the funds in the current budget but may need to wait until December when budget talks resume for the following year. He also made the point that unless they could address the parking issue, the project may not move forward regardless.

Willis indicated that she had a preliminary conversation with an abutting landowner that may be persuaded to offer land for parking but only if the building will become a museum. She also indicated she would approach the landowner formally once she had all the details.

Chase recalled that they had discussed fundraising to date. Willis responded, "I'm not asking people to give their private money if the town isn't doing its part."

Both Jonynas and Chase defended the town's commitment to the building, noting the town's commitment as stewards of the building and money spent on legal fees and structural fixes.

Board member Leigh Dakin mentioned that the historical society might have some funds for restoration that would be available for the project. The Selectboard and Willis agreed that they might be able to find some savings for the feasibility study. Pisha was also instructed to see if there might be funds available in the budget.

Jonynas praised Willis for her energy and enthusiasm in moving the project forward.

Also at the meeting, the Selectboard reviewed the Highway Safety Audit received from the Agency of Transportation after they came to view Route 103 outside Green Mountain Union High School entrance. Jonynas signed a letter requesting they do a thorough study to request changing of speed limit in front of the high school.

The next Selectboard meeting is Wednesday, Aug. 7 at 6:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Chester Town Hall.



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High insurance costs could effect health care

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Potential rate increases to private health insurance in Vermont will impact businesses and individuals, but hospitals will feel the effect as those increases cause Vermonters to drop coverage.

According to Anna Smith, chief of marketing and development at Springfield Medical Care Systems, Blue Cross Blue Shield Vermont's request to increase average rates by 14 to 15% in 2020 would not directly impact Vermont hospitals and care providers, but those effects to insurance enrollment could affect health systems greatly.

"Our ideal as a hospital is for all people to be insured and to keep health care costs low," said Smith.

Vermont currently has a high percentage of residents with insurance, Smith said. But should insurance ever become so unaffordable that people start to drop their coverage, the system will suffer the costs. Higher populations of uninsured citi-

zens increases the use of emergency rooms and unrecovered bills for costly services, which cause health care providers to increase their rates and insurers to increase their rates in response.

Higher uninsured populations also receive minimal to no primary care, which prevent the need to make expensive emergency room visits later.

Vermont board considers rate increases

Last week, the Green Mountain Care Board, which oversees health care cost and accessibility in Vermont, held a two-day public hearing for requests by Blue Cross Blue Shield and MVP Health Care, two prominent insurers in Vermont's network, to increase their rates by over 10% in 2020. MVP is asking for an 11% increase to its plans offered on the state health insurance exchange, and Blue Cross Blue Shield is requesting an average rate increase of 14.5%.

On Tuesday, July 23 the

GMCB heard witnesses speaking on behalf of Blue Cross Blue Shield, including the company's actuary Paul Schultz.

Schultz explained how the company estimates its rates for 2020, telling the board that they study trend costs to project how membership enrollment, health trends and services will change from 2018 to 2020. Important figures include the cost of claims, trends in hospital budgets and projected changes in population.

"We look at data among the people who left our coverage, new members and continuing members," Schultz said.

According to Schultz, their company has to factor the continual changeability of their insurance pool, as customers who leave the pool are often slightly healthier than when they entered, and continuing members will be two years older and potentially carry a higher health risk.

Blue Cross Blue Shield also projected a 4% cost increase

due to the Medicare Advantage health insurance tax going into effect next year. Congress is currently considering delaying the tax's implementation until at least 2021, though that decision may not happen before Vermont decides its insurance rates.

The GMCB is expected to decide on the requested increases next month. It is not unusual for the board to reduce the requested rate of increase. Last year, the care board reduced Blue Cross Blue Shield's requested increase of 9.6% to 5.8% and MVP's request of 10.9% to 6.6%. However, representatives of Blue Cross Blue Shield said on Tuesday that their rates in past years have not been adequate and forced the company to cover the shortfall from their reserves. Schultz also said that the insurer projects a 15% increase in the cost of prescription drugs as a major driver in the rate requested for 2020.

Vermont enrollment remains

high The Vermont Department of Health reported that 604,800 Vermonters, or 97% of the state population, claimed to have health insurance in 2018, according to a department study of households.

Despite cost increases to insurance rates, the report found that the number of Vermonters with insurance remained unchanged between 2014 and 2018. Though the number of people with private insurance has decreased since 2000, from 60% to 53%, the number of uninsured decreased during that period from 8% to 3%. The proportion of Vermonters with Medicare increased between 2000 and 2018 from 14% to 19% and Vermonters with Medicaid increased from 16% to 22%.

The continual change in the insurance pool, plus a multitude of variables to consider, makes it hard for an insurer to accurately project how changes will impact their future costs,

said Dave Dillon, actuary for consulting firm Lewis and Ellis, at the Tuesday hearing.

According to Dillon, Blue Cross Blue Shield may have overestimated the cost difference in enrollment makeup between 2018 and 2020. Even if the insurance company's data is correct regarding members leaving, joining or continuing, one must know additional information – such as how members are continuing their enrollment because of a serious diagnosis – to determine the actual cost impact.

While Blue Cross Blue Shield reports an overall decline in enrollment, Dillon said that when looking at Vermont's overall market, the number of uninsured remains the same. Other insurance providers in Vermont report little change in membership entering next year, whereas MVA Health Care reports an increase in enrollment.

Written by Patrick Adrian, Eagle Times.

Ludlow Rotary Club learns about Springfield Co-Op expansion

LUDLOW, Vt. – At its recent weekly luncheon meeting, the Ludlow Rotary Club featured guest speaker Larry Kraft, project manager for the Springfield Food Co-Op's building expansion project.

Kraft described the history of the co-op and its new building expansion project. Currently the project, located on River Street in Springfield, is seeking \$870,000 to fund the enlargement of its facilities. He noted that the purpose of this new expansion was to enhance the space used for co-op shoppers. Among the improvements will be a café



From left to right: Mark Huntley, LRC president; Glenn Heitsmith, LRC rotarian; and Larry Kraft.

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area where customers and co-op members can relax. The project will also enable the co-op to hire more staff, provide a safer and more efficient store for shoppers and employees, and grow the co-op's economy.

LRC meets for lunch on most Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. at DJ's Restaurant. The LRC is small and is always looking to welcome new members. If you would like to attend a meeting and learn how you may Serve Humanity while enjoying the fun and fellowship of others, please contact any Rotarian or drop a note to Ludlow Rotary, P.O. Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149.

Fun and games, food and music at Palooza

SHREWSBURY, Vt. – Things are just humming along at Rainbow Riding Center in Shrewsbury this summer. We have new riders signing up for the program every week, and we are always looking for new volunteers to help make their experience top notch. If you have an hour or two during your busy week and like kids and horses, no experience necessary, check us out on Facebook and our website, www.reinbowridingcenter.org. Then give us a call at 802-236-2483 or email programs@reinbowridingcenter.org.

In the midst of providing lessons for all our riders, we are deep in the middle of planning Summer Palooza, our annual fundraiser at the Odd Fellows Hall on Star Lake in Belmont, Saturday, Aug. 17, 3-8 p.m. Old time summer games, live music by the Folk Club, face painting, tie-dye t-shirt making, great yummy desserts, Haircuts by Tracy, and so much more, plus we may even have a mini-surprise.

Don't forget our big silent auction at Palooza with lots of gift certificates for local restaurants, goods, and services; Paramount Theatre tickets, golf course certificates, arts and crafts, maple syrup, cheese, special homemade vanilla, wine and gift baskets, Adirondack chairs, and a great signed NHL photo featuring Hall of Famers Gordie Howe, his son Mark Howe, and Nick Fortiu. In addition, Nick just signed and donated one of his hockey jerseys. More items include a hand-painted framed mirror, tickets for the Montshire Museum, an attorney donated a \$500 gift certificate for drafting a will, and we have

Red Sox Matt Barnes signed baseball. More items and gift certificates are coming in every day. New this year is a special kids' table with all kinds of games, books, and more. We've started the auction online this year so check out our Facebook page to start bidding on auction items.

Palooza begins at 3 p.m. and ends at 8 p.m. The silent

auction is from 3-7 p.m. and you can collect your items from 7:15-8 p.m. that evening or Sunday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The barbecue and corn roast begins at 5 p.m. along with live music. Games and other fun stuff starts at 3 p.m. We plan a big family fun day so come for fun, for food, and for good company among friends. Thank you to everyone who

has donated items and goods for Palooza and to our sponsors Rutland Regional Medical Center, GE Aviation, and Velco. There is still more room on the auction tables, so if anyone has items to donate, call or email us if you would like them picked up. Can't wait to see you all at Summer Palooza!



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Savings Bank of Walpole to host Community Cookouts

WALPOLE, N.H. – Savings Bank of Walpole is once again hosting two separate Community Appreciation Cookouts as a way to say thank you to both customers and the community. This year's events will be held Friday, Aug. 2 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the bank's 84 Marlboro St. location in Keene, as well as Sunday, Aug. 4, beginning at 5 p.m. on the green in Walpole.

In addition to free hot dogs, chips, and drinks, the Aug. 4 cookout in Walpole will be followed by a night of music featuring The Brattleboro American Legion Band, one of the bank's Concerts on the Green series performances.



Join the Community Appreciation Cookout hosted by Savings Bank of Walpole.

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The show will begin at 6:30 p.m. and run until 8 p.m.

"Community Appreciation Day cookouts are our way of thanking our customers, friends, and neighbors in both Keene and Walpole and the surrounding communities for their continued support," said Mark Bodin, president of Savings Bank of Walpole.

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

Edward Jones office supports school supply drive

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join Edward Jones office at 41 Chester Rd. in Springfield, Vt. in donating school supplies for students. Local residents may help support this effort by bringing in items to the Edward Jones branch office during regular business hours from Aug. 1 to Aug. 16, 2019. Edward Jones and its associates cannot accept monetary donations of any kind.

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The Young Professionals Summit in Rutland.

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from around Vermont to attend the fifth annual Young Professionals Summit of Vermont scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 14 in downtown Rutland at the Paramount Theatre.

The annual statewide event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. with networking to follow. Registration includes morning refreshments and a drink ticket for the evening networking.

The full-day networking and learning event will feature pro-

fessional development tracks with unique focus areas including imposter syndrome, leadership, involvement, and love your life with work and life balance. Expert guest speakers will lead three different sessions in each professional development track to offer attendees a well-rounded day of activities and lectures.

To cap off the full day of learning, Dr. Karlyn Borysenko of Zen Workplace will deliver the keynote on "Playing Politics: The Psychology of the Human Workplace." Borysenko's keynote will use science to help attendees understand how human beings make decisions at work and how to improve office effectiveness.

Katye Munger, summit planning coordinator and RYP member, says, "As we prepare for our fifth annual summit, we wanted to approach this year's event with a dedicated focus on the growth areas that we hear are most needed from our young professional peers in Vermont. These development tracks will allow our state's young professionals to spend a day thinking deeply about their confidence, community involvement, and wellness. We know this year's summit will be beneficial for a wide audience of young professionals and look forward to sharing the day with our peers from around the state."

In the five-year history of the summit, guest speakers and attendees have included state officials as well as business leaders such as Congressman Peter Welch and Gov. Phil Scott. Over the past four years, 600 young professionals have gathered in downtown Rutland for the annual summit. For more information, visit www.yppsummitvt.com.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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The time capsule

Last week, I wrote about John Leon Spaulding's donation of family diaries to the Chester Historical Society. I estimated there were close to 100. Well, we counted them and there are 120. Below is a story made possible by selecting a few entries found in William Ryland Spaulding's "W.R." 1889 Weston diary.



Merrill Stevens barn on left showing two other barns now gone. The brick house on the right was where Merrill lived. Now owned by Steve Copping. PHOTO PROVIDED BY CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

I chose the title, "The time capsule" for this story because it truly is. It has been 75 years or more since anyone has read these diaries.

W.R.'s diaries document daily life in Weston and how he made a living. He worked in the woods logging, hauling logs to sawmills, repairing sleighs and wagons, sugaring and working as a teamster trucking all variety of goods.

In recent weeks, I wrote what history I knew about the Merrill Stevens/Jeffrey barn. In that article I mentioned the timbers for the barn came from Weston. I described how the timbers would have been trucked to Chester. I also mentioned that sometimes we find a tidbit of information that completes a story. Below is a perfect example of that.

In W.R.'s 1889 diary we found: "March 12, 1889 Went to Merrill's today with last load of timbers." So if this was the last load, previous loads would be before this date in the diary. We found them. More importantly, we now know who trucked the timbers and lumber to build Merrill's barn. It was W.R. Spaulding.

Other entries

"January 24, 1889 Went to Chester with timbers. Fred worked (Fred was W.R.'s brother) Bought only bag of salt of Geo Robbins .75 cents" "January 28, 1889 [logged] today" "February 6, 1889 Hauled logs from the cold spring lot" "February 7, 1889 Oiled harnesses" (oiling harnesses kept

the leather supple) "February 8, 1889 Hauled timber to the top of the mountain" "February 15, 1889 Went to Chester with timber" "February 16, 1889 Went to Chester with lumber" "March 5, 1889 Went to town meeting" "March 7, 1889 Went to village after load of sawdust" (sawdust was used in horse stalls and cow barns.) "March 13, 1889 Went to Chester with load of flour barrels" "March 14, 1889 Stayed at home settled with Foster + Jacquith on logs drawn" "Went over with Barton to break out the road" Breaking out the road was breaking a trail through the deep snow so horses and horse-drawn vehicles could travel with less effort.

W.R. recorded his many trips to Merrill Stevens barn delivering timbers, lumber, and shingles. Today, the barn has a metal roof but under the metal roof you can see wood shingles. I've seen the shingle mill in Weston operating. It's an amazing machine.

There are other interesting entries in W.R.'s 1889 diary. W.R. notes who worked for him or whom he helped. Will Sheppard was one name I recognized. Will's daughter, Marion, married Gale Peck. Many will remember Gale or his son Howard.

The most personal entry is March 1, 1889: "Went to Chester and met Hettie Marshall." He must have liked what he saw. Mehitable "Hettie" and W.R. were married May 27, 1891.

I imagine we might find in a later diary where W.R. makes an entry: "Engaged to Hettie today." And there would definitely be an entry for his wed-

ding day. We have that 1891 diary.

Hettie was John Leon "Gramp" and Ted Spaulding's grandmother. This explains why Ted and Gramp had so many photos and documents from the Marshall family.

Merrill Stevens married Moriah Spaulding of Cavendish. Moriah's relation to John Leon and Ted is three or more times removed.

Here's another interesting entry: "Went to Chester to see Mark Moore about ironing the hearse." Ironing a wagon, sleigh, or carriage was done to strengthen the vehicle. After a vehicle was driven a year or so, the shaking and jouncing over the road would loosen or weaken the iron braces that held it together. Wagons were often overloaded causing excessive wear and tear. Perhaps your wagon was rated for 1,000 pounds but you wanted to haul 1,500 pounds. A blacksmith could beef up the wagon by using larger and sturdier iron braces he forged.

I found Mark S. Moore in Child's 1883 Gazetteer listed as: "(Chester Depot) blacksmith, carriage ironing, owns with Robbins & Lawrence 12 acres on Shawmut Avenue."

This week's old saying was told to me by Ted Spaulding when we were talking about "ironing the hearse." A Swedish man in Chester who had a difficult time pronouncing the letter "H" said, "If you'da ironed up that wagon it would'a carried one turd more."

Civil War historian and author to speak in Weston

WESTON, Vt. – The Weston Historical Society is pleased to announce that Howard Coffin, well-known historian and author, will deliver a presentation of "Vermont's Remarkable Sharpshooters and Gettysburg" Saturday, Aug. 10 at 10:30 a.m. at Weston's Old Parish Church, located on Route 100 just south of the Village Green. The talk is sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council as part of their wonderful "Speakers Bureau" program and is hosted by the WHS.

Vermont sent far more sharpshooters to the Union armies than any other state, on a per capita basis. By the hundreds, Vermont marksmen passed the rigorous marksmanship test to join one of three Vermont companies. And sharpshooters from this state played a



Author Howard Coffin.

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little-known but major role at Gettysburg, the great Union victory that changed the Civil War's course.

Howard is a renowned speaker, having given over 300 talks on historical subjects and is the author of several books, most focusing on Vermont's role in the Civil War, in which six of his forebearers participated. This lecture is new in 2019. Following Howard's talk,

the Farrar-Mansur Museum will be open at noon with a special display in the ballroom celebrating Vermont sharpshooters and Weston's presence at the battle of Gettysburg. See a typical Civil War encampment and learn the history of Capt. Asa Foster's sword. Artifacts carried by Weston citizens at Gettysburg will be on display. The WHS is indebted to May Bigelow and Nicki Pfister for the concept and execution of this display, which will be open until 4 p.m. and will also be open on Wednesday and weekend afternoons for the balance of the museum's season.

The Farrar-Mansur Museum is located on Route 100, just north of the Village Green and a short distance from Old Parish Church.

Junior Apprentice program daily at American Precision Museum

WINDSOR, Vt. – The American Precision Museum announces its Junior Apprentice program for children ages 8-12. The program runs daily through Oct. 31, 2019. Students pay a one-time admission fee and complete the junior apprentice booklet while exploring the museum during their visit. Each junior apprentice will receive a badge that serves as a Saturday admission pass for the remainder of the season. Junior apprentices join in guided activities in the museum's Learning Lab each Saturday, including beginning coding, basic

robotics, and 3D design and printing.

"Becoming a junior apprentice is a terrific way for young visitors to become familiar with the museum and take advantage of all the STEM learning opportunities we have to offer," said Scott Davison, director of education. "They'll receive hands-on experience with everything from building simple machines to programming robots. We have a lot of fun."

A one-time museum admission applies for participation in the Junior Apprentice Program. An adult must accompany chil-

dren on each visit.

The American Precision Museum, located in the 1846 Robbins & Lawrence Armory, a National Historic Landmark, traces the beginnings of manufacturing to modern technology through exhibits and interactive programs. Open daily, Memorial Day Weekend through Oct. 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The American Precision Museum is proud to be a Blue Star Museum, offering free admission to active duty military and their families.

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Destiny M. Franklin, 1996-2019

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Destiny Marie Franklin, 23, of King Street, went home to be with the Lord July 6, 2019. Destiny was born Feb. 27, 1996 in Jacksonville, Fla., the daughter of Chris and Kelly (Sheets) Mays.

She worked for Home Depot on the Met Team in Gloucester, Va. and Keene, N.H., and she also worked as a staffing specialist for Barton Associates in Keene, N.H. Destiny was a member of the Cornerstone Church in Mathews, Va., Light House Worship Center in Hayes, Va., and the Next Level Church in Keene, N.H. She loved God and was on fire for the Lord. She also enjoyed arts and crafts. Destiny had a pas-

sion for working with children and had planned a family of her own, having already chosen the name Raya Hope Franklin.

On March 29, 2019, she married Troy Franklin who survives. Also surviving are her father Chris Mays; her siblings Chris Mays, Kelsey Evans, Samantha Files, Cash Mays, and Carolina Brooks; her aunts and uncles Sharon and David Keefe and Charlotte and Robert Kniesche; and several nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her mother Kelly Mays.

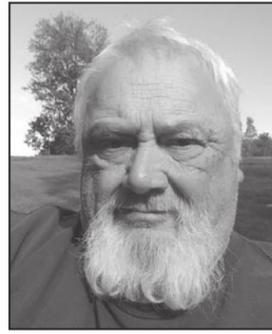
There were calling hours July 22 at the Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt. Burial will take place at the convenience of the family.

Paul E. Gould, 1949-2019

CHESTER, Vt. – Paul E. Gould, 69, of Chester, Vt., died unexpectedly July 28, 2019. Born Aug. 6, 1949, the son of Frank and Marion Gould. He graduated from Chester High School in 1967. He was drafted into the Army in 1969 and proudly served his country during the Vietnam War.

He married Patti Moore in 1971 and spent 48 wonderful years by her side raising their three daughters. Paul worked for the state of Vermont Highway Department for 33 years before retiring.

He was predeceased by his parents, son Adam, and sister Laurie DeCell. Survivors include his wife Patti; daughters Joie Pomainville of Bridport, Vt., Kami Gagne of Goffstown, N.H., Katie Miller of Londonderry, N.H.; his beloved Yorkie Lilibell; two brothers Kevin Gould and Frank E. Gould III, both of Chester, Vt.; three sisters Nancy Reed of Per-



Paul E. Gould, 1949-2019.
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kinsville, Marianne Jones of Springfield, and Beth Gould of Chester; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one aunt; cousins; and a lifetime of friends.

Per Paul's request, there will be no services. A celebration of his life and scattering of his ashes will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Wounded Warrior Foundation, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675 or the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewa Trail, Springfield, VT 05156.

James W. Howe Jr., 1945-2019

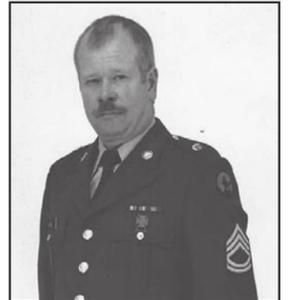
JAMAICA, Vt. – James Wayne Howe Jr., 74, passed away Sunday morning, July 21, 2019 at the Gill Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow, Vt. He was born April 26, 1945 in Brattleboro, Vt., the son of James W. and Laura (Dutton) Howe. He graduated from Leland and Gray High School and attended the University of Vermont and was a cadet at West Point.

He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam era, and later served in the Army Reserves for a total of 26 years of service.

On June 9, 1990, he married Ruth Eddy Snow in Windham, Vt. Ruth and Jim resided in East Windsor, Conn. for several years. After retirement, Jim and Ruth moved to Luverne, Ala. in 2007 where they resided until just recently.

He worked as a union carpenter for many companies in the Hartford, Conn. area for 40 years. He loved hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed spending time on Turkey Mountain in Jamaica, Vt. and spending time in Mount Vernon, Maine.

He is survived by his wife Ruth; two sons Douglas Howe



James W. Howe Jr., 1945-2019.
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of Carlsbad, Calif. and Matthew Howe of Avon, Conn.; one brother Aaron Howe of Price, Utah; one sister Mary Ellen Howe-Grant of Santa Barbara, Calif.; several nieces, nephews, and extended family. He was predeceased by his parents.

A celebration of life gathering will be held at a later date in September.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the Memorial Fund at the Gill Odd Fellows Home, 8 Gill Terrace, Ludlow, VT 05149.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield is assisting with arrangements.

From the family of Helen High Burdick,

The family of Helen High Burdick would like to thank all neighbors, friends and family who attended the Celebration of Helen's life on July 6 in Weston and helped us through this difficult period. We were uplifted and overwhelmed by the attendance of so many people who were part of Helen's life, and who truly made it possible for her to spend her final years in her beloved Weston home. A special thanks to Patricia Connelly and Rev. Jonathan Bliss without whose help this celebration would not have been possible.

Sincerely,
Ben and Catherine Mattheis and family
Blair and Kaern Elliott and family

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to recognize and thank Candy Bliss who works at the Londonderry landfill. Not only is she a conscientious worker, but also she always expresses a pleasant and helpful attitude to those of us who visit the landfill. One day, I asked her who provided the beautiful pots of flowers that are lined on the wall at the back of the area. She quickly answered, "I do!" She clearly takes pride in her work.

Thank you, Candy, and all the workers at the landfill for their hard work, helpful directions, and dedication to keeping the area neat and accessible.

Sincerely,
Patricia Beveridge
Weston, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Citizens of Bennington County and all of Vermont. As you drive past the Vermont Veterans' Home, you will soon notice a new flagpole placed out front near the North Street main entrance. Set by itself on the northern side of the stonewall breach that provides access to the flag lined driveway. On this flagpole, we will fly the Honor and Remember Flag. Vermont is the 24th state to recognize the flag that pays tribute to fallen members of the armed services.

The distinctive design and colors of the flag have symbolic meaning:

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The **Blue Star** represents active service in military conflict. This symbol originated with World War I, but on this flag, it signifies service through all generations

from the American Revolution to present day.

The **White Border** beneath and surrounding the gold star recognizes the purity of sacrifice. There is no greater price an American can pay than to give his or her life in service to our country.

The **Gold Star** signifies the ultimate sacrifice of a warrior in active service who will not return home. Gold reflects the value of the life that was given.

The **Folded Flag** signifies the final tribute to an individual life that a family sacrificed and gave to the nation.

The **Flame** is an eternal reminder of the spirit that has departed this life yet burns on in the memory of all who knew and loved the fallen hero.

At the Vermont Veterans' Home, we have some of Vermont's most prominent heroes. We currently have veterans residing here from World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Cold

War, Grenada, Panama, Desert Shield and Storm, and the campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan. These include submariners, B29 and B17 pilots and crew, members of Patton's Third Army, a Marine who fought on Iwo Jima, an architect of the World Trade Center, tank drivers, truck drivers, pilots, cooks, and gun fighters from the infantry. We have had members of Elvis Presley's Army Band and an initial member of the negro baseball league. Two of our World War II heroes here now participated in the liberation of concentration camps.

Unfortunately, as rugged and stalwart as our veterans are, they like all of us have a limit to the time they spend here on earth. But rest assured when the end comes, they do not pass away alone. They live here at the Vermont Veterans' Home with their brothers and sisters, united by the common bond of service to our great nation. Here the veterans have acquired an expanded fam-

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As our heroes pass away, we want you to know that an individual who signed on the dotted line to protect our many freedoms and to defend us from our enemies both foreign and domestic has passed. When one of these great patriots departs this earthly realm, we will fly the Honor and Remember Flag at half-mast for three days. When you observe this, you will know one of Vermont's finest is gone, but never forgotten.

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sports & golf

Invitation to play bocce at Ludlow's Veterans Park

LUDLOW, Vt. – Old people, young people, and middle-aged people are all invited to play free bocce on the grass of Ludlow's Veterans Park. The games will start Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2019 at 6 p.m. and on each Tuesday thereafter as long as daylight is sufficient. Free refreshments will be served and are being provided by the United Church of Ludlow. Veterans Park is just across the street from the Fletcher Memorial Library.

About 15 years ago, similar bocce games were played at Veterans Park and were well attended. In those games, the best player was a woman in her late 70s. It is all just good clean fun.

Bocce is one of the earliest known games, dated by historians back to 5000 B.C. in Egypt. The game spread to Greece in 300 B.C. and to the Roman Empire shortly thereafter. The Romans spread bocce throughout their vast empire. Second only to soccer, today bocce is the most played sport in the world. The form of bocce that will be played in Veterans Park is called "Backyard Bocce," easy to play because of its simple



Everyone is invited to play bocce.

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rules.

The British call bocce "Lawn Bowling," which is easy to envision. Each bocce grass court is similar to a bowling lane. Each of the two teams in a bocce game has four large balls. There also is a smaller ball, the "pallina." The object of the game is to have your team's balls end up closest to the pallina – much like the stake in horseshoes.

In each frame only one team is awarded points – one point

for each ball that is closer to the pallina than the closest ball of the opposing team. The first team reaching 16 points is the winner of the game. Each team can have one, two, or four players. More than one bocce game can be played simultaneously.

Please contact David Almond at davidkalmund44@gmail.com for more information.

Okemo Valley Golf Club Men's League results, July 23

LUDLOW, Vt. – Four weeks remain in Okemo Valley Golf Club Men's League. The race for the Commissioner's Cup has never been tighter with seven out of eight teams having a chance to finish in the top three.

Huntley's Wealth Management won top honors for the night Tuesday, July 23 and moved back into contention. Eric Stocker, Sean Kane, Craig Peters, and Bob Herbst combined to win 23 holes. Diamond Realty finished second for the night, and in the process knocked front-runners Built Rite MFG. back in the pack. Roger Danyew, Scott Howard, Bruce Zanca, and Bob Ahlers combined to win 22 holes.

For the third week in a row, Sotheby's Realty finished in the top three, continuing their late-season push. Pat McLaughlin, Larry Plumb, Charlie Howard, and Fra Devine combined to win 20.5 holes. Closest to the

pin winners were Peter Modisette and Pat McLaughlin.

Weekly results:

- First – Huntley Wealth Management 23 holes won, 15 points
- Second – Diamond Realty 22 holes won, 13 points
- Third – Sotheby's Realty 20.5 holes won, 11 points
- Fourth – Stryhas Builders 18.5 holes won, 10 points
- Fifth – Knight Tubs 17.5 holes won, 9 points
- Sixth – HWC Financial 15.5 holes won, 8 points
- Seventh – Built rite MFG. 14 holes won, 7 points
- Eighth – Green Mountain Appraisals 13 holes won, 6 points

Season standings:

- First – Built Rite MFG. 105 points
- Second – Stryhas Builders 100 points
- Third – Knight Tubs 93 points
- Fourth – Diamond Realty 90 points
- Fifth – Huntley's Wealth

Management 89 points

- Sixth – Sotheby's Realty 86 points
- Seventh – HWC Financial 83 points
- Eighth – Green Mountain Appraisals 66 points

For more information about Okemo Valley Golf Club, please call 802-228-1396 or visit www.okemo.com.



Weekly golf results.

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Five reasons kids should play outside more

StatePoint – Outdoor play is necessary for healthy child development, according to The Genius of Play. Here's five benefits of unstructured outdoor playtime:

Physical development

Research has shown that physically active kids tend to be leaner and healthier, while an inactive childhood can lead to a sedentary – and likely unhealthy

– lifestyle in adulthood. Furthermore, physical play builds gross and fine motor skills necessary for success in school and beyond.

Risk-taking

Through outdoor play, children are given the opportunity to step outside their comfort zones and try new things. Moments like a first bike ride without training wheels, or the first trip down the big slide in the

playground are critical for building the confidence and resilience needed to pursue a future career, start a business, or handle life's many challenges.

Social skills

Childhood games played outdoors can help build social skills and teach kids to follow directions. From games as simple as tag, to those with more complicated rules, like "Capture

the Flag," and sports like soccer and basketball, communication, teamwork, and other important social skills are developed during outdoor play.

Problem solving

Children's imaginations are often stimulated by the world around them. Being outside can encourage kids to tap into their creativity in order to come up with solutions to challenges,

such as learning how to build a sandcastle or figuring out how to climb up a jungle gym.

Reducing stress

Outdoor play involves physical activity, thrilling moments, and a sense of freedom, all of which can boost endorphins, helping to lower stress levels and reduce anxiety and depression. Interestingly, simply touching dirt when creating mud pies can be

beneficial. According to a Bristol University study, certain types of "friendly" bacteria in soil have been found to activate the group of neurons that produce serotonin, which contributes to a feeling of well-being and happiness. So, don't be afraid to let your kids get a bit dirty out there!

For play ideas, expert advice, and other play resources, visit www.TheGeniusOfPlay.org.

Erin Aiken tops LaFont Memorial, 10 straight for Fellows at Claremont

CLAREMONT, N.H. – Erin Aiken won the third annual two-segment Cody LaFont Memorial Race Friday, July 26, at Claremont Motorsports Park, putting together a pair of deuces to edge rookie upstart Dylan Adams and earn the \$500 Pure Stock payday and her first victory of the summer at the Thrasher Road speed-plant.

In the Late Model Sportsman, Croydon Comet Aaron Fellows again rocketed to victory, staying a perfect ten-for-ten on the season. Sunapee speedster Brian Robie earned his sixth victory lap of the summer in the Sportsman Modifieds, division points leader Dave Greenslit topped the Street Stocks, and Six-Shooter Paul Colburn scored his first career win.

Jim Carley and Dylan Adams led the Pure Stocks to the green

in their first 25-lap go-round, with Adams, in his first NAS-CAR-sanctioned outing ever, jumping all over the lead and then never looking back. Aiken got up to second on lap 22, but it was Adams picking up the \$100 segment-winner bonus. Newport's Chris Conroy was third.

In the nightcap, Chris Carver was the early leader but Kodi Sabins, the winner of the first two LaFont Memorial events, took charge on lap 19 and sped off to victory. Aiken stormed into second with two laps to go to clinch the overall victory. Adams, fourth in round two, was second, and Sabins third.

Mark Blair led the first two go-rounds in the R.E. Hinkley Late Model Sportsman main, then giving way to hard-charging Ben Poland. By lap 13, Aaron Fellows was knocking

and, two laps later, the 11-time track champ was in charge and on his way to victory ten of the 2019 season. Poland was strong in second, and Ryan Bell posted a season-best third.

Mike Smith set a fast pace in the Pepsi Sportsman Modified 40 lappers, leading the first three laps before giving way to fellow Sunapee star Brian Robie. Once in front, Robie withstood the all-out charge of rookie Kyle Welch to win for the sixth time and, in so doing, increase his divisional points lead.

Welch, on a rail all night, was the runner-up, with Mike Smith impressive in third. Dana Smith and Alyssa Rivera rounded out the top five.

Dave Greenslit battled Briana Akusis for two laps in the Cassella Street Stock feature, then taking command and never

looking back. Chris Riendeau got up to second on lap ten but Joe Tetreault, who had won the Streeter's previous feature, had his own eyes on the prize, dropping Riendeau to third but then running out of laps in his pursuit of Greenslit, whose second win of the summer helped him pad his championship points lead.

Paul Colburn led all the way to score his career-first Six-Shooter feature win. Points leader Jeremy Blood was second, and Green Mountain Boy Earl Moul came home third. Colburn also won his heat race.

Northeast Classic Lites kingpin Stew McCormack of Plaistow, N.H. did what he'd done a month earlier at the Thrasher Road oval, gobbling up the field for an easy feature win. Duane Skofield was second, and Derrick Marsan third.

Next Friday, Aug. 2, the Street Stock Battle of the Belt comes to Claremont Motorsports Park, with more than 30 of the top Street Stocks in northern New England expected to participate in the multi-track series event. The Sportsman Modifieds, Late Model Sportsmen, Pure Stocks, and Six-Shooters will all be in action too.

For more information, please visit www.claremontmotorsportspark.com.

July 26 feature finishes:

- **Pure Stock** (Cody LaFont Memorial Twin 25s): Erin Aiken, Dylan Adams, Kodi Sabins, Kyle Templeton, Chris Conroy, Chris Carver, Jim Carley, Seth Melcher, Rich Streeter, Bruce Adams, Sammy Silva, Jon Alden, Aaron Thompson, Carter Chamberlain, Dylan Boudreau, Bruce Cantara Jr., Clark

Brooks, Cooper Roberge.

• **Late Model Sportsman:** Aaron Fellows, Ben Poland, Ryan Bell, Kenny Fowler, Mark Blair, Eric Martell, Victor Branch, Scott Boisvert, Tyler Lescord.

• **Sportsman Modified:** Brian Robie, Kyle Welch, Mike Smith, Dana Smith, Alyssa Rivera, Kenny Thompson, Eric Leclair.

• **Street Stock:** Dave Greenslit, Joe Tetreault, Chris Riendeau, Larry Riendeau, Briana Akusis, Robbie Streeter, Cody Schoolcraft, Raven Streeter, Mike Salois, Mike Parks, Nick Little.

• **Six-Shooters:** Paul Colburn, Jeremy Blood, Earl Moul, Katie Buxton, Eric Lanou, Eric Prescott, Stephanie Zara.

• **N.E. Classic Lites:** Stew McCormack, Duane Skofield, Derrick Marsan.

Written by Gary Dutton.

Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl to take place at Castleton

CASTLETON, Vt. – Soon 72 of the finest high school football players from New Hampshire and Vermont will begin practicing for the 66th annual Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl. It will be a week when strong legs run so that weak legs may walk. The summer's classic will again be played at Castleton University's Spartan Field Saturday, Aug. 3.

Players from both states are scheduled to arrive Sunday, July 28. Double sessions will be the order of the day for both teams. Both head coaches, Marty Richards, formerly of Mount Mansfield High School and Bill Raycraft, formerly of Windham High School, have stressed the importance for their players to be in good physical condition when reporting to camp. The two teams will be headquartered at Castleton University for six days before playing in the Shrine Game on the following Saturday.

On Game Day, there will be our traditional Shrine parade starting at 3 p.m. featuring Shrine units from throughout New England and parts of Canada. Pre-game introductions start at 5 p.m. with kick-off scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Also featured is our always entertaining all-star high school and alumni band made up of over 80



Shrine Maple Sugar Bowl benefits area Shriners Hospitals for kids. STOCK PHOTO

musicians from both states. Cheerleaders will again be cheering for both teams.

The Maple Sugar Bowl Game is sponsored by the Cairo Shriners of Rutland, Vt. and Mt. Sinai Shriners of Montpelier, Vt. This game is played as a fundraiser for our area Shriners Hospitals for Children.

General admission tickets for the Bowl Game are on sale at outlets throughout New Hampshire and Vermont. Tickets are also available through the Shrine Football Office, P.O. Box 820, Lebanon, NH 03766 or by calling 603-448-1042. They can also be purchased online at www.shrinemaplesugarbowl.com, by selecting the "Game Ticket" under the "2019 Game" heading, or at the various outlets listed on the website.

Internet live streaming cov-

erage of the game will again be broadcast by NSN Sports courtesy of Mascoma Savings Bank. Go to www.nsnsports.net.

There is a fee for fan parking will be offered per car. It is an easy walking distance to the stadium. Handicap accessible parking is available next to the pavilion for those needing assistance. It is our hope that those attending recognize our efforts of this classic football game for the benefit of our patients.

A pair of Red Sox versus New York Yankees tickets for a September game, and four New England Patriots versus the Cleveland Browns tickets will be raffled off to benefit the game. Winners are drawn at halftime. We will again offer the ever popular 50-50 raffle, also to be drawn at halftime.

Okemo Valley Golf Club Ladies' League results, July 24

LUDLOW, Vt. – Week nine of the Okemo Val-

ley Ladies' League proved to be a difficult format for all Wednesday, July 24. A combination scramble, alternate-shot, best-ball format made scoring very stingy and a challenge. In the end, the Northern Naturals team of Sue Horsman, Mary Lou Shaw, Kathy Grant, and Jaclyn Diesenhouse made their way to the top honors with a 74 total. Finishing a very close second, with a 75, was the Stryhas Builders team comprised of Peg Cariddi, Donna Tedford, Madeleine Fay, and Jane Harrington. Closest to the pin winners were Marion Pickiel-

nok and Darlene Remy.

Week nine results:

- Northern Naturals – 74
- Stryhas Builders – 75
- Knight Tubs – 80
- DJ's – 86
- RVCCC – 87
- Sotheby's – 91

Season standings:

- Stryhas Builders – 113
- DJ's – 109
- Northern Naturals – 108
- Knight Tubs – 91
- RVCCC – 87
- Sotheby's – 86

For more information about Okemo Valley Golf Club, please call 802-228-1396 or visit www.okemo.com.

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Chester Summer Music presents Chris Kleeman —



Chris Kleeman. PHOTO PROVIDED

CHESTER, Vt. — The 2019 Chester Summer Music Series is delighted to announce that Chris Kleeman, world-class blues guitarist, and his band will perform Thursday, Aug. 1, at 6:30 p.m., on the Academy Lawn across from the green in Chester, Vt.

tionally, Chris has produced many CDs and has guest appeared on numerous other artists' recordings. Kleeman's first recording was produced by blues legend B.B. King in 1970.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and be ready to get up and dance. In the event of rain, the concerts will be held at

American Legion Post 67, 637 Route 103 S. in Chester. For further information, contact Bill Dakin at 802-875-4000.

Touching the Sky Dome stories at Springfield Town Library —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. — Join us at the Springfield Town Library Thursday, Aug. 8 at 6:30 p.m. for the program "Touching the Sky Dome: Stories of the Sun, Moon and Stars." Storyteller, children's author, and musician Michael Caduto immerses his audience in a rich experience of the great Sky Dome that arches overhead. Michael uses songs, chants, native instruments, and entertaining stories that are carefully chosen from among indigenous cultures found throughout North America and beyond.



Michael Caduto with his drum. PHOTO PROVIDED

Come hear how Coyote becomes the moon, how Grandmother Spider steals the Sun; how Fisher goes to Sky Land and changes into the Big Dipper; how Nagah, the mountain

goat, becomes the North Star; and how a Golden Egg falls out of the sky. Sing along to guitar and delight in the drama and humor created by a multitude of faces and voices of the animals

and people in the stories.

Known for his entertaining, dynamic presentations, Michael J. Caduto is the author of the popular "Keepers of the Earth" series, "Earth Tales from Around the World" as well as many others. His most recent book is "The Garden of Wisdom: Earth Tales from the Middle East." Caduto has traveled throughout North America, Europe, and the Middle East presenting performances, workshops, and keynotes to more than 500,000 people and has received many awards for his storytelling.

Springfield Town Library is located at 43 Main Street in Springfield. This performance is in conjunction with our summer reading theme, "Universe of Stories." If you haven't signed up for our adult summer reading raffle or the youth summer reading program, there's still time to do so. This program is brought to you by the Friends of the Springfield Town Library and is free, accessible to those with disabilities, and open to the public. All ages are invited. For more information, please contact us at 802-885-3108 or stlas@vermontel.net.

Fletcher Farm announces August classes and events —

LUDLOW, Vt. — Summer is passing quickly, but there is still one more month of terrific classes at Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts.

- Creating Custom Bezels with Debi Orton, Aug. 3-4
- Quilter's Choice with Susan Damone Balch, Aug. 5-9
- Beginning Punch Needle Rug Hooking with Layne Herschel, Aug. 6-7
- Beginning and Intermediate Stained Glass with Barbara Klumb, Aug. 10-11
- Weave a Necktie Chair Seat with Joyce Fuller, Aug. 10-11
- Theorem Painting with Mary Avery, Aug. 10-12
- Travel Watercolor Sketching with Deborah Rubin, Aug. 12-16
- Stained Glass Open Workshop with Barbara Klumb, Aug. 12-16
- Making Copper Weathervanes with John Bieling, Aug. 19-21
- Landscape Painting in Watercolor with Robert O'Brien, Aug. 21-23
- Liberated Quiltmaking with Susan Damone Balch,

Aug. 27-29

- Creative Metalworking with Piper Strong, Aug. 28-29

There is still time to sign up for any of these classes, so give us a call at 802-228-8770 or register online at www.fletcherfarm.org — it's quick and easy! We will begin listing our fall, winter, and spring classes on the website this week.

Senior Ludlow residents, 60 and older, are still eligible for a scholarship toward tuition for any class, and the Fletcher Farm Foundation will subsidize one-half of your tuition. Depending on the class you choose to take, you may only need to pay the registration fee.

Don't forget that our Gift and Craft Shop is now open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We have a great selection of gifts for every occasion, including needlework, jewelry, clothing, artwork, and other items made by members



Sign up for Fletcher Farm classes. PHOTO PROVIDED

of the Society of Vermont Artists and Craftsmen. Sales of some of the items in the Gift and Craft Shop go toward our Young Artists Scholarship Fund. This helps send local children to Art Camp, which is more important than ever now that funding for arts in the schools is dwindling.

The annual Chrome and Craft Festival, co-sponsored by the Okemo Valley Chamber of Commerce, will be held Aug. 17, rain or shine. There will be vendors and food available, so stop by.

"Chocolat" at Heald Auditorium —

LUDLOW, Vt. — "One taste is all it takes" is the tagline for the FOLA's first movie of August — "Chocolat." Starring Juliette Binoche, this American-British movie will be screened in the Heald Auditorium at the Ludlow Town Hall Saturday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m.

"Chocolat" is a 2000 romantic comedy-drama film based on the novel of the same name by Joanne Harris. It was directed by Lasse Hallstrom and adapted by

screenwriter Robert Nelson Jacobs. "Chocolat" tells the story of a young mother, played by Juliette Binoche, who arrives at the fictional, repressed French village of Lansquenet-sous-Tannes with her 6-year-old daughter and opens La Chocolaterie Maya, a small chocolate shop. She and her chocolate quickly begin to influence the lives of the townspeople in very different and interesting ways.

The film was shot in both England and France. It was nominated for five Academy

Awards, including Best Picture. It was also nominated for eight BAFTAs and four Golden Globes. Dame Judi Dench won a Screen Actors Guild Award for her performance in the film.

"Chocolat" is open to everyone and is free. Donations are appreciated.

The movie runs one hour and 21 minutes and it is rated PG. Berkshire Bank will provide popcorn with FOLA supplying water. For more information, call 802-228-3238 or visit FOLA's website at www.fola.us.

Chocolate, Cheese, and Chili Fest to benefit Neighborhood Connections —

CHESTER, Vt. — Join us Monday, Aug. 5, from 5-8

p.m. at the Motel in the Meadow on Route 11 in Chester for the Chocolate, Cheese, and Chili Fest to benefit Neighborhood Connections in Londonderry, Vt. This family event includes sample treats from some of the area's finest chocolatiers, cheesemakers, and chefs. There will also be live music by The Red Fox Sessions Band, a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle, kids' activi-

ties, and a cash bar. The event is handicapped accessible and there is free parking. Tickets can be purchased at Neighborhood Connections, Green Mountain Pharmacy, and the Southern Pie Company. Children under 12 are free. Go to www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org for more information or call 802-824-4343.

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Good food, good times at Grace Cottage Fair Day

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – The Townshend Common will be buzzing with activity Saturday, Aug. 3 with the Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day. Called “New England at its finest” by the Boston Globe, this annual fair features activities for the whole family: a live all-day auction, bingo, a dunking booth, a \$1,000 Hole-in-One contest, face painting and costumes, live entertainment, and a bouncy house. Classic, fair-style food booths sell sausage and pepper grinders, fresh-squeezed lemonade, ice cream, cotton candy, baked goods, homemade gourmet dishes, and more.

Additionally, there will be bargain booths selling White Elephant household goods, books, plants, art, toys, and jewelry. A Community Arts & Crafts Show and Sale will be held in the Townshend Church.

Event runs from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Auction preview is at 9 a.m. with the auction beginning at 9:30 a.m. until all items are gone. Bagpipers and Birthday Parade starts at 10 a.m.



Don't miss Grace Cottage Hospital Fair Day.

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Celebration of Grace Cottage Hospital's 70th anniversary at 10:45 a.m. Pony rides from 1-3 p.m. and the raffle drawing is at 4 p.m.

All proceeds from the festivities are used by Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital to purchase medical equipment and other patient care items. All activities are run by volunteers. While the live auction and art show accept credit cards, many of the booths are cash-only.

There is no admission fee and parking is free. Event held rain or shine. No dogs allowed. For more information or to see a sampling of the items being auctioned, raffled, and sold, visit www.gracecottage.org/fairday.

Volunteers welcome Friday, Aug. 2, 8 a.m.-noon, Townshend Common, to offload auction items from trailers and anytime Saturday to help carry auction items.

Music jam and story times

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Come to the library Wednesday, Aug. 7 for an old-time music jam with Ida Mae Specker. This is an opportunity to play with renowned fiddler Ida Mae. All ages, regardless musical proficiency level, are invited. Bring an instrument of your choice and have a rocking good time.

On Friday, Aug. 9 at 1 p.m., children's librarian Linda Schroder will present “The Planets.” On Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 2 p.m., we will learn about “Sharks and Shells.” On Monday, Aug. 26 at 1 p.m., celebrate National Hot Dog Day with Linda's whippets, Mags and Zecora. Receive a reading certificate for the books you

have read this summer and a craft-to-go.

All story times will include stories, songs, finger plays, games, and a related art project. We thank Linda for the time and effort she put into her creative presentations for children of all ages.

While you are at the library,

you can view Walter Knowles' mixed-media paintings, borrow free or reduced passes to Vermont venues, check out some of our new books, or learn how to download audio or ebooks.

Some recent acquisitions include “The Pioneers” by David McCullough, “City of Girls” by Elizabeth Gilbert, “The Body in the Castle Well” by Martin Walker, “Death in Provence” by Serena Kent, “The Department of Sensitive Crimes” by Alexander McCall Smith, “Refugee” by Alan Gratz, and many movies on DVD.



Old-time music jam with Ida Mae Specker.

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Items sought for Gallery at the VAULT's Artful Flea

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT's Artful Flea returns Aug. 10, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. as a fun part of Springfield's Sidewalk Sale. Do you have artful finds or finds that can be used artfully? Perhaps items to regift, artist or craft supplies, jewelry, framed prints, any objects that you no longer use but others may desire? If so, it's time to move along things that are looking for a new home. Our storage space is limited so we are not able to take large items and please no electronics.

Items may be brought to Gallery at VAULT on 68 Main Street in Springfield, open from 11 a.m. through 5 p.m. from Wednesday through Saturday and 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Monday. For more information, see www.galleryvault.org or call 802-885-7111.

Artful Flea benefits VAULT programs, which include exhibits, classes, and workshops for students and adults. VAULT, a Vermont State Craft Center, sells the work of 160 artists and is delighted to be next door to the Copper Fox

Restaurant and part of Springfield's historic downtown in a 1907 bank.

Chris Kleeman plays at Proctorsville concert

CAVENDISH, Vt. – On Wednesday, Aug. 7 at 6 p.m., weather permitting, the Vermont-based master blues singer and legendary song stylist, Chris Kleeman, will perform at the Cavendish Summer Music Series on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville. This concert is sponsored by Good Earth Landscape Company.

A performer of great energy and focus, Chris is well-known for his sparkling in-

terpretive skills, bringing songs from across a broad spectrum to spice up an already simmering, soulful pot of music. He provides a unique opportunity to see and hear the real thing; an artist of high energy and gritty musical performance.

This is another in the continuing series of Wednesday evening public concerts that the town of Cavendish and the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association produce for all to enjoy. Relax

in the grass on your blanket or favorite lawn chair – have a picnic or just listen to the music. Help keep the tradition alive and come to Proctorsville to enjoy a warm summer evening with your neighbors and friends in front of the gazebo.

As always, the concerts are free and open to everyone. Rain dates will be announced on the Cavendish Facebook page. For more information, please call Robin at 802-226-7736.

Plymouth celebrates Old Home Day

PLYMOUTH NOTCH, Vt. – The President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site is pleased to host Plymouth Old Home Day Saturday, Aug. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This century-old tradition features craft and farm demonstrations, wagon rides, music, chicken barbecue, and many other fun activities for the entire family.

At 11 a.m., Merrill Lewis, president of the New England Moxie Congress, presents a program in the Union Christian Church about Moxie, President Coolidge's favorite soft drink. Lewis will be available to sign copies of his new book, “Moxie,” which he co-authored with Dennis Sasseville. At 2:47 p.m., a reenactment of Calvin Coolidge's 1923 Homestead Inaugural with Coolidge family members participating will take place on the Homestead porch.

Throughout the day, visitors can enjoy:

- Vermont artisans and special exhibits: Marianne Fassett, paper quilling; Black River Academy Museum, chair caning; and Terry Gullick, antique auto license plates
- “Clara's Games” sponsored by the Vermont Historical Society
- “Hands-on History” activities in the one-room schoolhouse with the Coolidge Foundation
- Children's craft activities: create your own pressed flower cards with Ellen Denton; discover historic quilt patterns with Willow Bascom

- Old-time fiddler Adam Boyce
- The King's Rangers living history reenactors
- Green Mountain Timekeepers Society – bring your historic clocks and pocket watches and learn more about them
- Vermont specialty food tastings – Luce Farm & Potlicker Kitchen at the Plymouth Cheese Factory
- Chicken barbecue offered by the Plymouth Volunteer Fire Department

Plymouth Old Home Day is a great opportunity to explore Plymouth Notch, considered one of the best-preserved presidential sites in the country. Twelve buildings are open to tour. At the Museum & Education Center, visitors can see the award-winning permanent exhibition, “More Than Two Words: The Life and Legacy of

Calvin Coolidge.” This year's temporary exhibit, “Presidential Menagerie: The Coolidges and Their Pets,” examines the important role animals played in the private life and public image of the Coolidge family. The pet exhibit was funded with generous support from the Alma Gibbs Donchian Foundation.

The President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site is open daily through Oct. 20, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For further information and event listings, visit us online at www.historicsites.vermont.gov and on Facebook at Vermont State Historic Sites.

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Antlerless deer applications by Aug. 14

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The deadline to apply for an antlerless deer permit to be used during Vermont's Dec. 7-15 muzzleloader deer hunting season is Wednesday, Aug. 14.

Paper antlerless permit applications are not available this year. You can apply online at the Vermont Fish & Wildlife's website, www.vtfishandwildlife.com, or license agents across the state that sell hunting and fishing licenses can process your application for you.

Landowners who do not have a Conservation ID number will need to create a profile through the online license sales system to apply for a landowner application even if they do not intend to purchase a hunting license. Landowners who post their land may not apply for a muzzleloader landowner antlerless deer permit.

"The winter of 2019 was severe in central and northeast-



Deer hunters have until Aug. 14 to apply for a Vermont antlerless deer permit for use in the Dec. 7-15 muzzleloader season.

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ern Vermont, causing the permit allocation to be 51% less in those areas than in 2018," said Nick Fortin, deer project leader for the Fish & Wildlife Department. "Elsewhere, the permit allocation is similar to 2018 as

little change is expected in the deer population in those areas."

A lottery drawing for muzzleloader antlerless permit recipients will be held Sept. 17.

Basics of handguns course with Weston Rod and Gun Club

WESTON, Vt. – There will be a "Basics of Handguns" course scheduled at the Weston Rod and Gun Club, 982 Route 100, in Weston. The classroom portion takes place Wednesdays, Sept. 4 and Sept. 11, from 6-9 p.m. with a mandatory Live Fire Familiarization Saturday, Sept. 14.

These classes cover handgun and pistol safety, types and actions, safe and proper handling, parts and operations, ammunition knowledge, fundamentals

of pistol shooting, selecting and purchasing a pistol, cleaning, and maintain and proper storage of a handgun.

Students will familiarize themselves during Live Fire with different revolvers and semi-automatic .22 caliber handguns and then will have the opportunity to try various handguns in different calibers, makes, and styles. The Live Fire exercise is mandatory to receive certification. This certification is accept-

ed in most states requiring a permit to carry a concealed firearm.

All firearms, ammunition, hearing and eye protection, targets, etc. will be supplied. You may bring your own handgun to the course. There will be no live ammunition allowed in the classroom. All firearms must be unloaded before coming to class and will be checked by the instructors to insure compliance and basic safety and operation.

Class is limited to 16 students and a deposit is required to reserve a seat. Total cost of the course should be paid prior to the first class unless other arrangements are made prior to the start of class.

Live Fire Familiarization and qualification will be held at the Kehoe Conservation Camp shooting range in Birmoseen, Vt. Saturday, Sept. 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., rain or shine.

Pre-registration is required by calling Jake Hart at 802-824-6140. Military veterans receive discount. For more information or questions, call instructor Mike McNolty at 802-2369260.

Fern walk with Lynn Levine

WALPOLE, N.H. – Would you like to learn how to identify some of the ferns you come across in the woods but always thought it was too complicated to do? Well this workshop is for you.

Join Lynn Levine, forester, naturalist, and author of the new fern identification field guide "Identifying Ferns the Easy Way: A Pocket Guide for Common Ferns of the Northeast" for a fern walk Sunday, Aug. 11 from 1-4 p.m., at Distant Hill Gardens and Nature Trail in Wal-

pole, N.H. The afternoon will be spent in the gardens, fields, forests, and wetlands of Distant Hill learning to identify ferns using the simple methods described in Lynn's book.

You will be introduced to all manner of native ferns, from the large and beautiful Ostrich Fern to the tiny and unique Grape Fern. With almost two-dozen species of ferns native to Distant Hill, this will be a workshop not to be missed by any fern-lover.

There is a suggested donation per person, which includes



Author Lynn Levine. PHOTO PROVIDED

a copy of Lynn's new fern book. Registration is required, and space is limited. Register on Eventbrite at www.tinyurl.com/y2mhfuw3 or call Michael at 603-756-4179.

Vermont turkey brood survey starts Aug. 1

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Wild turkeys are found throughout most of Vermont, but their reproductive success is monitored annually by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department with help from "citizen scientists" who report the number and size of turkey families they see during August.

Fish & Wildlife is again asking the public for help. If you see a group of young turkeys in Vermont during August, the department asks you to go to the turkey brood survey on its website www.vtfishandwildlife.com so you can record where and when you observed the number of adult and young turkeys, or poults.

"When combined with annual harvest data, information gathered from this survey helps to establish long-term trends in Vermont's wild turkey population," said Vermont Fish & Wildlife's wild turkey biologist Chris



Starting Aug. 1, Fish & Wildlife is asking people who see wild turkey broods during the month to provide information about their sightings.

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Bernier. "It also helps us assess the impacts of spring and winter weather on the survival of poults and adult turkeys which is an important consideration in the management of turkeys."

"We monitor and manage wild turkey numbers annually in order to maintain a healthy, abundant, and sustainable population of these iconic and ecologically significant birds

throughout the state," added Bernier. "Beyond providing Vermonters with a local source of protein and an enduring connection to their environment, turkey hunting is the principal mechanism for managing Vermont's turkey population. Please help us scientifically manage the turkey population by reporting your Vermont turkey sightings during August."

Peregrine falcon nesting complete, cliffs clear to hike

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Hikers and rock climbers can return to Vermont cliffs starting Aug. 1 now that peregrine falcon nesting season has ended. The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department has confirmed that all the young falcons have learned to fly and will not be disturbed by human presence on the cliffs.

"The young peregrines have fledged, and nesting

data suggest Vermont falcons had a successful year. A final report will be issued later this year," said Vermont Fish & Wildlife's bird biologist Doug Morin. "The falcon's nesting success is due in large part to the hikers and rock climbers who observe a respectful distance from nesting falcons during this critical period. The nesting success of Vermont's peregrines would not be possible without the more than 50 volunteers who monitor the nest sites statewide from March to the end of July."

According to Audubon biologist Margaret Fowle, who coordinates the monitoring effort on behalf of the Fish & Wildlife Department, biologists and volunteers monitored peregrine pairs that occupied at

least 55 Vermont cliffs in early spring and summer.

"We greatly appreciate the time and effort volunteers put into monitoring the population this year, and we thank landowners and recreationists for their cooperation in protecting nesting peregrines from human disturbance," said Fowle.

Vermont Fish & Wildlife and Audubon Vermont partner to monitor and protect peregrine nesting sites in Vermont. Peregrine falcons were removed from the state's Threatened and Endangered Species List in 2005. Ongoing cooperation from recreationists and continued monitoring efforts by Vermont Fish & Wildlife and Audubon Vermont will help ensure the peregrine's remarkable recovery in future years.

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AUG. 1 – CLAREMONT, N.H. – Part two of Photoshop 101 class on 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.

AUG. 3 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –

Registration is available for a full day pastel workshop with award-winning artist Robert Carsten on Saturday, Aug. 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Robert will focus instruction on a variety of tips and techniques designed to enhance and dramatize color in pastel landscapes. The workshop will be held at the United Church in Bellows Falls and is organized by the Saxtons River Art Guild. Contact Carolyn Berglund at 603-352-7398 for additional information, or to register for the class.

AUG. 10 & 11 – CHESTER, Vt. – Reiki I Workshop on Saturday, Aug. 10 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Reiki II Workshop, on Sunday, Aug. 11, from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. at the Fullerton Inn, on the Green, in

Chester. In Reiki I, basics will be explained and demonstrated, and we'll practice giving self-sessions and to other participants. In Reiki II, we'll share how to send distant Reiki, give Reiki for mental and emotional peace (Reiki I required). Certificates and Reiki I and II manual included. To register for these very affordable workshops, visit www.laurenpotterreikihealing.com or email laurenpottervt@gmail.com.

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

CLUBS

AUG. 11 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield UU Meetinghouse Book Group will meet on Sunday, Aug. 11, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. We'll continue our discussion of "How to Change Your Mind: What the New Science of Psychedelics Teaches Us about

Consciousness, Dying, Addition, Depression and Transcendence" by Michael Pollan. Focusing on chapters 4-6 and the epilogue. Anyone interested in the topic is welcome, whether or not you've read the book. The group is held at the Meetinghouse at 21 Fairground Rd.

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

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

THURSDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Great Hall Handcrafters group meets every Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. at The Great Hall Gallery, located at 100 River St. in

Springfield. Bring a project to work on, including knitting, crocheting, embroidery, quilting, rug hooking, rug braiding, basket making, or anything alike.

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

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

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

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

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COMMUNITY MEALS

AUG. 2 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – First Friday supper on Friday, Aug. 2 from 5 – 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 9 Church St., in Bellows Falls. Menu includes BBQ hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, corn on the cob, salads, dessert, and beverage. Gluten-free and vegan available. Suggested donation. Net proceeds to benefit the Evans family.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The North Springfield Baptist Church will be hosting a free community dinner Friday, Aug. 2 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Dishes served are usually salads, casseroles, beans, soups, breads, desserts, and beverages. Everyone is welcome to attend. The church is located at 69 Main St. in North Springfield and is handicap accessible. For more information, call 802-886-8107.

AUG. 3 – CHESTER, Vt. – The 81st annual August Supper at St. Luke's Episcopal Church is on Saturday, Aug. 3 from 5 – 7 p.m. on the church lawn at 313 Main Street in Chester. Menu includes three meats, cold soups, a big variety of salads, and delicious desserts. Rain location will be in Willard Hall. Children under 6 eat for free. Plan to come with friends. Call 802-875-2114 if you wish to reserve seats at a special time. Details can be found at the church website at www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org/specialevents.

AUG. 4 – ANDOVER, Vt. – Chester/Andover Neighborhood Potluck on Sunday, Aug. 4 from 2 – 6 p.m. at Andover Town Hall. Please bring a dish to share. For details, contact Mary Semones at mesemones@msn.com.

AUG. 10 – MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Colfax Lodge is offering a pork roast dinner on Saturday, Aug. 10 starting at 5 p.m. at the Hall in Belmont. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Please call 802-259-2460 for details.

EVENTS

AUG. 2 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Vermont native Mary Tolaro-Noyes will visit Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls on Friday, Aug. 2 at 6 p.m. to discuss her newest book, "Sicily, A Heart's Journey." Call Village Square Booksellers at 802-463-9404 to reserve a place at the event or a book.

AUG. 10 – WINDHAM, Vt. – Gallery opening and reception at The Fourth Corner Foundation, 578 Hitchcock Hill Rd. in Windham on Saturday, Aug. 10 at 5 p.m. Recovering academic Charles Norris-Brown, Ph.D. anthropology, will be showing children's book illustrations from two books. The display of pen/brush and ink drawings for Thunder Basin, a graphic novel in progress will be shown. Several other artists are represented as well including Amy Pressman. Refreshments provided.

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Enjoy FarmFest on Saturday, Aug. 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Church Green in Belmont. Watch sheep being sheared, meet other animals, and enjoy the exhibits in the Mount Holly Community Historical Museum.

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Quarry Hike Led by Paul Nevin to the Mount Holly stone quarry on Saturday, Aug. 10 from 2 – 3 p.m. Wear good hiking shoes and bring a camera and water. The total hike will be about an hour. Meet at Perkins House Museum in Belmont to start the adventure!

PUTNEY, Vt. – Free E-Bike Demo on Saturday, Aug. 10 from 3 – 6 p.m. at West Hill Shop in Putney. See an assortment of e-bikes and try them. Learn about e-bike kits, and how easy it is to install one on your bike. Meet the PEBL- The Micro-Car E-Bike. Also, VBike Solutions will demo a portion of their exciting fleet of electric cargo bikes and offer test rides. Hosted by West Hill Shop. Stop in and take one out for a test ride. For more information, contact Daniel Hoviss at 802-254-1410 or daniel@e-solutions.org.

AUG. 11 – CHESTER, Vt. – The 8th annual Hot Dog Cook-Off on Sunday, Aug. 11, from 1 – 4 p.m. at the Stone Hearth Inn in Chester. Proceeds will benefit the Chester-Andover Family Center and Chester-Andover youth athletics. The event will feature music, prizes, and the silent

Winter Road Sand Bids

The Town of Weston is requesting Bids. For additional information please see the Weston website at www.westonvt.org or email selectboard@westonvt.org

MEETING TO DISCUSS BLACK RIVER VARSITY BOYS SOCCER

When: Monday, August 12, 2019 at 5:00 PM

Where: Black River High School

Joe Gurdak, BRHS Athletic Director

Green Mountain Unified School District

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 Director
Green Mountain Union High School
716 VT Route 103 South
Chester, VT 05143
802-875-2146

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FULL TIME SPECIAL-EDUCATION PARA-EDUCATORS 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
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Municipal Attorney Services RFQ

The Village of Bellows Falls is seeking Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) for Municipal Attorney Services. Interested parties are asked to submit sealed responses, clearly marked "Municipal Attorney Services RFQ", no later than 2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 22, 2019.

Please contact the Bellows Falls Town Offices for a copy of the RFQ at 802-463-3964 ext. 1100 or it can be obtained on line at rockbf.org under Public Notices.

REGIONAL CONCERNS MEETING

A Regional Concerns Meeting for the projects listed below will be held on Thursday, August 29th, 2019 beginning at 6:30 PM at the NewsBank Conference Center, located at 352 Main Street, in Chester, VT. The meeting will be held by the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) and the Town of Chester.

Bridge Replacement Project:
• Chester BF 025-1(45) – VT Route 103, Bridge 14 over Williams River and The Green Mountain Railroad

Bridge Rehabilitation Project:
• Chester BF 025-1(46) – VT Route 103, Bridge 16 over Williams River

The selected alternatives include a deck replacement and a full bridge replacement with traffic maintained on temporary bridges during construction.

The intent of the meeting is to provide an overview of these two projects to Town Officials, local residents and businesses, emergency services and other interested parties. There will be a review of the existing site conditions, proposed work, and overall schedule followed by a question and answer period. Representatives from both VTrans and the Town of Chester will be available at the meeting to address public concerns about the project.

A copy of the **Scoping Reports** for these projects may be seen at the office of the Town Clerk in Chester, VT or at the Structures Section of the Agency of Transportation's office in Montpelier, VT. **Electronic copies are also available online at:**
<https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/vtrans/external/Projects/Structures/12B580>
<https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/vtrans/external/Projects/Structures/16B002>

Town of Ludlow Ludlow Ambulance Service Immediate Position Available

Ludlow Ambulance Service has an immediate position available for a Paramedic or Advanced EMT. This is a full-time, year-round position with a municipal benefit package. Candidate must hold licensure and/or certification in the following areas: NREMT-P with BLS, PALS, ACLS and 3-5 years' experience with the ability to obtain and VT EMT-P license or hold an NREMT-A with BLS with the ability to obtain a VT AEMT license. Valid driver's license is required and database management and office/computer skills preferred. Compensation is commensurate with experience. Please send resume with references and credentials to Town of Ludlow Ambulance Service, PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT 05149. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. For more information please contact Chief Jeffrey Billings at (802)228-4411 or email jeffrey.billings@vermont.gov. The Town of Ludlow is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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

The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at the Twitchell Building Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT for Public Hearings on the following Applications:

Application #2019-29 - Appeal of Notice of Violation land development without the issuance of a zoning permit, and Zoning Administrator's decision regarding the applicability of the Zoning Bylaw with regard to storage trailers, by Ruth H. Clough, et al, c/o Hiland Clough, related to placement of a storage trailer on Parcel 007032.000 located at 1888 Winhall Hollow Road.

Application materials are available for inspection at the Town Office during regular business hours. Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Sections 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in the local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

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auction and basket raffle. Ten chefs have entered the competition and traditionally get very creative. Contact Nena Nanfeldt, 802-875-4309 or nnanfeldt@gmail.com.

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Walking Tour of Belmont on Sunday, Aug. 11 from 2 – 3 p.m. Meet at Perkins House Museum on the Green in Belmont. Walking Tour of Belmont or (if rain) Museum Collections Tour. Led by Mount Holly Town Historian Dennis Devereux.

KIDS' CORNER

AUG. 2 – 4 - NORWICH, Vt. – Montshire Block Party: An Outdoor Engineering Weekend from Aug. 2 – Aug. 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Montshire Museum of Science in Norwich. It's a weekend of engineering creativity, ingenuity, and fun as we use a variety of building materials — gigantic blocks, cardboard, and more! There are no limits to your imagination when the Montshire's outdoor space is transformed into a building site for your big, bold, and beautiful creations.

LIBRARIES

AUG. 3 - ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Rockingham Library is hosting the second of a three-part workshop series on The Art of Spiritual Dreaming Saturday, Aug. 3 from 11 a.m. – noon. Learn techniques to improve dream recall, interpret dream experiences for yourself, and work with the divine guidance dreams offer. Led by Eckankar, a spiritual teaching that offers simple exercises for people of all faiths, traditions, and walks of life to develop and deepen a conscious and practical relationship with spirit.

AUG. 5 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Making Space for Pollinators at Springfield Town Library on Monday, Aug. 5 at 1 p.m. This program helps inspire youth and adults to pay more attention to the butterflies, bees, and other pollinators. We will create pollinator tee shirts, using a combination of fabric dye sprays, plants, and butterfly, bat, and dragonfly cutouts. Children may purchase heavy cotton tee shirts, or bring their own. For details all the library at 802-885-3108.

AUG. 9 - LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Come to the South Londonderry Free Library on Friday, Aug. 9 at 1 p.m. for "The Planets" Story Time Program. Includes stories, songs, finger plays, games, and a related craft. For details, call 802-824-3371.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join Springfield Town Library as we celebrate summer with a Library Dance Party on Friday, Aug. 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. DJ Spanky will give us some great tunes to listen and dance to. Kids, bring your reading logs and dog tag necklaces to add stars for each book you have read. Free, accessible, and open

to the public. If you have questions, please call the library at 802-885-3108.

THURSDAYS – ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Join genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard on a quest to discover your family roots on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Rockingham Library. If you own a laptop, please bring it along. With the many free databases available at the library, it's hard to tell what you might find. Both beginners and seasoned genealogists are welcome. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, or go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

FRIDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Minecraft Club at the Rockingham Free Public Library every Friday, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. A limited number of library computers are available. Registration is recommended if you will need to use a library computer. If you are joining the club with your own laptop and Minecraft account, you do not need to sign up.

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

MUSIC & THEATER

AUG. 3 - PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight

Music present Sam Reider and The Human Hands, Brooklyn-based bluegrass and jazz musicians, plus Brattleboro-based world fusion duo Aura Shards, on Saturday, Aug. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Next Stage at 15 Kimball Hill in downtown Putney. For information, call 802-387-0102. Advance tickets are available at www.nextstagearts.org, the Putney General Store, and Turn It Up in Brattleboro.

AUG. 6 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Community Band, under the direction of Fritz Wendlandt, will present its final free concert of the summer on Tuesday, Aug. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hartness House Inn, 30 Orchard St., in Springfield. The plans for the evening include a mix of pieces that are favorites of the band.

DORSET, Vt. – Dorset Theatre Festival, under the leadership of artistic director Dina Janis and producing director Will Rucker, will present A Stage of Twilight by Sarah T. Schwab on Tuesday, Aug. 6 starring

Karen Allen. This is the third reading of the acclaimed Pipeline Series of three one-night-only presentations of new work. The play was most recently read at the Berkshire Theatre Group in August 2018, also starring Allen.

AUG. 7 - CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Cavendish Summer Music Series continues on Wednesday, Aug. 7 at 6 p.m. with Chris Kleeman on the Svec Memorial Green in Proctorsville. This concert is sponsored by Good Earth Landscape Company. Relax in the grass on your blanket or favorite lawn chair – have a picnic or just listen to the music. Help keep the tradition alive and come to Proctorsville to enjoy a warm summer evening with your neighbors and friends in front of the gazebo. As always, the concerts are free and open to everyone. Weather permitting. Rain

dates will be announced on the Cavendish Facebook page. For more information, please call Robin at 802-226-7736.

AUG. 10 - CLAREMONT, N.H. – Legendary New Hampshire drumming group Recycled Percussion at Claremont Opera House has been rescheduled for Saturday, Aug. 10 at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at www.claremontoperahouse.org where you can print at home or leave at will call, by phone at 603-542-4433 or in person at the Opera House box office in City Hall complex just

inside the front door at 58 Opera House Square.

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

TUESDAYS – WINDSOR, Vt. – Cedar Hill Alzheimer's caregiver support group. Meet fellow caregivers who

really understand because they've been there too when things are difficult or isolating. First Tuesdays of every month, from 3:30–5 p.m. at 92 Cedar Hill Dr. off Route 5.

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

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If you love historic homes then this one's for you! Located in Historic Weathersfield Bow, this lovely historic 2 story Colonial has many of the features to love in an older home. With wide board floors, a wonderful porch for the wicker furniture and a pastoral setting on 2 lovely acres, the 9 room home is ready to fill with your family and treasures. The 3 car garage with storage and a barn are an additional bonus. The large, inviting living room awaits to entertain friends, the family room invites all for those game days, computer room with storage and the eat-in kitchen with room for a sitting area, all part of the first floor. 4 generous bedrooms and lots of closets as well as a laundry room and 2 full baths and a bonus reading room. Easy commute to surrounding areas. Lots to love in this home!
\$239,000

Welcome to your own special place on earth! This outstanding 31 acre property, meticulously cared by the long time owners, has all the delightful features to call home, from fruit trees, garden space, walking trails as well as a beautiful in-ground pool, with a lovely pool house and patio for those sunny, sultry summer days. The house has even more to delight your senses, bright and open it features a lovely living room with adjoining seating area, dining room and large open kitchen and large master bedroom on the first level. With an oversized bedroom and cozy den/family room on the lower level there's plenty of room. Then add a screened in porch and separate deck to overlook the nicely landscaped property and you'll never want to leave! An oversized 2 car garage, sheds and storage buildings are waiting to be filled. **\$299,900**

A rare opportunity. This 2 acre level lot is located in an established industrial park with road frontage on two sides. Includes easy access to local airport and state roads. A must see. **\$137,500**

If your dream is to live in the quaint town of Chester here is your opportunity. This well cared for ranch offers one level living and has some delightful features that will make you smile. Located on a lovely 1.8+/- acre lot, drive into the circular driveway and delight in the lovely planting and flowers. As you step into the entry foyer you will enjoy the slate tile floor as you head to the large fire-placed living room. The newly updated kitchen has interesting features to enjoy while the adjacent dining room makes family meals easy. But wait there is more, the light filled family room provides hours of enjoyment to watch the deer and wildlife. If you prefer, step out on the deck to enjoy an evening beverage and watch the fireflies. After a busy day, retreat to the oversized master suite with warm wood floors and a beautiful stone fireplace fueled with propane. Two more bedrooms, a full basement, detached 2 car garage and a shed complete this lovely home. **\$215,000**

Look No More... This 14.58+/- acre parcel is located in the country on a corner lot, set up on the hill outside of town offering potential local hillside views with clearing. Includes long road frontage on a town maintained gravel road. Pleasantly surrounded by a mix of fields, woods and a few neighbors. Close to trails and Stellafane Observatory for star gazing. Great potential. **\$79,900**

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