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## Fire at Vermont Timber Works

**N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – On Saturday evening, Sept. 21, at approximately 7:30 p.m., the Springfield Fire Department was dispatched to a fire alarm at Vermont Timber Works, located at 16 Fairbanks Rd. in North Springfield.

Crews from Weathersfield, Chester, Ascutney, Windsor, Proctorville, Ludlow, Reading, Bellows Falls, Westminster, Vt., and Claremont, Walpole, and Charlestown N.H. fire departments assisted on the scene as well as a Mutual Aid Coordinator from Dublin, N.H.

The fire departments were on the scene until early Sunday morning. The Vermont State Police were contacted to investigate the cause of the fire. Investigators with the Department of Public Safety Fire & Explosion Investigation Unit arrived on scene early Sunday, Sept. 22.

The investigation determined that during the company's production process there are multiple waste ma-



The fire at Vermont Timber Works resulted in a total loss of the building. PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY

terials that have the potential for spontaneous combustion under the right conditions. These waste materials are regularly discarded in a dumpster, which is located at the front of the building immediately in front of an overhead door.

It was determined that the discarded materials combined with the warm temperatures and humidity on Saturday

caused a spontaneous ignition within the dumpster. Given the proximity of the dumpster to the building, the fire easily extended from the dumpster to the structure. The fire has been determined to be accidental.

Vermont Timber Works is currently not able to work from this building and is actively seeking a temporary alternate location. In operation since 1987, Vermont Timber Works employs about 20 people and supplies and installs timber frames in residential and commercial properties.

## Steampunk Society holds 4th festival in Springfield

BY JO ROBBINS

The Shopper

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – From the top of the hill at the Riverside Middle School a horn blew, and a voice yelled, "Release the Kraken!" So marked the beginning of the 2019 Steampunk Festival in Springfield Saturday morning, Sept. 21 that continued throughout the weekend. The Steampunk Society of Vermont presented its fourth festival with events at the Hartness House Inn on Orchard Street and the Riverside Middle School on Fairgrounds Road. The festival was sponsored by several local businesses, many of which participated in the two-day events.

To understand what steampunk is, you need only go to the society's website, [www.steampunksocietyvt.org](http://www.steampunksocietyvt.org), where steampunk is described as having evolved over the years and is defined as a movement that takes its inspiration from writers like Jules Verne and H.G. Wells. For its followers, it has become a passion for fashion, engineering, music, and art. The mission statement is clear that the purpose here is to recognize Springfield as the Steampunk Capital of Vermont "... in an effort to help with its

revitalization, to increase tourism and encourage economic development."

The theme of this year's event was the "Kraken." For those who are not familiar with the genre and have never heard of a kraken, think otherworldly, giant octopus-like creature of the deep as depicted in the "Pirates of the Caribbean" movies. Folklore has it that the Kraken monster was created to frighten people away from the sea because of the great danger from pirates who lurked there. And if you fear the Kraken, the Monster Hunter Cornelius Chesterfield III – Bill Van Patton of Glen Falls, N.Y. – was there and decked out in full kraken-fighting uniform complete with the many weapons needed to best the beast if it surfaced.

Everyone was waiting for the fashion show that was held in the Wedding Tent at the inn on Saturday afternoon where The Lady Rebecca, the host of the show, introduced Steampunkers displayed in creative



Dyzer and Pixie. PHOTO BY JO ROBBINS

pirate-style garb. From the made-up names to the costumes, this was an opportunity for contestants to participate in theme cosplay, which means simply costume play, as well as a time to escape their day jobs with creative dress-up and a little theater. With names like Professor Adam Smasher, The Lady Donna, Dr. J.R. Whitcomb, Dyzer and Pixie, Hope the dark traveler, they all came to have fun and were dressed to



Elizabeth Meuse, Steampunk volunteer. PHOTO BY JO ROBBINS

the nines – the pirate nines. The teapot race on Saturday included homemade, bizarre-styled teapots attached to remote controlled vehicles that had to navigate an obstacle course. The controllers were encouraged to bribe the three judges and did so shamelessly. One contestant wrote a song just for the race and serenaded the judges with his vocals and guitar, singing praises to their wisdom.

were food trucks, a beer tent by Trout River Brewery, children's games, crafts, and a scavenger hunt. Shuttle buses were working all weekend to take participants from the school to the inn and back in 15-minute intervals because parking at the inn was limited.

Saturday evening wrapped up with music provided by The Eternal Frontier with lead singer Professor Adam Smasher who opened the group's set

with a song about the Kraken, and was followed by The Shank Painters, Indie Gomez Pop Show, and Ryder Cooley and the Dust Bowl Fairies.

Many volunteered their time to make the festival possible. Marty, a resident of Fairfax, said she is a member of the Guild of Extraordinary Gentlemen and volunteered for the Steampunk Society as a ticket-taker. She was wearing her serpent-adorned garb around her neck, in her ears and in her oversized hat and said the serpents on her skirt were just a lucky coincidence. Elizabeth Meuse, also a society volunteer, dressed as a serving maid and participated in the fashion show.

Gayle Ballard, manager of the Hartness House, said she was happy to have the Steampunk event back and supports the organization, which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and awards a yearly scholarship to a local student attending higher education in the STEAM subjects.

Madison Moreau, the festival coordinator, said the Steampunk Society was unable to hold the event last year because of funding, but this year she hoped the event would bring out the best of the genre and its fans. And it did not disappoint.

## Chester Fall Craft Festival celebrates 45 years

BY JOE MILLIKEN

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

**CHESTER, Vt.** – On a beautiful September Saturday and Sunday, the 45th Chester Fall Craft Festival was held on the green and throughout downtown Chester. Sponsored and organized by the Chester Rotary Club, the annual fall festival featured over 60 craft and art vendors, food, drinks, and music, as well as the many unique local shops, galleries, and restaurants Chester proudly offers.

The "Victorian painted ladies" lining the Chester green welcomed hundreds of enthusiastic patrons to discover the many handcrafted treasures offered at this annual event, which included jewelry and glass, pottery, wood products, fiber arts, quilts, artisan soaps, fine art, photography, and more. There was also a beer garden on Saturday, featuring several handcrafted brews, food, and music behind the Fullerton Inn.

There were a wide variety of crafts, art, and food vendors gathered on the green as well. Just a few of the craft and jewelry participants included Aristides Nogueron handmade jewelry, Bracken Glen Cottage, Dan and Lynn Brooks fiber art and jewelry, Dellamano Glassware, Grace & Miss Mouse Soaps, Route 4 Glass, Switz Toys and Crafts, and Bonnie's Bundles handmade dolls, which can also be found at their location in the Stone Village.

A few of the wonderful food vendors included Mo's Fudge Factor, NAGA Bakehouse, Stewart Maple, The Bearse Bakery, and the iconic Lazy Cow truck as well as food provided by local student groups and community organizations.

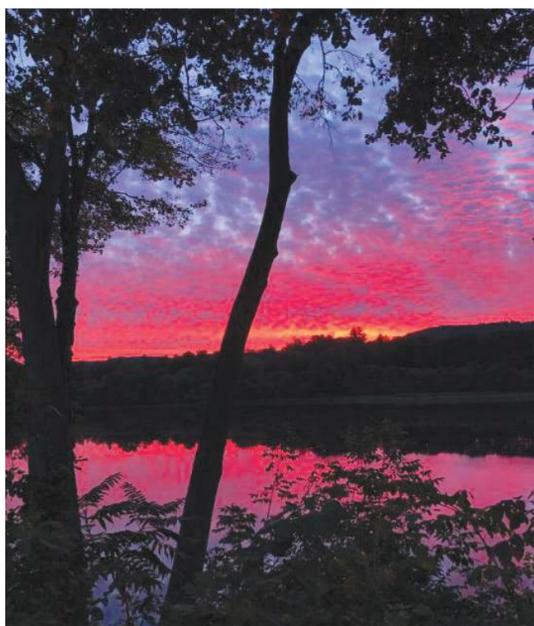
"This is truly a wonderful event on a beautiful New England afternoon," visitor Steven Wallace said. Wallace had traveled from Massachusetts for the annual festival. "I wasn't sure what to expect, but I am

pleasantly surprised with the wide variety of art and craft vendors, and especially all this wonderful specialty food being offered. The music was great, everyone was friendly, and this certainly turned out to be a trip well worth the nearly two-hour drive."

A very popular children's tent featured games, activities, and Cheryl the Clown for the young people. Also available were

the scenic foliage train rides provided by Rails Vermont, a round-trip ride that departed from both their Rockingham and Ludlow locations.

There was also live entertainment held throughout the weekend, featuring Beth Adams and DV8, Jennings & McComber, and Crowded the Plow on Saturday, and Owen Nied, Root 7, and John Specker on Sunday.



### Sunrise on the river

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – 11-year-old Maya Villemaire of Springfield took this picture of the sunrise on the Connecticut River.

PHOTO PROVIDED



Shoppers peruse the many craft vendors at the Fall Festival. PHOTO BY JOE HAMMOND

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# Springfield Lions Club fishing tournament

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019, the Springfield Lions Club held their 6th annual fishing tournament at Hoyt's Landing on the Connecticut River in Springfield. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to help the Springfield Lions Club in their numerous community philanthropic endeavors including vision screening for children in Springfield and the surrounding communities. Over the past year, the Lions have helped over 3,000 children in Springfield and 15 surrounding communities gain access to eye exams. This important work leads to over 300 vision issues detected and referred for treatment each year. The Springfield Lions Club

thanks all its entrants for participating in this year's tournament. Prizes were awarded for first, second, and third places for bass, pike, and perch in a live catch and release style tournament. First place for bass was awarded to Nate Willard, second to Greg Otis, while third was a tie between Butch DeLuca and Jeremy Williams. The award for first place in perch was presented to Brian Koseinski, while second place was again a tie between Koseinski, Mike Kingsbury, and Leah Cormier. Only first prize was awarded for pike to Roy Ware. The Lions would also like to extend gratitude to its



Easton Fuller with his dad. PHOTO PROVIDED



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generous sponsors for this year's event. The sponsors are as follows. Platinum: HB Energy Solutions, Springfield Tool Supply, Stanley Patch, Springfield Buick GMC, and Chroma Technology. Gold: Bibens Home Center, Ivek Corporation, Imagetek, Young's Furniture, Claremont Savings Bank, Hillside Auto Sales, Lawrence & Wheeler Insurance, Dr. John C. Duff, Vermont Timber Works, Ultimate Auto Body, Mascoma Savings Bank, and John Sprague. Silver: Red House Press, ABC

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## Acworth Female Charitable Society rummage sale

ACWORTH, N.H. – The Female Charitable Society of the United Church of Acworth will be having their semi-annual rummage sale at the Church on the Hill in Acworth Friday, Oct. 4, from 4-7 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Items for sale include clothing, household goods, and white elephants. The society will be accepting donations anytime from now through Oct. 5 at the church. All donations must be clean and in good condition. No electronics, please. There will be a box for eyeglass donations. Please contact Liz Bascom at 603-835-6313 or email lbascom48@gmail.com.

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## Vermont Academy athletic director elected to NEPSAC board

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Vermont Academy's athletic director Alexei Sotskov was elected to the executive board of the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council in May 2019. "I am honored by this opportunity. I very much appreciate the nomination and acceptance of my candidacy by the Board," Sotskov said upon being nominated to the NEPSAC executive board. "I am excited to be part of the group and to work on policies and procedures for athletics in the college preparatory schools of New England. I want to make sure these policies reflect the visions and missions of the member schools as well as

help to promote a healthy lifestyle and foster athletic opportunities among the students of our schools." "He's been terrific to work with and I have really enjoyed his enthusiasm and energy with every discussion we've had. He'll bring many good qualities to the meetings," NEPSAC president and athletic director at Deerfield Academy Bob Howe said of Sotskov. The board will meet eight times throughout the upcoming academic year and Sotskov will represent the District 2 schools in Vermont and New Hampshire. Sotskov started his career at Vermont Academy in 2002 as

director of sports on snow. In 2008 he took a break from Vermont Academy to be the head ski coach at the University of Maine, Presque Isle from 2009-2010, and serve as an Olympic coach for the New Zealand National Ski Team in 2010. Sotskov returned to Vermont Academy in 2010 after the Vancouver Olympics to resume his role as the director of sports on snow. He has also been a math tutor and instructor since 2010 and recently took on the role of athletic director in 2018. Before his time at Vermont Academy, Sotskov was a member of the Russian National Ski Team from 1978-1989 and coached several Olympic skiers in Rus-

sia and the United States. Vermont Academy is a coed college preparatory boarding and day school located in Saxtons River, Vt., serving grades 9-12 plus a postgraduate year. Located on 450-acres, Vermont Academy is one of only a few schools nationwide that boasts an onsite ski jump, and is in close proximity to several major ski slopes in southern Vermont. Offering 20 interscholastic sports each year, many of Vermont Academy graduates go on to play Division I, II, and III sports and play professionally. Each February, the academy hosts the oldest Winter Carnival held at a school or university in the nation.

## American Precision Museum accepts donation from Aschauer descendants

WINDSOR, Vt. – The American Precision Museum received an important addition to its collection Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2019 when three granddaughters of famed craftsman John Aschauer arrived from Michigan bearing his original workbench. The hand-tooled wooden table will be exhibited alongside cases displaying over 50 scale models of precision machinery created by Aschauer. Claudia Gabriel, who along

with her sisters made the trip to Vermont to deliver this important artifact personally, says, "We are all pretty excited... Grandpa's workbench [is] finding such a good home!" "Visitors are always fascinated by the Aschauer miniatures," says Steve Dalessio, executive director. "The craftsmanship is stunning. We feel fortunate to house John's legacy – and are thrilled to receive this new piece from his family." For more information about John Aschauer, go to [www.americanprecision.org/2011/the-miniatures-of-john-aschauer](http://www.americanprecision.org/2011/the-miniatures-of-john-aschauer)

master-craftman. The American Precision Museum is located in the 1846 Robbins & Lawrence Armory, a National Historic Landmark, and 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



John Aschauer worktable has been donated. PHOTO PROVIDED

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in-dying law, Act 39, which enables adult, state residents who are facing a terminal illness to obtain a prescription allowing them to choose their time of death. On Monday, Sept. 30, from 5:30-7 p.m., Putney Community Cares Inc., Patient Choices Vermont, and Brattleboro Area Hospice will cosponsor "Your Options, Your Autonomy, at End of Life." The discussion will take place at the Putney Meadows Common Room, 17 Carol Brown Way, and will be led by Dr. Diana Barnard, M.D., Betsy Walkerman, Esq., and Susan Gillotti. Attendees are invited to engage in a life-affirming and empowering discussion – ask questions, find answers, and share stories.

Dr. Diana Barnard, M.D., is a palliative care physician at UVM Medical Center and on the Board of Patient Choices Vermont; Betsy Walkerman is president of PCV; Susan Gillotti is an Advisory Board member with PCV whose husband used Medical Aid in Dying. Information on Medical Aid in Dying and Vermont's Act 39 are available at [www.PatientChoices.org](http://www.PatientChoices.org). RSVP to reserve your seat by emailing [info@PatientChoices.org](mailto:info@PatientChoices.org). For more information on program content, contact Betsy Walkerman at 802-448-0542, email at [info@PatientChoices.org](mailto:info@PatientChoices.org), or see [www.PatientChoices.org](http://www.PatientChoices.org).

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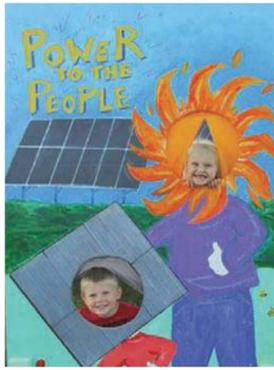
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# Energy savings celebrated at SEVCA's solar kickoff

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – On Sept. 16, members of the community gathered to celebrate the launch of Southeastern Vermont Community Action's Community Solar for Community Action program, which will help reduce the excessive energy burdens of at least 50 households with low incomes by providing virtual credits on their electricity accounts. Complementing its home Weatherization and Crisis Fuel programs, CS4CA is an important new tool in SEVCA's efforts to ensure that vulnerable households can meet their energy needs now and in the future. A number of CS4CA subscribers who will benefit from the project were in attendance.



SEVCA's solar program kickoff. PHOTO PROVIDED

The event featured presentations by Haley Pero, representing the office of Sen. Bernie Sanders; Vicki O'Day, representing the Rural Renewable Energy Alliance; and Steve Geller, SEVCA's executive director. Presenters reflected on the importance of creating renewable energy solutions, like community solar projects, that were accessible to households that did not have the means to

install their own solar panels. RREAL and SEVCA are working to promote national expansion of the model, proposing that the extensive network of Community Action agencies throughout the country could play a key role. SEVCA's solar array, fully completed in May, has produced over 70,000 kWh of electricity so far, with an estimated annual yield of almost 120,000 kWh annually. The expected energy savings for each participating household is estimated at \$400 per year.

SEVCA worked in partnership for over a year with the Minnesota-based Rural Renewable Energy Alliance to develop this Community Solar for Community Action project, as part of the national Solar in Your Community Challenge, a competition sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy. SEVCA's is one of several community solar projects RREAL developed during the competition period, and RREAL was awarded the runner-up prize in the competition. Catamount Solar, a Vermont-based, employee-owned solar contractor, was selected to install the array.

SEVCA would like to thank all of its project supporters, including the U.S. Department of Energy, the Windham Regional Commission, the Thompson Trust, VLITE, the Vermont Community Foundation, and the dozens of local contributors who made this project possible. To find out more, contact Daniel Quipp at 802-254-2795, ext. 103, or email dquipp@sevca.org.

# Fall Flea Market and Open House

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A Fall Flea Market and Open House will be held at the Springfield Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, 21 Fairground Rd., Saturday, Sept. 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

house this year. This is a good time to drop by for a visit and check out our programs and our rental space. Rev. Melten Kennedy will be on hand to meet and chat with folks. Folks will be welcome to come in and see the sanctuary and

the redecorated activities room.

The Flea Market will be held outdoors. In case of questionable weather, check our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/UUS-springfieldVT](http://www.facebook.com/UUS-springfieldVT).

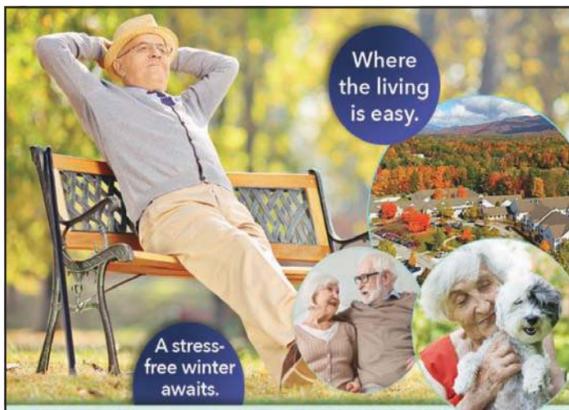
# Warming Shelter seeking support

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Warming Shelter is fast approaching our seventh season of operation. The warming shelter collaborates with local churches and agencies including SEVCA, HCRS, Springfield Medical Care Systems Community Health Team, Springfield Supported Housing, Springfield Family Center, Springfield Police Department, Vermont Agency for Human Services, and Vermont Department of Economic Services. All guests staying at the shelter were given the opportunity to work with any of these organizations that might be able to help them improve their health and well-being.

sign up for shifts on a recurring weekly, every other week, or monthly basis. Other volunteers fill in as a need exists. However, without volunteers the shelter is not able to continue to meet these important needs within our communities.

Volunteers receive an orientation, which will be available throughout the season. Initially, new volunteer orientation is scheduled for Oct. 6 and 24, from 6-7 p.m. Volunteers only need to attend one session.

Returning volunteer orientation is scheduled for Oct. 10 and 20, from 6-7 p.m. Orientation will be held at the North Springfield Baptist Church where the warming shelter is located. If you want additional information or would like to help for at least six hours a month, please call 888-264-3001, email [svt-wsc@gmail.com](mailto:svt-wsc@gmail.com), or find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/springfieldwarmingshelter](http://www.facebook.com/springfieldwarmingshelter).



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# Community members enjoy Adopt-a-Cottage time at Kurn Hattin

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Each year, Kurn Hattin hosts an Adopt-A-Cottage night for the business, organization, and individual sponsors of the cottages where the children live on campus. The sponsorship provides for basic necessities of cottage life, such as new pillows, sheets, kitchen supplies, and other household items. This year, each cottage received really cool gift – air conditioners! To show appreciation to those who have “adopted” a cottage, a meal is held in the sponsors’ honor so that they can spend time with the children whom their gifts have directly benefitted.



Streeter Contractors with a few boys of Butler Cottage and their houseparent. PHOTO PROVIDED

The sponsors sat with the children from their cottage for an evening meal and activity. The sounds of laughter and lively conversation filled Watson Hall as the adults and children got to know one another. After the meal, the sponsors visited the cottages to socialize and learn about the daily lives of the children.



Keene Elm-City Rotarian talks with some children from Hubbard Cottage. PHOTO PROVIDED

It is always wonderful when the children have the opportunity to meet members of the community who care about their success. Thank you to everyone who supports the Kurn Hattin Homes' Adopt-A-Cottage Program: Cota & Cota; Keene Elm-City Rotary and Dave and Lisa Therrien; Tony and Betty Woodhull Maiola, Dawn Maiola Ranney, Joel Woodhull Maiola, and Richard Gasset; Mascoma Bank; Savings Bank of Walpole; Streeter Contractors; True North Networks; and Whitney-Blake Company. For more information about this program, please contact Kim Fine at [kfine@kurnhattin.org](mailto:kfine@kurnhattin.org) or 802-721-6914.

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# Garden Club scholarship recipients -

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Garden Club has awarded two scholarships of \$3,000 each to two students from area schools, pursuing a college education in the fields of biology and environmental science.

The first student, Adam Stokarski, graduated from Springfield High School this past June. He is the son of Paul and Crystal Stokarski. He will be attending Husson University in Bangor, Maine. His plans are to earn a degree in biology and environmental science. Adam has always had a strong affinity for the outdoors and learning all he can about natural habitats and



Left to right, Springfield Garden Club scholarship chair Jocelyn Zezza, Anne Lamson, Adam Stokarski, and committee members Margery Collins and Deanna Dexter.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Mountain Union High School. She is the daughter of Daniel and Erin Lamson. Annie will be attending the University of Vermont and majoring in biology. She achieved a very impressive academic record in her years at Green Mountain. In her application she stated that she dreams of creating a stable way of life for everyone. She believes that this outcome will depend on how we approach the changing environment and will be based on the success of agricultural improvements. She hopes her studies will develop the skills and knowledge to ensure safety and wellness for future generations.

Annie achieved many academic awards, and has participated in athletics as a member of the varsity basketball, softball, and soccer teams. Anne also volunteered many hours over many years working and organizing activities at Grace Cottage Hospital. In addition, she also worked during her junior and senior years at MacLaomann's Scottish Pub in Chester.

Funds to support these scholarships are raised at Springfield Garden Club's annual Festival of Trees celebration held in November. The date this year is Nov. 22. "This is the club's only fundraiser throughout the year," stated scholarship chair Jocelyn Zezza, "and it is from this gala party that the club raises the capital to support two scholarships and many other projects throughout the town."

the environment. He loves New England and hopes to be able to remain in New England after his graduation.

Adam achieved strong academic success and was active in sports such as baseball and soccer in leadership positions. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts and completed many hours of community service while also working all four years of high school at the Crown Point Country Club.

The second recipient, Anne Lamson, graduated from Green

# Fire Dept. volunteers



Ludlow Fire Dept. and other fire departments are in need of volunteers to join their teams. Reach out to your local fire department to learn how you can join a team that serves and protects our communities.

PHOTO BY BOB MILLER

# High school students invited to submit to Young Writers Awards

REGION - Bennington College is now accepting submissions from high school students nationwide for its 2019-20 Young Writers Awards.

This annual competition, which accepts entries in poetry, fiction, and nonfiction, is free to enter and open to high school students in grades 10-12. A first-, second-, and third-place winner is selected in each of the categories, with cash prizes

from \$125-\$500 awarded. Submissions for the 2019-20 Young Writers Awards will be accepted through Nov. 1, 2019, with winners announced in spring 2020. For more information, go to [www.bennington.edu/events/young-writers-awards](http://www.bennington.edu/events/young-writers-awards).

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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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

## Chester Town Hall

Below is a brief history of Chester Town Hall. Town Hall was built in 1884.

It was in 1883 when talk became serious about building a town hall. There was debate where town hall should be built. Some thought it should be built on Main Street and not in the Depot. Arguments were made by both sides. It was decided to build it where it stands today. This site was selected because most of the building materials including bricks were delivered by rail. It was cheaper and more convenient to unload the train at the Depot and deliver the building materials across the street than to truck them to Main Street.

### Also in 1884

After the Civil War, many Chester residents wanted a monument to the Chester men who fought and died in the war. In 1884, they managed to get an article for the monument at town meeting. Both the monument and Town Hall were highly contested.

At the Town Meeting of March 4, 1884, Chester voters approved spending \$2,000 for the Civil War monument located in front of Brookside Cemetery.

In the days following this vote some residents made accusations that votes were bought by rum or other bribes. Enough noise was made that another town meeting was held.

The second town meeting held April 7, 1884, Article 2: to see if the Town would appropriate \$2,000 for the Civil War monument. The article was voted to dismiss.

Article 5: To see if the new Town Hall to be built could include a Memorial Hall with suitable memorials to Chester soldiers that died in the Rebellion. Voted to lay for further consideration. Voted to adjourn until the 5th day of May.

May 5, 1884,

both articles 2 and 5 dismissed until May 24, 1884.

Town Hall was passed at the next meeting. The Civil War monument is another story.

### Town Hall ablaze

Below is an entry I found in a Yosemite Firehouse ledger.

"Sept 27, 1915

"4:00AM basement of Town Hall was ablaze from piles of wood, boxes etc. Had a hard fight to save the Hall. Burned up through the Post Office, Town Office, restaurant and also around the stairs, got to upper hall in one place where seat was built in, cellar timbers badly charred, estimated loss \$2000."

The Post Office was located on the right. The restaurant was on the left. Today upstairs are built-in seats as you enter the hall. This would be the location mentioned in the Yosemite ledger.

### Louis Marshall & the cupola

One story Ted Spaulding told me was the day Louis Marshall was hired to paint the dome of the cupola. The job also included taking down the eagle weathervane and have it repaired by a blacksmith.

Louis would have gotten on top of the cupola by going out the shutters you see in the photo with this article. Louis was known to have used a long bamboo pole something like a fish pole. On one end of the pole he had an iron hook with a rope attached. He would push the bamboo pole up until he hooked the hook around the weathervane pole. He could then pull himself up to the dome of the cupola. Once on

the dome he could sit down and straddle the weathervane pole between his legs and pull the vane pole out of the socket it sits in.

He then lowered the vane by rope to his helper on the ground. The helper took the vane up the street to the blacksmith. The house near Pinks that was torn down this summer was where the blacksmith shop was at the time.

Meanwhile, a strong wind came up almost blowing Louis off the dome. Louis told Ted that he managed to get his fingers in the vane socket to hold on. Eventually the wind calmed and the helper returned with the repaired vane. It was tied to the rope and pulled back to Louis and put back in place.

In Louis Marshall's journal I found this entry: "Work expected. Town Hall Chester, Vt. Vane and roof of dome Price given \$25.00"

Last week when I was in Town Hall, I was given a tour of the work being done upstairs of town hall. It is absolutely beautiful. There's now a handicap bathroom on that floor and refurbished kitchen. The main hall is just about finished except for the new floor. The old tile ceiling is gone and now painted white. Most of the interior trim is painted a gray color creating an excellent contrast. The stairs to the balcony were removed. Everything has fresh paint.

I suggest the Chester Historical Society loan Chester artifacts to decorate the bare walls. A large American flag would be appropriate.

*This week's old saying was used when someone showed up after the bank closed. After knocking on the door and demanding to be allowed entry, it was said, "Poor planning on your part does not constitute a crisis on my part."*



Chester Town Hall restored cupola and shutters where Louis Marshall gained access to the cupola. PHOTO BY RON PATCH

## B17 Flying Fortress flights

CLARENDON, Vt. – The B17 Bomber drew big crowds to tour the historic plane and for flights over the weekend at the Rutland Airport.

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## "Red Scare in the Green Mountains" OLLI program

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Rick Winston will present the next OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. with "Red Scare in the Green Mountains: Vermont in the McCarthy Era 1946-1960." It will be presented at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Catholic Church on Pleasant Street in Springfield, Vt.

What happened in Vermont when the anti-Communist fear known as the "Red Scare" swept the country? Quite a bit, as it turns out. See how a small, rural "rock-ribbed Republican" state with a historically libertarian streak handled the hysteria of the time.

Winston, a film historian who has previously presented film topics to the group, will share insights from his book about the Red Scare in Vermont, including a high-profile academic firing, controversies involving left-leaning summer residents, courageous newspaper editors who spoke out against McCarthy's tactics, and Springfield's conservative senator, Ralph Flanders, who led the fight to censure Joseph McCarthy in the U.S. Senate. Winston's book is the culmination of 30 years of a personal journey through research and writing essays about

this topic.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, affiliated with the University of Vermont, is a local membership program geared towards seniors 50 years and older who want to engage in meaningful learning "just for the fun of it!" People of all ages who are interested in this type of program are welcome to attend.

The OLLI series programs are selected with input from the local members and carry varied themes from semester to semester including history, art, music, literature, health, nature, science, travel, and current events.

Membership for the semester

includes nine programs. Non-members are encouraged and welcome to attend individual lectures for a single program fee. Single program fees may be paid at the program.

The following OLLI program will be two weeks later Oct. 15. Hank Kaestner will speak about "The Jewels of Ecuador" showing photographs of the many birds he observed as he traveled as a spice procurer for McCormick Spices.

The complete Springfield and statewide program list is available online at [www.learn.uvm.edu/olli](http://www.learn.uvm.edu/olli). Choose statewide programs from the menu, and then select Springfield.

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# opinion

Dear Editor,

As I am writing this, there are thousands of young people around the world demonstrating to show their concern about climate change and trying to get the adults in charge to do something. As for the older generation, who knew the mess we were creating when we did it? How could a plastic container or bag be harmful? Hate that mosquito? Spray it dead! We are creatures of comfort and will choose convenience anytime.

We are learning about the consequences now, and they are grave. We are learning about the interconnectedness of life on this planet. We do not have to feel helpless though. As individuals our actions count. The actions of many individuals like us have a big impact when added together.

Members of the Springfield

Energy Committee, through a series of events and networking, discovered The People's Eco Challenge. The Eco Challenge is an online, interactive computer platform. It is a fun, free, and fulfilling way to do a little better (or a lot better... your choice) when it comes to treating our planet kindly. The challenges are in 10 different areas such as energy, waste, transportation, and health. You can even create your own challenge. The actions you can choose in each challenge area range from simple to difficult. People earn points for their actions and are shown the impact of their actions.

The Springfield Energy Committee invites you to participate in The People's Eco Challenge. It is easy to do. Go to [www.peoples.ecochallenge.org](http://www.peoples.ecochallenge.org). You can join the Springfield, Vt. team,

or you can create your own team. The Springfield Lions are working on getting a team together, as is the Springfield Food Co-op. These teams want a little friendly competition from others.

If you are a little hesitant, go to the website and check it out. If you need a little encouragement to try or figure out how to navigate your way around email Char at [charm@vermontel.net](mailto:charm@vermontel.net).

Are we going to lie down and observe climate change, or are we going to get up and fight for our kids and grandkids? Take the challenge. Take the challenge, please.

Sincerely,  
Char Osterlund, chair  
Springfield Energy Committee  
Springfield, Vt.

## Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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Dear Editor,

Springfield on the Move and the Bakery Building project want to thank the following people and businesses for their donations, in dollars and services. Because of your generosity, we had the funds necessary to proceed with the project and the demolition was completed Sunday, Sept. 15 with cleanup to be finished this week. Thank you!

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Sincerely,  
Springfield on the Move

Dear Editor,

The Black River Independent School Committee would like to thank the students and families that came to the pizza party to learn more about our efforts to open Black River Independent School. We loved fielding your questions and sharing our vision for the future. The turnout and energy

was inspiring.

A special thanks to Mangiamo's Restaurant for hosting the event and for providing us with the perfect space to mingle and present our progress and pillars for the school. We hope to host more events like this in the future.

Anyone who was unable to

attend the pizza party can learn more at [www.blackriverindependentschool@gmail.com](http://www.blackriverindependentschool@gmail.com). A heartfelt thanks for all of your support!

Sincerely,  
Kristen Garvey, BRISC  
Ludlow, Vt.

Dear Editor,

September is National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Each year, approximately 175,000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer in the United States, and 1 in 9 men will get diagnosed with prostate cancer during their lifetime. However, only 1 in 41 of these men will die as a result of it, due to the advances in early diagnosis and treatment.

In the early stages, when it is most treatable, prostate cancer causes no symptoms. This is why the American Urological Association recommends screening of all men between 55 and 69 years old with a PSA blood test every one to two years. For men at higher risk, screening can start even sooner.

Prostate cancer that is more advanced can cause the follow-

ing symptoms: trouble urinating, decreased force of urinary stream, painful urination, blood in the urine or semen, erectile dysfunction, pain in the pelvic area, or bone pain. Talk to your primary care provider or your urologist and get screened for prostate cancer. You may schedule a screening at Springfield Urology by calling 802-886-3556.

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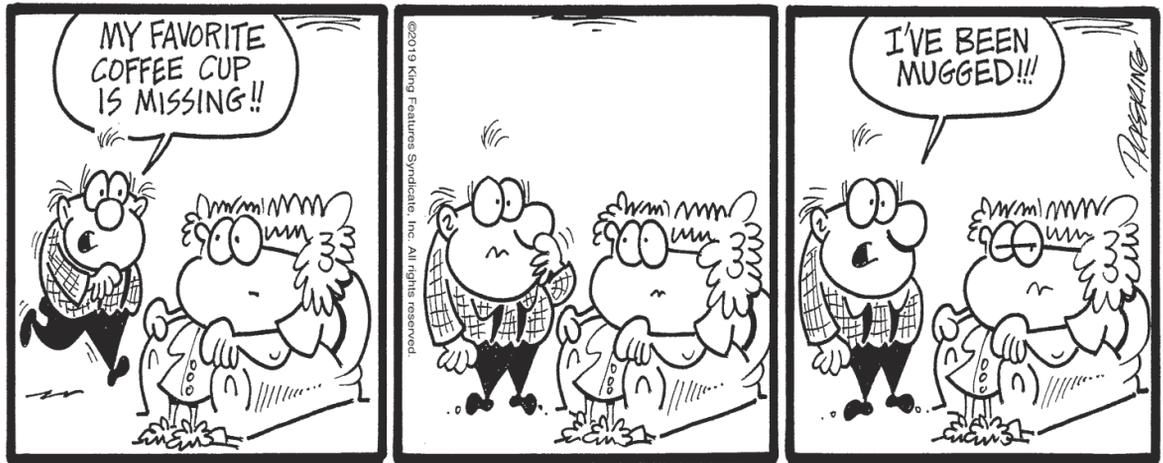
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by Linda Thistle

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### ACROSS

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- 4 Ignore
- 8 Platter
- 12 "— the fields we go"
- 13 Watergate evidence
- 14 "Do — others ..."
- 15 Succumb to gravity
- 16 Bloodhound's clue
- 17 Poker variety
- 18 Half an aphorism
- 21 Atmosphere
- 22 Spring time
- 23 Counterfeit
- 26 Festive
- 27 Kreskin's claim
- 30 "— Lang Syne"
- 31 Tenor Peerce
- 32 Tolerate
- 33 Spelldown
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- 35 Linger
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- 38 18-Across' other half
- 45 PC operator
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- 49 Figure-skating jump
- 50 Genetic stuff
- 51 Mary's follower
- 52 Muse's musicmaker
- 53 Early bird?
- 7 "The Seventh Seal" director
- 8 Failing the white glove test
- 9 Grooving on
- 10 Phaser setting
- 11 "The Da Vinci —"
- 19 Praise highly
- 20 Put into words
- 23 "Terrif"
- 24 Wish otherwise
- 25 Hearty quaff
- 26 Joke
- 27 Wet wriggler
- 28 "Erie Canal" mule
- 29 Use a crowbar
- 31 Blog
- 32 Ointment
- 34 Fawn's mom
- 35 Random drawing?
- 36 Bush
- 37 Villain's look
- 38 Sea flier
- 39 Largest of the seven
- 40 Abound
- 41 Alluring
- 42 Shrek, e.g.
- 43 Croon
- 44 Hosiery mishap

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## Ervin E. Snide, 1942-2019

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - Ervin E. Snide, 77, of Hapgood Extension, passed away Sept. 19, 2019 at his home. Ervin was born in Springfield June 2, 1942, the son of Burnham A. Snide and Mary (Raymond) Snide. He attended schools in Springfield and worked as a logger. He enjoyed hunting, racing, football, baseball, and was a pretty good horseshoe player.

Surviving are his children Jacqueline Garrow and husband Bill of Athens, Ervin

"Ike" Snide and his wife Kim of Athens, Duane Snide and his wife Sheila of Grafton, and Joanne Parker and husband Jon of Westminster. He is also survived by his sisters Millie Smith and Violet Johnson both of Springfield and Laura Bedi of Ludlow, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his parents.

There will be a celebration of Ervin's life Sunday, Oct. 6 at 1 p.m. at the Westminster Fire Station.

## Paul S. Spicer, 1944-2019

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - Paul S. Spicer, 75, of Pleasant Valley Road, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019 at Springfield Health & Rehabilitation Center, surrounded by his family. Paul was born in Springfield Feb. 25, 1944, the son of Gordon and Eugenie (Waldo) Spicer. He was a graduate of Springfield High School, earned his associate's degrees in accounting and business management, and worked as a machinist for Fellows Gear Shaper for 42 years.

Paul owned his own racecar and enjoyed racing. He was also a sports fan who followed the Red Sox, the Patriots, and Jeff Gordon and Richard Petty. He also collected baseball cards and other sports cards.

Surviving are his children Paul Spicer of Springfield, Terri Rogers of Springfield, Valerie Ovit of Springfield, Dee Bark of Charlestown, N.H., and Vicki Spicer-Olmsted of Springfield, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and stepbrothers

and sisters. He is predeceased by his parents, his stepfather Bert Stevens, son Raymond Kinchen, his daughter Bonnie Spicer, his brother Bob Spicer, and sister Carla Clark.

There will be calling hours Friday, Oct. 4, from 5-7 p.m., at the VFW in Springfield, Vt. All are encouraged to attend. Burial will take place in the Pine Grove Cemetery, North Springfield, Vt. at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home.

## PLEASE NOTE

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

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

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

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## LUDLOW, VT.

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

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

Sunday service at 10:15 a.m. followed by a time of fellowship and coffee hour. Call 802-228-4211 or email unitedchurch@tds.net. Visit us online at www.unitedchurch.us.

## SPRINGFIELD, VT.

### Calvary Baptist Church, 156 Main St.

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school starts at 11 a.m. We invite you to join us for worship and fellowship, and our events during the week. For more information, call us at 802-885-2349 or go to www.calvarylovesspringfield.com.

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

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

### First Congregational Church UCC, 77 Main St.

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

### United Methodist Church, 10 Valley St.

Sunday worship is 9:30 a.m. by Rev. Gerry Piper. Praise God through music, scripture, and prayer. Christian education and childcare available during worship hour. Communion available. Fellowship and refreshments after service. For more information, call 802-885-3456.

## WALPOLE, N.H.

### Walpole Unitarian Church, corner of Union and Main St.

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

## WESTMINSTER, VT.

### Christian Family Circle Chapel, 1512 Back Westminister Rd.

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

### The First Congregational Church of Westminster, 3470 US

## Patricia A. Kirkbride, 1930-2019

**LUDLOW, Vt.** - Patricia Ann (Martel) Kirkbride, 89, left us peacefully to join God's angels on the morning of Sunday, Sept. 22, 2019. She was born in Rutland, Vt. Aug. 17, 1930, the daughter of Raymond and Marguerite (McCuin) Martel. Patricia graduated from Black River High School in 1948 and from Bishop Degoesbriand School of Nursing in 1951. On Sept. 6, 1952, she married Robert W. Kirkbride in Ludlow.

Patricia was a full-time homemaker, famous for her chocolate chip cookies. She worked part-time as a registered nurse for many years and worked for 40-plus years in the ski shop at Okemo Mountain during ski season. Patricia was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend.

Survivors include her husband of 67 years of Ludlow; two daughters Deborah Khiel and her fiancé Michael Fortin of Sweden, Maine; Martha K. Chessie and her husband Christopher of Shapleigh, Maine; six grandchildren Travis Khiel and his wife Rebecca, Gregory Khiel, Caleb Chessie and his wife Abigail, Meredith Chessie, Robert J. Kirkbride and his wife Jenica, and Joseph W. Kirkbride; seven great-grandchildren Kaenon, Grady, Blake, Addyson, Lane, Brynny, and Maverick; her sister Nancy Martel; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her brother Gerald Martel, sister Mary (Martel) Barvoets, son



Patricia A. Kirkbride, 1930-2019. PHOTO PROVIDED

Robert R. Kirkbride, and infant son Raymond Kirkbride.

Visiting hours will be Friday, Sept. 27, 2019, from 9:30-11 a.m., in the Parish Hall of the Church of Annunciation, 7 Depot St., Ludlow, followed by a Mass at 11 a.m. Burial with committal prayers will follow in Pleasant View Cemetery. All are invited to attend a reception in the Parish Hall following the committal service.

Memorial contributions in Pat's memory may be made to the Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High St., Ludlow, VT 05149. Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.

## Rt. 5

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

## WESTON, VT.

### The Old Parish Church, 644 Main St.

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

## WINDSOR, VT.

### Old South Church, UCC, 146 Main St.

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

## Lorraine D. Bassett, 1929-2019

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - Lorraine D. Bassett, 90, formerly of Springfield, Vt., passed away Monday, Sept. 16, 2019 at her home in Acton, Mass. with her family by her side. She was born April 17, 1929 in Jeffersonville, Vt., the daughter of Timothy and Irene (Rooney) Dufresne.

On Nov. 11, 1947, she married Henry A. Bassett. He predeceased her April 24, 2013. Henry and Lorraine moved to Springfield, Vt. in 1951. Survivors include three daughters Patty and her husband Bill O'Neill, Peggy and her husband Dennis Roux, Nan Bassett and her partner Leane Gill; one son Bill and his wife Laurie Bassett; one grandchild Emily Roux; three great-grandchildren Bailey, Dominic, and Matthew; and

a niece Autumn and her son Connor.

She was predeceased by her parents Timothy and Irene, her husband Henry of 66 years, infant daughter Marylou, grandson Matthew, nephew Glenn Kelly Dufresne, four brothers, and one sister.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the St. Mary's Cemetery in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Peter Williams will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Care Dimensions, 333 Wyman St., Suite 100 Waltham, MA 02451 or to Acton Nursing Service, 30 Sudbury Rd., Rear, Acton, MA 01720. Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.

## Willis L. Gordon Sr., 1932-2019

**LONDONDERRY, Vt.** - Willis L. Gordon Sr. "Bill," 87, died Wednesday, Sept. 18, peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Willis was born June 7, 1932 in Andover, Vt., the son of Merrill Sr. and Anna Mae Gordon. He attended Chester High School and went on to study agriculture in Randolph, Vt. He married Barbara M. Snow from Arlington, Vt. Nov. 30, 1952.

Willis worked on building the Bald Mountain as a construction worker for many years. He loved working at Magic Mountain, Bromley, and Mount Snow ski areas, always with a smile on his face. Willis also owned a Texaco Station in Londonderry for many years.

After he retired, he went onto more construction work, working for Larry Brown Exc. For the past few years, Willis spent time working up on Marsh Hill in Andover with his brother Harry Gordon. Willis loved working outdoors on the land. He loved chatting with new and old friends and acquaintances around the area. He was a member of the Masons for many years.

Willis and Barbara enjoyed the past several winters in Bethlehem, Fla., where they set up a seasonal home. Willis enjoyed family gatherings, cookouts, and just sitting around telling



Willis L. Gordon Sr., 1932-2019. PHOTO PROVIDED

stories to his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, always with a smile and laughter.

Willis is survived by his wife Barbara of 67 years; five children Willis Jr. and wife Cindy, Laurie Wachlin and husband Chuck, Dustin Sr. and wife Sheila, Steven and wife Donna, Deborah Blackmer and friend; and 14 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by four brothers and one sister.

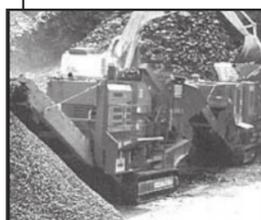
A celebration of life will be held Sept. 28, 2019 at 1 p.m. at the Dustin and Sheila Gordon residence at 3031 Route 11, Londonderry, Vt. Memorial donations may be made out to Barbara Gordon in helping with arrangements.

## From the family of Travis and Christina Barton

The family of Travis and Christina Barton would like to give heartfelt thanks for all the prayers, love, and support from all our friends, family, and acquaintances.

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# Communities come together for BRAT RiverSweep

**REGION** – 2019 marked the 20th annual RiverSweep, a cleanup of the Black River organized by the all-volunteer Black River Action Team. The effort spanned several days and included work by students at Riverside Middle School in Springfield, Cavendish Town Elementary School, and Ludlow Elementary School.

RMS students and volunteer coordinators ventured to the river earlier in the year and fished from the river a range of items, including a bicycle and a large metal pole. Ludlow

students, led by teacher Lisa Marks and several adult volunteers, scoured a long stretch of the bank from the fire station on Pond Street to the Shaw's shopping plaza, pulling out quite a bit of smaller garbage in addition to a crushed shopping cart and several pieces of twisted metal.

CTES students, led by several adult volunteers including Pang Ting, Margo Caulfield, and teacher Robin Bebo-Long, tackled the swimming area at Cavendish Gorge for the fifth year in a row, and were de-

lighted to find almost no trash! Thanks to efforts by the town, Green Mountain Power, the Black River Action Team, and Cavendish residents, the gorge is less accessible by vehicles and monitored more closely than in the past. These combined "eyes on the river" have led to a reduction in the volume and variety of items being left behind by visitors to the historic swimming hole.

Continuing in their cleanup efforts, the group headed to the Greven Field recreation area, where they gathered trash and debris as well as making a big dent in the Japanese knotweed population. Knotweed is an aggressive invasive plant that chokes out native species and destabilizes stream banks. Their hours of labor were rewarded by pizza from Goodman's American Pie of Ludlow, a long-time supporter of the BRAT's RiverSweep event.

As the fog lifted Sept. 7, the official RiverSweep event began in Springfield at a new last-minute location at Riverside Middle School. Kay-



Ludlow Elementary students, supervised by teacher Lisa Marks, help to clean out the Black River.

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William and William with tires.

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## Volunteer for SEVCA's free tax program

**WESTMINSTER, Vt.** – Southeastern Vermont Community Action and Granite United Way of New Hampshire are partnering to offer the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program in upper Windham and Windsor counties. VITA helps low- to moderate-income households by providing free federal and state income tax return preparation services. SEVCA is now recruiting volunteers for the upcoming 2019 tax filing season to help as many families as possible claim the tax credits and refunds available to them.

We are looking for individuals who are willing and able to commit three to four hours per week from the end of January through April 15, 2020. Prior tax preparation experience is not necessary, but a commitment to training and certification is required. You'll receive specialized training from a certified VITA instructor, plus IRS online courses. SEVCA provides all needed materials and software, along with a very supportive training structure. Continuing onsite training and supervision is provided during the tax season.

SEVCA operates VITA sites in:

- SEVCA's offices at 91 Buck Dr., Westminister
- St Paul's Episcopal Church,

749 Hartford Ave., White River Junction

- The Windsor Resource Center, 1 Railroad Ave, Windsor

We can meet your schedule and needs. We are most in need of volunteers in Westminister, but could use more volunteers at any of the sites. There are two volunteer positions. Both work under the supervision of a local site coordinator. Our specific needs are for intake specialists and tax preparers.

Intake specialists greet tax filers, conduct an intake review to make sure all documents are present for a complete and accurate tax return, and offer resources for other financial needs filers may have.

Tax preparers interview taxpayers using standardized IRS forms and prepare and submit relevant returns. No previous tax or finance experience necessary, just general computer aptitude and a willingness to learn.

To learn how you can make a difference in your community by becoming a VITA volunteer, please contact Leslie Wood at 802-722-4575, ext. 199 or lwood@sevca.org. Please put "VITA VOLUNTEER" in the subject line of your email.

## Leaving your job? What happens to your 401(k)?

**REGION** – If you're in the early stages of your working life – or even in the not-so-early ones – the chances are pretty good that you will change jobs at some point. When that happens, you'll probably leave a few things behind, but will one of them be your 401(k)?

Of course, you wouldn't really forget about your 401(k). It does happen, however. Over the period from 2004 through 2013, more than 25 million people left at least one 401(k) or similar plan behind when they left their job, according to the U.S. Government Accountability Office. But you will have to do something with your account. Essentially, you have four choices.

**You can cash out your 401(k)**

It's your money, but if you take it out before you reach 59.5, you will owe federal in-

come taxes, plus any applicable state and local taxes.

Also, you will likely be charged a 10% penalty for early withdrawal. Perhaps even more important, if you liquidate your 401(k) when you change jobs, you'll be reducing the amount you'll have left for retirement.

**You can leave your 401(k) with your old employer**

If your former employer permits it, you can leave your 401(k) intact, even after you move to a different job. This might be appealing to you if you like the investment choices in your account, but you won't be able to make any new contributions. Plus, you won't face any immediate tax consequences.

**You can move the money to your new employer's 401(k)**

You can consolidate your old 401(k) with one offered by your new employer, if allowed. You won't take a tax hit, and you might like your new plan's

investment options. And you may find it easier to manage your funds if they're all held in one place.

**You can roll your 401(k) into an IRA**

You don't need the permission from any employer – old or new – to move your old 401(k) to an IRA. Your money will continue to grow on a tax-deferred basis, and an IRA offers you a virtually unlimited array of investment options – stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and so on. You can make either a direct or indirect rollover.

With a direct rollover, the administrator of your old 401(k) sends your money directly to the financial provider that holds your rollover IRA. No tax is withheld because you never actually take possession of the money.

With an indirect rollover, you're technically withdrawing the money and moving it to the IRA provider yourself. You

have 60 days to make this transfer. You will face a withholding of 20% of your account's assets, but you may be able to recover most of this amount when you file your tax return. Still, for the sake of ease of movement and avoidance of all tax issues, a direct rollover may be more advantageous.

Which of these options is right for you? There's no one "right" answer for everyone. You'll have to consider several factors, and you'll certainly want to consult your tax professional before making any decision. But in any case, do whatever you can to preserve – and hopefully grow – your 401(k) assets. You'll need these resources to help fund the retirement lifestyle you want and deserve.

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# sports



## THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

### Chieftain boys take center stage

This fall in the town of Chester the shoe is on the other foot. When it comes to soccer success, the girls' team has received most of the applauding in recent seasons. If things continue to trend the way things have started in 2019, Cole Wilhelm's boys' team may be the team that carries the biggest chance for success in the postseason in the school.

The Chieftains boys' soccer team stood center stage just short of two weeks ago when they captured the prestigious Josh Cole Tournament title. They easily handled Mount Saint Joseph in the semifinal game 8-0 before Wilhelm's team were able to outplay the defending champions, Leland & Gray in the title match. Wilhelm said, "It was very fitting to be able to win this championship against Leland & Gray because they defeated us here a year ago."

What's the difference between these Chieftains and the ones who wore the very same uniforms one year ago? "They are playing more possession based soccer. Their movement off the ball has become much better," Wilhelm said. This is Wilhelm's second year at the helm and he thinks the players are picking up how he wants things done. "I started to introduce things last year. I was the JV coach before I moved up so now, all the players have played under me for more than one season. I know this is a very good team, but they have to keep focused one game at a time."

The season opener was a tough 1-0 defeat to Woodstock. Every game since then has fallen into the win column. They defeated MSJ 6-1 in another contest prior to the Cole Tournament. They shutout neighboring Springfield 5-0. Then in their latest victory they outlasted Twin Valley 1-0. Believe me that was no easy task. In case you were not aware, the Chieftain victory ended a Twin Valley 23-game regular season winning streak. That game was a classic and then some. James Anderson tallied the only goal of the game following an Eben Mosher free kick with 1:23 remaining in overtime.

Green Mountain is now headed back to the field for a Tuesday afternoon contest against a Division II Fair Haven team that was just behind Woodstock in the standings. Woodstock was the last team to defeat Green Mountain so the Slaters from the same background could prove to be a challenge. Then again, Wilhelm

is constantly telling his team to stay focused. "We focus on things one game at a time."

The Chieftains are second in the Vermont Division III rankings behind only unbeaten Winooski, a team that is outscoring opponents at an alarming rate, almost 10 goals to under 1.

When I asked the coach about the northerners, he remained focused. "I don't know a thing about them. We don't play them next."

Okay Bill Belichick, I mean Cole, on to Fair Haven.

Green Mountain boys' soccer has not reached the semifinals in at least a decade. This team has a chance to push things to levels past the quarterfinals the girls' team reached three times in that period of time.

### Football success continues

I can't imagine how long it has been sine the three area football teams had a combined 8-3 record after 11 games. However, that is exactly the case this time around. All three teams won last week and in a very unusual occurrence Fall Mountain will have the easiest game this week.

Orion Binney's team, which won for the first time Saturday 38-0, hits the road again this Saturday, Sept. 28 and will have a 1 p.m. kickoff at Farmington. Despite a not very special 0-2 start, Binney said he was not "one bit surprised we opened things up last week. I thought we had the talent to do it. Although I will say, I was a little surprised in the big way we did it. We played the best two teams right off so we need to keep moving in the same direction."

Wildcat Izaak Westover ran for 140 yards and a touchdown and ran in three two-point conversions while Morgan Wilbur added two touchdowns.

Just like the Green Mountain boys' soccer team, Bellows Falls fell in their opening contest but have won all their games since. The Terriers also have to be thinking about advancing deep in the post season with the way they have been playing. Everyone knew this team had plenty of skill position players coming back, but the wonder of how good they would really be came down to the development of their offensive and defen-



Springfield receiver Anthony Steele making a catch versus Otter Valley. The Cosmos are home again this Friday versus Bellows Free Academy of Fairfax.

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McGregor Vancor at the end of a big gain versus Lyndon in Bellows Falls third straight win last Saturday. The Terriers dominated even more than the final score of 37-14 indicates.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

## Soccer fundraiser reaches its goal

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – The cry of "gooal!" rang through Saxtons River as the rec soccer program reached its fundraising target for new goal posts. Between 70 and 90 children from kindergarten to sixth grade participate in the program, which draws youngsters from Saxtons River, Rockingham, Bellows Falls, and Grafton.

The \$2,620 in funds needed for the goals were raised through the efforts of parent volunteers. The Saxtons River Inn hosted a slider night fundraiser, with food provided by the inn and Wagyu beef from Spring Rock Farm. A raffle of items donated by the Saxtons River Village Market, Vermont Academy, Village Square Booksellers, Ann DiBernardo, Smokin' Bowls, and Jennifer Silver rounded out the evening.

The parents also organized



Some of the youngest members of the Saxtons River Rec soccer program who turned out for a recent practice.

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a GoFundMe campaign, and other contributions came from Chroma Technologies, the Vincenzo Ruggiero Memorial Fund, and individual donations. "It's so great how everyone stepped up to support our efforts for the kids," said parent volunteer John Edwards. "We've had these goals for 10-plus years, and they were used when we got them. They really needed to be replaced."

Coaches for the program are Christina Aguiar and Krystal Hernandez for grades K-2; Garrett Allen, George Smith, and Matt Johnson for grades 3-4; and Eric Nystrom and John Edwards for grades 5-6. Volunteer referees are John Broadley and Greg Noble. Samantha Fletcher and Tammy Nystrom are also parent volunteers.

## The 7th Fastest Kid in Town at Vermont Apple Festival

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Saturday, Oct. 12, the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center will host the 7th annual Fastest Kid in Town race at the Vermont Apple Festival and Craft Fair in Springfield, Vt. This is a free event open to any child between the ages of 5 and 12.

The Fastest Kid in Town Race began in 2013 to raise awareness on the importance of fitness and physical activity for children and has since become a popular annual event for youth and festival attendees who cheer them on. The kids-only 100- and 200-yard fun races will take place at noon during the 37th annual Vermont Apple Festival and Craft Fair at Riverside Park Saturday, Oct. 12. The goal for this year is to pre-register 80 children to participate with an additional 20 or more

in their specified size. Same-day registrations are available on first-come, first-serve basis.

Staff from the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center and community volunteers will be on hand to get the children warmed up before the races and will have information on hand about the value of physical activity as well as the many youth and family fitness options available at the center.

Participating runners will compete in four age categories: 5-6 years, 7-8 years, 9-10 years, and 11-12 years. Medals for the fastest male and female runners of each category will be awarded. All participants will receive a race logo t-shirt for their efforts.

Pre-registration is recommended, but not required, by contacting the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center in Springfield, Vt. Call 802-885-2568 or go online [www.myrec-center.org](http://www.myrec-center.org). Pre-registered participants are guaranteed a t-shirt

For more information about this or other youth and family events at the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center, please contact Sarah Tilden Gramling, Youth & Family programs coordinator, at [stilden@myreccenter.org](mailto:stilden@myreccenter.org) or 802-885-5046.

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Are you the fastest kid in town?

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## Fall sports schedule, Sept. 26-Oct. 4

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

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 26 –

**Girls Soccer**  
Monadnock at Fall Mountain, 4 p.m.

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 27 –

**Boys Football**  
Bellows Free Academy at Springfield, 7 p.m.

**Boys Soccer**  
Mill River at Leland & Gray, 4:30 p.m.

**Girls Soccer**  
Sharon Academy at Bellows Falls, 4:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 28 –

**Cross Country**  
Fall Mountain at Monadnock, 10 a.m.

**Girls Field Hockey**  
Springfield at Otter Valley, 11 a.m.

**Boys Football**  
Fall Mountain at Farmington, 2 p.m.  
U-32 at Bellows Falls, 1 p.m.

**Boys Soccer**  
Fall Mountain at Mascoma Valley, 1 p.m.  
Green Mountain at Brattleboro, 10 a.m.  
Leland & Gray at Springfield, 6 p.m.  
West Rutland at Bellows Falls, 11 a.m.

**Girls Soccer**  
Black River at Windsor, 4:30 p.m.

Fair Haven at Springfield, 11 a.m.  
Fall Mountain at Stevens, 1 p.m.  
Leland & Gray at Green Mountain, 11 a.m.

**Girls Volleyball**  
Winnisquam at Fall Mountain, 6:15 p.m.

### MONDAY, SEPT. 30 –

**Girls Field Hockey**  
Bellows Falls at Hartford, 4 p.m.  
Windsor at Springfield, 4 p.m.

**Girls Volleyball**  
Trinity at Fall Mountain, 6:15 p.m.

**Boys Soccer**  
Long Trail at Springfield, 4:30 p.m.  
Monadnock at Fall Mountain, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, OCT. 1 –

**Cross Country**  
Green Mountain at Windsor, 4:45 p.m.

**Boys Soccer**  
Arlington at Bellows Falls, 4 p.m.  
Woodstock at Leland & Gray, 4 p.m.

**Girls Soccer**  
Hillsboro-Deering at Fall Mountain, 7 p.m.  
Springfield at Otter Valley, 4 p.m.  
Twin Valley at Black River, 4 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2 –

**Cross Country**  
Fall Mountain at Newport, 4 p.m.

**Girls Field Hockey**  
Bellows Falls at Burr & Burton, 4 p.m.

**Boys Soccer**  
Newport at Fall Mountain, 7 p.m.  
Springfield at Windsor, 4 p.m.

**Girls Soccer**  
Bellows Falls at White River Valley, 4 p.m.  
Green Mountain at Rivendell, 4 p.m.  
Windsor at Leland & Gray, 4 p.m.

**Girls Volleyball**  
Mascoma Valley at Fall Mountain, 5:15 p.m.

### THURSDAY, OCT. 3 –

**Girls Field Hockey**  
Fair Haven at Springfield, 4 p.m.

**Girls Soccer**  
Fall Mountain at Newport, 4 p.m.  
Springfield at Woodstock, 4 p.m.

**Girls Volleyball**  
Fall Mountain at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 4 –

**Cross Country**  
Newport at Fall Mountain, 4 p.m.

**Boys Football**  
Bellows Falls at Springfield, 7 p.m.  
Bishop Brady at Fall Mountain, 7 p.m.

**Boys Soccer**  
Bellows Falls at Green Mountain, 4 p.m.

**Girls Soccer**  
Arlington at Black River, 6 p.m.  
Green Mountain at Bellows Falls, 4 p.m.  
Rivendell at Leland & Gray, 4 p.m.

# arts & entertainment

## Cartoon drawing classes for kids and adults

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Cartoons are a great way for people of all ages to express themselves and enjoy the humor in life! Gallery at the VAULT is delighted to offer free cartoon classes for kids age 10 and up. These are scheduled for the afternoons of two upcoming Springfield school early release school days Oct. 11 and Nov. 8, from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Class size is limited so it's important to register. The kids' classes are free.



Free cartoon classes for kids at Gallery at the VAULT.

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Why should kids have all the fun? Adults can also sign up for Cartoon Drawing from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on those same two Fridays. There will also be a more extensive class Saturday, Oct. 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Emma Hunsinger will teach participants of all ages the basics of the genre and set them up with the skills to start making their own cartoons. All levels of experience are encouraged to participate. Emma is in her second year at the Center for Cartoon Studies and is enthusiastic about sharing her love and skill in this medium. You can

see some of her work at [www.newyorker.com/humor/daily-shouts/a-dentists-day-out](http://www.newyorker.com/humor/daily-shouts/a-dentists-day-out).

Some of the topics and skills that will be explored are how we use cartoons to communicate and how to draw people, faces, emotions, and gestures. Learn about short form and long form storytelling and how to make your own mini-comics.

To register, stop in at Gallery at the VAULT on 68 Main Street in Springfield, open from

Wednesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Monday 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For more information, call 802-885-7111. You may also contact Diane Kemble at [dkemble@vermontel.net](mailto:dkemble@vermontel.net) or call 802-324-9465.

Mark your calendars for Open Studio Weekend Oct. 5 and 6. See the full lineup of exhibits and classes offered by Gallery at the VAULT at [www.galleryvault.org](http://www.galleryvault.org).

## Graphic novelist Jason Lutes to speak at Springfield Library

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Ever wonder what it would be like to create a graphic novel or write a book of historical fiction? How about creating a 550-page historical graphic novel?

Join us Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Springfield Town Library to hear Jason Lutes discuss his journey to becoming a cartoonist, including

the process of conceiving, researching, writing, and drawing his graphic novel "Berlin," a work of historical fiction about the rise of fascism in Weimar Germany.

Ed Park reviewing in the New York Times Book Review wrote, "The magic in 'Berlin' is in the way Lutes conjures, out of old newspapers and

photographs, a city so remote from him in time and space... ['Berlin' has] an ending so electrifying that I gasped." The Washington Post selected "Berlin" as one of the 10 best graphic novels of 2018.

Jason Lutes is the author of "Jar of Fools, Houdini: the Handcuff King," and the critically acclaimed "Berlin" trilogy, which took him 22 years to complete. He currently teaches comics and visual storytelling at the Center for Cartoon Studies in White River Junction, Vt.

Lutes will appear as part of our celebration of the Vermont Humanities Council's Vermont Reads 2019 graphic novel "March: Book 1" by Jon Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell. Free copies of "March: Book 1" are available at the Springfield Town Library, 43 Main Street, Springfield. This program is free, accessible, and open to the public. For more information, contact 802-885-3108 or [stlas@vermontel.net](mailto:stlas@vermontel.net).

## The 38th Grafton Firefighters Tag Sale

GRAFTON, Vt. - The popular Fall Festival Tag Sale benefitting the Grafton Volunteer Fire Department will take place Saturday, Oct. 12, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 13, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the firehouse, 711 Route 121 east of Grafton Village.

Over the 38 years that the Grafton Fire and Rescue Auxiliary has conducted this sale, it has developed a reputation for variety, quality, and numerous bargains to be found. Locals and visitors line up early to access the four-bay firehouse, 75-foot tent and lawn sale areas in order to search through the well-organized displays of furniture, linens, toys, small appliances, housewares, books, recordings, tools, and much more. People are known to shop both days since most remaining items will be sold for half price on Sunday.

An exciting new feature of this year's sale providing a more festive-like atmosphere will be the introduc-



Grafton Fire Department annual Fall Festival sale.

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tion of crafters and artisans who will be selling their creations both days of the sale. Also new this year will be a raffle of specially donated items that wouldn't ordinarily be available at the sale. As always the Grafton School PTG will be on hand Saturday with hot coffee, pastries, cold drinks, grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, side dishes, and baked goods. On Sunday, the Auxiliary will have coffee and pastries available.

Like many small rural volunteer fire departments, the

Grafton Fire Department is not fully funded by the town, which makes the Fall Festival Sale an important source of revenue to meet their budgeted needs. This year some of the money raised is specifically earmarked to replace outdated SCBA air tanks. And of course it wouldn't be a firefighters' event without a full display of the ladder truck, engine, UTV, and rescue truck accompanied by numerous volunteer firefighters to answer questions. The sale will go on rain or shine.

## Charlie Hunter show at Gallery North Star

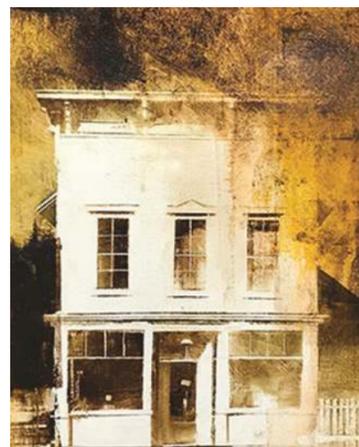
GRAFTON, Vt. - Gallery North Star, 151 Townshend Rd., presents a solo show of new paintings by nationally acclaimed artist Charlie Hunter.

The exhibition will run from Sept. 28 through Oct. 26. An opening reception for the artist will be held Saturday, Sept. 28, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. For more information, call 802-843-2465 or visit the gallery's website at [www.gns-grafton.com](http://www.gns-grafton.com).

Using sepia tones interspersed with flashes of color, Charlie Hunter's paintings

evoke a rural past intersecting with an intruding present. Both melancholy and uplifting, his work captures an Americana experience.

Gallery North Star, located in historic Grafton, Vt., is dedicated to presenting a diverse selection of work by Vermont's and New England's finest artists in a unique setting. The gallery is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



"Storefront," 24x12.

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## Larry Allen Brown at Stage 33 Live

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Larry Allen Brown's Celtic-blues-jazz music wears influences of Dave van Ronk, John Fahey, and Martin Simpson. Born and raised in Chicago, a Berklee College of Music alum, and rumored to have gone to high school with John Prine, his latest album, "Stories That We Wrote," was

produced by Grammy-winning Will Ackerman, founder of the Windham Hill label. Brown also heads the Acoustic Earth Orchestra ensemble. Before his solo career as a composer and performer on acoustic fingerstyle guitar, he played lead guitar for more rock, jazz, and blues groups in Chicago, Washington, D.C., and Boston than he can remember.

This show will be two sets with no opener Saturday, Sept. 28. There are no presale tickets for this show. Doors open

at 7 p.m. and music starts at 8 p.m. The 40 chairs are first-come first-served, then standing room. Attendees may bring their own portable seating if they wish. The listening event will be recorded and filmed.

Stage 33 Live is located at 33 Bridge St. in Bellows Falls, Vt., and documents live performances and presentations of original material on a small stage in a former factory building for downstream audiences. For more information, go to [www.stage33live.com](http://www.stage33live.com).



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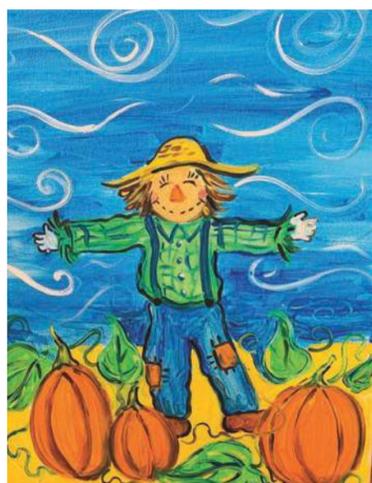


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# arts & entertainment

## Paint and Munch



CAVENDISH, Vt. – Reserve your spot for the Paint and Munch fundraiser at Fletcher Community Library, Sunday, Oct. 6 at 1 p.m. Along with bringing home an adorable seasonal painting of a scarecrow, a smorgasbord of culinary treats prepared by Kata, intrepid librarian and cook extraordinaire, will be offered. Paints, brushes, and canvas are

all provided. Please wear an old shirt or an apron to protect your clothing. Only 20 seats are available. Help support our local library. Call 802-226-7503 with any questions or to reserve your spot. All reservations must be paid in advance.

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## Claremont Opera House 2019-20 season



Moondance.

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CLAREMONT, N.H. – The 2019 Claremont Opera House season opens Oct. 19 with the “Foreigners Journey” tribute band playing the greatest hits from both Foreigner and Journey.

On Nov. 2, “Takin it to the Streets, a Doobie Brothers Experience,” covers all of The Doobie’s great hits and an occasional deep track or two with stunning accuracy. Comedian Bob Marley returns for his annual visit, this time Thursday, Nov. 14 with an all-new show sure to have friends laughing with tears rolling down their faces. Wanting something a little heavier? Dirty Deeds, an ACDC Experience, Nov. 30, is a great holiday gift for anyone that’s in to heavy metal.

Rocky Mountain High returns with Ted Vigil’s John Denver Tribute, which will include all of John Denver’s classics and a few holiday songs Dec. 6. Comedian Paul D’Angelo and Nashville recording artist Lexi James will be co-headlining a “Yee Haws and Ha Has” event for a night of hilarious stand-up comedy and sensational country music Jan. 25. “The World’s Greatest Tribute to Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers!” according to Katie Daryl, Mark Cuban, and Ryan Seacrest of AXS-TV, will rock the stage Feb. 15.

RentaComic brings two nights of comedy to chase away the winter blues to the Opera House stage Feb. 29 and April 25. Scheduled comedians can be found on the COH website.

On March 14, for the Irish in all of us, Wood’s Tea Company performs bluegrass, Celtic tunes, folk songs, and sea chanties. After standing ovations, back by popular demand, Tusk, “The World’s #1 Fleetwood Mac Tribute” returns April 3. Moondance, the ultimate Van Morrison Tribute Concert, captures the Van Morrison concert experience like no other May 2.

Don’t forget to check out [www.claremontoperahouse.org](http://www.claremontoperahouse.org) for more information on local dance recitals and other community events. For your convenience, a link is there to sign up for email notices to get breaking news on shows that have been added at the last minute as well as the chance to be in a drawing for free tickets.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.claremontoperahouse.org](http://www.claremontoperahouse.org), by phone at 603-542-4433, or in person at the Opera House Box office in City Hall Complex at 58 Opera House Square.

## Fletcher Farm School announces October classes –

LUDLOW, Vt. – Our fall, winter, and spring term is well underway. Here’s what’s going on in October at the Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts.

On Oct. 5, 2019, artist-in-residence Nancy Monson will be presenting “Zentangle: Make Beautiful Drawings on Paper and Silk.” In the morning, students will warm up by doing Zentangle drawings on paper. In the afternoon, those drawings will be done on silk. Meanwhile, Dona Nazaren-

ko will be showing you how to make “Birch Bark Jewelry.”

On Oct. 6, Cheryl Leiner will show you how to make “Felted Soaps.”

Piper Strong will be leading a workshop Oct. 9-10 on “Outdoor Landscape Painting.” Lyn Parker Haas and Nancy Conway show students how to make “Pine Needle Jewelry” Oct. 12, and Robert Frost Award winner Layne Herschel starts a two-day “Beginning Punch Needle Rug Hooking” and open studio on that same day.



Silver fabrication.

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On the following weekend, Oct. 19-20, Harold Bosco teaches our popular “Introduction to Silver Fabrication,” and Joyce Fuller shows you how to “Weave a Necktie Chair Seat.”

We close out October with Roger Hyndman’s two-day “In-

taglio Printmaking Workshop” Oct. 26-27, and Sue Carey’s class to show you how to “Felt a Witch or a Santa” Oct. 26.

For more information on these or any other classes, go to the schedule page on our website, [www.fletcherfarm.org](http://www.fletcherfarm.org).

## Submit pie for Vermont Apple Festival —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce’s 37th annual Vermont Apple Festival and Craft Fair is just around the corner. The event will be held at Riverside Middle School Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We’ll have all the familiar, family-friendly activities we’re known for food vendors, autumn craft fair, pony rides, apple cider making, Fastest Kid in Town Race, pie eating and donut eating contests,



Submit your best apple pie to the pie contest at the Vermont Apple Festival Oct. 12. STOCK PHOTO

Springfield Farmer’s Market, and more. Trout River Brewery and Vermont Vines on the River will be joining us on the softball field, pouring beer and wine from noon to 4 p.m. for patrons 21 and older.

Are you a baker? Enter our pie contest. There will be cash prizes for best traditional and nontraditional pie.

Register your pie on the day of the event between 9-10:30 a.m. for judging at 1 p.m. Miss Vermont will be with us again as one of our judges. Each pie will become property of the Vermont Apple Festival and slices will be sold after prizes are awarded. Any type of apple pie may be entered. You must include a list of ingredients with your entry.

We are still accepting new sponsorships at this time. Please email [caitlin@springfieldvt.com](mailto:caitlin@springfieldvt.com) or call 802-885-2779 for more information.

## Celtic and world music, Four Shillings Short –

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – On Saturday, Oct. 5, from 7-9 p.m., Four Shillings Short is coming to the Mount Holly Town Library, 26 Maple Hill Rd.

The Celtic, folk, and world music duo of Aodh Og O’Tuama from Cork, Ireland and Christy Martin from

California, perform traditional and original music. “Eclectic and unpredictable are apt descriptions of this beguiling duo. Their repertoire joins together traditional Celtic tunes, Indian ragas and American mountain music into an intoxicating mash. Through their many albums and constant touring,

they’ve become known for thwarting listeners’ expectations and finding common ground in genres not often associated with one another,” says Connect Savannah.

Touring in the U.S. and Ireland since 1997, Four Shillings Short are independent folk-artists who perform over 100 concerts a year, have released

13 recordings, and live as full-time troubadours traveling from town to town performing at music festivals, theaters and performing arts centers, folk societies, libraries, house concerts, and schools.

For more information, go to [www.mounthollytownlibrary.wordpress.com](http://www.mounthollytownlibrary.wordpress.com) or call 802-259-3707.



Four Shillings Short.

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# golf news

## Valley League closes season, New England Craft Beer Open

WARREN, Vt. – The Valley League at Sugarbush Resort Golf Club wrapped up their season Wednesday, Sept. 18.

**Valley League final results:**  
 First – Don and Julie Murray, 36.5 points  
 Second – John Parsons and Matt Schwartz, 33.5 points  
 Third – Joe Kasper and Paul Javor, 33 points  
 Fourth – Sam and Doreen Palmisano, 32.5 points  
 Fifth – John Lacey and Matt Lillard, 29.5 points

Sixth – Bob Miller and Doug Reed, 27.5 points

There was a five-way tie for sixth place. The tiebreaker to determine the winner was based upon most points in the final week.

### New England Craft Beer Open

On Saturday, Sept. 28, Sugarbush Resort Golf Club will host the New England Craft Beer Open, starting at 10 a.m. The New England Craft Beer Open is a golf tournament for

craft beer lovers. The event starts with a scramble golf tournament, which includes craft beverage brands serving samples on a number of holes, prizes, games, and it concludes with a dinner reception.

All profits from the event go to support the Cystic Fibrosis Lifestyle Foundation. CFLF assists people living with Cystic Fibrosis in providing avenues toward healthy and active lifestyles through recreation, thereby empower-

ing and educating people with Cystic Fibrosis on the critical psychological, social, and emotional connections between their lifestyle and their health.

For more information or to register, go to [www.necraftbeeropen.com](http://www.necraftbeeropen.com). Sugarbush Resort Golf Club is located at 102 Forest Dr., Warren, Vt. For more information, go to [www.sugarbush.com/event/new-england-craft-beer-open](http://www.sugarbush.com/event/new-england-craft-beer-open).

## Okemo Valley Chamber Golf winners

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce recently hosted their annual Golf Tournament at Okemo Valley Golf Course in Ludlow. It was a glorious crisp fall afternoon of golf.

The winners of the tournament are:

- First place: Echo Lake Team – Peter Modisette, Derek Karner, Mark Huntley, Jim Nielson
- Second Place: Killarney Team – Mark Verespy, Joe Karl, Tom Knochenhauer, Matt Lamb
- Third Place: Imerys Team – Scott Riley, Derek Richards, Rick Hergt, Jason Judd, Art Randolph

A special thank you to Golf Committee members Gail Beardmore of Engel & Volkers and Andrea Thompson of ServPro for all their efforts. We also greatly appreciated Mike and his team from the OVGC

and Adrienne and her team from Willie Dunn's Grille for helping to make this a great event.

Thank you also to all our golf sponsors who helped to make this event possible. Hole-in-One Sponsor: Brown Enterprises. Title sponsors: Echo Lake Inn, Engel & Volkers – Okemo/Woodstock, Heritage Family Credit Union, Imerys Performance Additives.

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To learn more, go to [www.yourplaceinvermont.com/ovrcc-annual-golf-tournament-winners-thanks](http://www.yourplaceinvermont.com/ovrcc-annual-golf-tournament-winners-thanks).

## BF Country Club completes season

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Recently, the Gentlemen's League at the Bellows Falls Country Club completed their season.

### Palmer Division:

- Hardy Merrill, 57
- Paul Sackevich, 47
- Fran Stewart, 43
- Terry Keefe, 35
- Rich Demuzio, 32
- Jim Houghton, 26
- David Bertrand, 27
- Butch Stearns, 21
- Dibo Dibernardo, 10
- Bo Johnson, 5
- John Grant, 0

### Nicklaus Division:

- Don Garrow, 42

- Larry Bolaski, 38
- Carl Snide, 36
- John Williams, 33
- Gerry McAuliffe, 29
- Skip Brown, 28
- Mike Kangas, 26
- Henry Abbott, 27
- Robert Bailey, 23
- Steve Bouch, 6
- Norm Bartlett, 5

Bellows Falls Country Club is the nine-hole, must play jewel of southern Vermont, located at 12 Country Club Rd., Bellows Falls, Vt. For more information, call 802-463-9809 or go to [www.bellowsfallscountryclub.com](http://www.bellowsfallscountryclub.com).



## Golf scramble

CLAREMONT, N.H. – On Saturday, Oct. 12, the Charlestown Police Association will be hosting their golf scramble at Claremont Country Club, 53 Country Club Rd., rain or shine. Sign in at the club house at 12 p.m. with the tournament beginning at 1 p.m. Awards will be announced at 6 p.m. There will also be a Hole-in-One Jeep sponsored by Lambert's Auto Sales, a Closest to the Hole award, raffle items, a 50/50 raffle, and a barbecue. Register online on the Charlestown Police Department Facebook page or stop by the police department to pick up a registration form.

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## Sons of the American Legion 15th tournament

KILLINGTON, Vt. – On Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019, the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 36 Ludlow held their 15th annual golf tournament at Killington Golf Course in Killington, Vt. The overall winners shooting a 60 or 12 under par consisted of the team of Todd Sanderson, Carroll Sanderson, Phil Freedom, and Kevin Blanchard.

This year's tournament was a fundraiser to support our veterans and children both locally and within our beautiful state of Vermont. With the support of the 23 teams who participated in this year's tournament as well as our local sponsors, we were able to donate to these worthy causes. Other tournament winners: Kevin Blanchard for closest to the pin for the men, Amy Taylor for closest to the pin for the women, and Sylvia Jerome for closest to the line.

The Sons would like to

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Large two bedroom unfurnished apartment. Includes heat, water, trash, and snow removal. \$900. Call 802-734-2656 (10/15)

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Three bedroom apartment, \$1100/month, includes garage, snow and rubbish removal. No utilities included. Move in cost is first month rent and one month security deposit. No Pets. Call 802-296-1307. (10/08)

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – 1 BR Apt w/ updates & hardwood flrs. Includes washer/dryer, heat, trash P/U, snow rem. \$800 per month. Please no pets. 1st, last, security & references req'd. Call 802-376-4616. Available October 1st. (10/08)

LUDLOW, VT – 1 bedroom apartments at Gill Terrace Retirement Apts II for the elderly. Federally subsidized rent. Must meet income & eligibility requirements. Accepting applications for immediate occupancy & wait list. Call 1-800-496-9449. Equal Housing Opportunity. (10/01)

LUDLOW, Vt. – South Main Street (1) one bedroom and (1) two bedroom. Utilities included. Equal occupancy. Call 802-228-5403. (10/01)

## FOR SALE

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Student flute

Yamaha \$200 obo; Gemeinhardt flute \$100 obo; Ethan Allen tea cart antique white \$200 obo; Frigidaire refrigerator/freezer excellent condition \$200 obo; child's wooden highchair \$100 obo; Ethan Allen chair & ottoman \$200 obo. Buyer must pick up. Call 802-885-9191 (10/01)

WALPOLE, N.H. - Stingray two seat Go-Cart Chassis kit no motor. Never been used. Call 603-756-3010 (10/01)

## HELP WANTED

LUDLOW, Vt. - Teller. Heritage Family Credit Union has an open position to provide world class service to our Ludlow members. This position requires a high attention to detail and strong member service, communication, and interpersonal skills. Please visit [www.hfcvt.com](http://www.hfcvt.com) for more information and to apply. (10/15)

LUDLOW, Vt. – Slopeside Okemo Vacation Rentals now hiring housekeepers. FT Hourly (\$16+/hr) or Independent Contract Cleaners (\$25+/hr). Seasonal/

Permanent positions. Reliable vehicle/Driver's License/Insurance required. Contact 802-228-8999 for appointment or stayokemo@hotmail.com. EOE. (11/05)

ANDOVER, Vt. - Life Skills Aide (day support) needed in the Andover area for an amazing, fun, social man in his early 30s with a TBI and mobility limitations. Must have ability to help with home chores, meal prep, transportation, some personal care, and medication oversight. Must pass background checks and valid drivers license. Please email resume to [kellywillard.tbi@gmail.com](mailto:kellywillard.tbi@gmail.com). (10/08)

WINHALL, Vt. – Fall Foliage and Ski Seasons Housekeepers/Innkeeper helper. Part-time or full-time. Needed Immediately at Bromley View Inn. Apply by calling 802-297-1459 or email [info@bromleyviewinn.com](mailto:info@bromleyviewinn.com) EOE. (11/22)

BONDVILLE, Vt. – Ski/Bike Shop Manager - 3 years experience in specialty ski and bike rental environment, vast knowledge of ski, boot, binding, and bike technology. High quality customer service required. Quickbooks

experience helpful. Please send resume to [suzylapowell@gmail.com](mailto:suzylapowell@gmail.com). (10/01)

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Cheever fire is looking for fire technicians. Experience a plus or will train. Apply in person at 245 Rockingham St. Bellows Falls, Vt. (10/01)

LUDLOW, Vt. – Timber Inn Motel seeks housekeeper. Weekend and holiday mornings and more. Will train. \$14/hr to start. Call Glenn or stop by 802-228-8666. (10/01)

LUDLOW, Vt. – Office Manager, Fulltime/part-time. Experience

Ability to work well in a team environment is a must. Send resume and cover letter to: [reagentvt@gmail.com](mailto:reagentvt@gmail.com). (TFN)

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## ANSWERS TO TAKE A BREAK!

### Weekly SUDOKU

3	2	7	1	5	8	9	4	6
9	6	5	4	7	3	1	8	2
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4	5	8	3	2	7	6	1	9
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8	3	2	5	6	9	4	7	1
7	9	1	8	4	2	5	6	3

### King Crossword

Answers  
Solution time: 24 mins.

R	Y	E	S	N	U	B	D	I	S	C
O	E	R	T	A	P	E	U	N	T	O
S	A	G	O	D	O	R	S	T	U	D
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Open Studio Weekend 10/5 & 10/6 10 to 5, Featuring Photographer Richard Cofrancesco

Free Kids Drawing Comics Class with Emma Hunsinger 10/11 12:30 to 3:30

Cartooning Friday (for Adults) with Emma Hunsinger 10/11 4:30 to 6:30

Cartoon Workshop (for Adults) with Emma Hunsinger 10/19 10-3

Create a Memory Box Assemblage with Sloane Dawson 10/26 9:30 to 2:30

Dance of Color Open Wall Show 10/23 to 12/27

(10/01/19)

## bakery

### CROWS BAKERY & OPERA HOUSE CAFE

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## masonry

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## painting

### RALPH'S PAINTING

Interior & Exterior painting, power washing, decks, and roofs. 30+ years experience. Fully Insured. 18 Pleasant St. Ext. Ludlow, VT. 802-975-0356 or 802-738-5282. (11/22/19)

# calendar

## LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

### CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**MONDAYS –**  
BElLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center Knit and Stitch group meets Mondays at 9 a.m. They can help you finish a project, repair an item, and even take on special projects. The group is happy to donate Knitted Knockers to breast

cancer survivors. Stop by and ask for Betty for more information. Call 802-463-3907.

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Neighborhood Connections is offering a six-week beginner Tai Chi class Mondays, from Sept. 9 through Oct. 14, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tai Chi is beneficial for all ages and lessens risk of falls by improving balance. Please

call 802-824-4343 to reserve your spot.

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Senior Solutions continues its Tai Chi for Fall Prevention class in the Great Hall, 100 River St. on Mondays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tai Chi not only helps

to lower the risk of falling but also improves concentration, leg strength, balance and coordination and reduces joint pain and stress. Come join us - it's

fun and it's free!

**TUESDAYS –**  
BElLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Come try Senior Safe Tai Chi Tuesdays at 11 a.m. in the top floor meeting room of the Rockingham Library. Better balance, mindful movement, and fall prevention are just a few of tai chi's benefits. This program is free and open to the public. Located at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls and wheelchair accessible. For more information, visit [www.rockinghamlibrary.org](http://www.rockinghamlibrary.org).

BElLOWS FALLS, Vt. – River Voices Poetry meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Subway, 65 Square in Bellows Falls. All poets welcome. Discussion covers of all aspects of

the poem. Call 802-463-2204.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – On Tuesdays, from 4:30-6 p.m., Grace Cottage offers yoga in the Viniyoga tradition with Crystal Mansfield. Participants build strength, balance, and endurance as they move through basic postures in fluid motion with coordinated breath work. Students of all ability levels are welcome. Mats and blocks provided. Classes are held at Heins Building, 133 Grafton Rd., Townshend. For more information, call 802-365-3649 or go to [www.gracecottage.org](http://www.gracecottage.org).

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Healthy Aging Educational Series offered every other Tuesday, from Oct. 1 to Nov. 26, from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. at Grace Cottage Hospital. Free, five-session Healthy Aging educational series for women 50+. The informal meetings will focus on matters of the mind, body, and spirit. Lectures and presentations will be followed by group discussion. Meetings will be held in the Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center. Class size is limited. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, email Deb at [dbrown@gracecottage.org](mailto:dbrown@gracecottage.org) or call 802-365-3640.

WINDHAM, Vt. – On Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m., join Pauline O'Brien for Zumba Gold classes at Windham Elementary School. These classes are structured for the active

45-plus crowd. Zumba Gold recreates all the original zumba moves at a lower-intensity in an easy-to-follow format. Come prepared to sweat, and leave feeling strong and empowered. For more information, email [paulineblakeob@outlook.com](mailto:paulineblakeob@outlook.com) or call 802-376-5397.

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BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – On four consecutive Wednesdays, Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, and 9, from 6-7:30 p.m., Brattleboro Area Hospice will host "Sick Body-Healthy Mind" at Brattleboro Area Hospice, 191 Canal St. This is a free, four-week book discussion group based on Cheryl Wilfong's book "Breast Cancer Meets Mindfulness: Surrendering to Life." This discussion is for people learning to live fully with a serious illness or a significant loss. Class size is limited to 12. Sign up by contacting Hilary at 802-257-0775 ext. 105.

CHESTER, Vt. – Liza Eaton, founder of Buddhaful Yoga, will be offering a Gentle Flow Kundalini Yoga class

for beginners every Wednesday 9:30-11 a.m. You will be encouraged to go at your own pace and listen to your body. Held at the Fullerton Inn on the Chester Green. For more information, visit [www.buddhafulyoga.com](http://www.buddhafulyoga.com) or call 802-875-2868.

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

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Wednesdays, from 1-2 p.m., there is a Chair Yoga class at Grace Cottage Wellness Center, 133 Grafton Rd. Beginners to yoga are welcome as is anyone with limited flexibility or an inability to practice on the floor. Students will flow through an eclectic blend of seated and standing poses while incorporating breathing techniques into their movements. Class is led by Rebecca Griswold. For more information, call 802-365-3649 or go to [www.gracecottage.org](http://www.gracecottage.org).

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

CHESTER, Vt. – Strength-building chair yoga class with Liz Eaton, 9:30-10:35 a.m., Fullerton Inn, Main Street, Chester. This is a strength building yoga class in the hatha tradition for anyone looking to build bone density, physical strength, flexibility, and endurance. Come as you are and do what you can. Use a chair, yoga mat, or both! Drop in anytime or purchase a few classes at once. No experience necessary. For details, contact 802-875-2868, [eaton.liza@gmail.com](mailto:eaton.liza@gmail.com), or [www.buddhafulyoga.com](http://www.buddhafulyoga.com).

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

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – From 7 to 8 p.m. Thursdays, join a Tai Chi beginners' class at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Proctorsville. This is a soft, grounding practice

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

The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at the Twitchell Building Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT for a Public Hearing on the following Application:

**Application 2019-40 by Daniel and Patricia Finkelman for review and approval of land development** (structural alteration to existing garage attached to existing single-family dwelling) located at 543 Mountain Lake Road on Parcel 019010.131 being a lot without frontage on a public road that requires DRB approval per Zoning Bylaw Section 402(A).

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

Posted and distributed September 23, 2019



The Town of Rockingham/Village of Bellows Falls has lots going on! Please visit our website at [rockbf.org](http://rockbf.org) to view our following Requests for Proposals (RFP's).

#### Heating Fuel and Propane RFP

Contact Everett Hammond, Public Works Director, Town of Rockingham for a copy of the RFP at 802-463-3964 ext 1116 or it can be obtained on line at [rockbf.org](http://rockbf.org) under the "Bids/Request for Proposals" tab. Interested bidders are asked to submit sealed proposals, clearly marked "HEATING FUEL AND PROPANE RFP", no later than 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

#### Banking RFP

Contact Shannon Burbela, Finance Director, Town of Rockingham for a copy of the RFP at 802-463-3964 ext 1111 or it can be obtained on line at [rockbf.org](http://rockbf.org) under the "Bids/Request for Proposals" tab. Interested bidders are asked to submit sealed proposals, clearly marked "BANKING RFP", no later than 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 25, 2019.

#### Title Search RFP

Contact Shannon Burbela, Finance Director, Town of Rockingham for a copy of the RFP at 802-463-3964 ext 1111 or it can be obtained on line at [rockbf.org](http://rockbf.org) under the "Bids/Request for Proposals" tab. Interested bidders are asked to submit sealed proposals, clearly marked "TITLE SEARCH RFP", no later than 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 4, 2019.



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**Production Supervisor**  
[wblake.com/company/careers](http://wblake.com/company/careers)  
APPLY AT: [humanresource@wblake.com](mailto:humanresource@wblake.com)

The Production Supervisor provides hands-on direction to manufacturing work teams to achieve timely execution of daily production goals. The position ensures that production jobs run as planned, within quality criteria, at standard times or better. This shall be accomplished by partnering with engineering, quality assurance, and maintenance regarding resolution to tooling, equipment, and processing challenges.

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**Mill Operator** - This position operates packaging equipment, including hauling product away from the packaging station, performs general cleanup throughout the plant and the surrounding property. Performs other duties related to loading and shipping to accomplish a safe and efficient operation. (2nd and 3rd Shifts available). Position starts at \$19.20 per hour, after successfully completing probationary period wage increases to \$21.33.

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- be flexible
- 1 or more years of experience in a coaching setting is desired.
- Must complete and clear expanded criminal history background check.

These are a part-time positions.

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Todd Parah  
Athletic Director  
Green Mountain Union High School  
716 VT Route 103 South  
Chester, VT 05143

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# calendar

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

**FRIDAYS – TOWNSHEND, Vt. –** New Tai Chi for Fall Prevention six-week class series offered Fridays, from 9-10 a.m., at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, 133 Grafton Rd. Classes focus on developing balance and flexibility. Certified Instructor Ruth Fleming is a physical therapist at Grace Cottage. These classes are free. For more information, call 802-365-3649 or go to www.gracecottage.org.

**TOWNSHEND, Vt. –** Fridays, from 3:30-4:30 p.m., enjoy yoga in the Hatha tradition. This class takes participants through a series of standard yoga poses with coordinated breathing exercises for the benefit of mind, body, and spirit. Mats and blocks provided. Registered yoga teacher Rebecca Griswold is a physical therapy assistant at Grace Cottage. Classes are held at Heins Building, 133 Grafton Rd., Townshend. For more information, call 802-365-3649 or go to www.gracecottage.org.

**SATURDAYS – PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. –** Enjoy weekly yoga classes at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Proctorsville Saturdays at 9 a.m. All-level classes designed to improve core strength and balance, stretch and strengthen muscles, and promote a sense of well-being.

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

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

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

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

**TOWNSHEND, Vt. –** Strong Bones ongoing classes offered Mondays and Wednesdays from

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

## CLUBS

**MONDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** Springfield Community Chorus rehearsals are 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 Mark Huntley at ludlowrotary@gmail.com.

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

**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.

**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.

**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 every Sunday, from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at Squadron Headquarters, 13 Airport Rd., N. Springfield. Cadets ages 12-plus at these meetings go through indoor and outdoor classes learning about becoming a ground team member. For further information, contact Captain Williams 802-886-8199 or the squadron at 802-558-5571.

## COMMUNITY MEALS

**SEPT. 26 – LONDONDERRY, Vt. –** Second Congregational Church, UCC, of Londonderry will be hosting a community lunch Thursday, Sept. 26 at

noon for residents of the mountain towns. The meal will be held in the church's Friendship Room. The meals are free; donations are welcomed. The menu includes Yankee pot roast, mashed potatoes, carrots, rolls and apple butter, apple cake and cream. For details, email Mdale242@gmail.com or call 802-824-6564.

**SEPT. 28 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** The United Methodist Church Johnny Appleseed Chicken BBQ & Apple Pie Sale will be Saturday, Sept. 28 at 10 Valley St., Springfield. The BBQ will start at 11

a.m. and go until the chicken is sold out. The menu is half chicken, coleslaw, homemade baked beans, and an apple dessert.

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

## EVENTS

**SEPT. 26 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –** The Rockingham Vermont Democratic Town Committee will hold its Caucus and Reorganization meeting

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# calendar

## EVENTS CONT.

### SEPT. 26 CONT.

Thursday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. at Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls. After comments by Representatives Carolyn Partridge and Matt Trieber, the caucus will be called to order to elect all members who declare themselves to be Democrats living in the town of Rockingham to the Caucus. Afterwards officers will be elected. Delegates will be elected to the Windham County Committee.

### SEPT. 27 –

WINDSOR, Vt. – Join us for Science Night Friday, Sept. 27, from 7-9 p.m., at the Windsor Farmer's Exchange on Depot Street in Windsor. At Science Night we bring together scientists from different backgrounds and disciplines to talk about a common theme in a way that is accessible to everyone.

### SEPT. 28 –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Fall Flea Market and Yard Sale Saturday, Sept.

28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, 21 Fairground Rd. in Springfield. For details, email [uuspringfieldvt@gmail.com](mailto:uuspringfieldvt@gmail.com).

### SEPT. 28 & 29 –

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Revolutionary War Weekend at Fort at No. 4 Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 28 and 29, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The armies of Great Britain and the colonies will meet on the field of battle to determine who will rule the colonies in North America. Live battles, demonstrations, sutlers, and food vendors will make this an event that you won't forget.

GRAFTON, Vt. – Enjoy the Fairy House Festival Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 28 and 29, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Nature Museum in Grafton. Follow a Vermont woodland path sprinkled with charming fairy houses for an enchanting experience of the natural world. Crafts for all ages, face painting, bubbles, costumes, and a lasting sense of wonder for the fall season. For tickets and information, visit [www.nature-museum.org](http://www.nature-museum.org).

### SEPT. 28 & 29 –

WALPOLE, N.H. – Fall Rummage and Food Sale at the First Congregational Church in Walpole on Friday, Oct. 4, from 4 - 6 p.m., and Saturday, Oct.

5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Good quality fall and winter clothing, household and tag sale items. Our popular bag sale starts at 11 a.m. on Saturday. Delicious items at our food table on Saturday only.

### SEPT. 5 –

WINDSOR, Vt. – Come to the Autumn Moon Festival Saturday, Oct. 5, from 4-9 p.m., in downtown Windsor. Enjoy music, food, street performers, crafts, kid zone, games, rides, bounce houses, and more.

### CHESTER, Vt. –

Gassetts Grange is proud to announce the grand reopening of our hall for our Square Dance and Round Saturday, Oct. 5, from 7-10 p.m. Our Grange Hall is located five miles north of Chester on Route 103. We ask a door donation. Refreshments will be on sale in kitchen. There will be a 50/50 drawing with tickets on sale at the door. Lots of fun and everyone is welcome.

### SEPT. 5 & 6 –

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Women of the Fort Weekend at Fort at No. 4 in Charlestown Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5 and 6, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This is a living history weekend dedicated to the lives of women of the Colonial period.

### SEPT. 6 –

CAVENDISH, Vt. – Paint & Munch Sunday, Oct. 6

at 1 p.m. at the Fletcher Community Library. Only 20 seats available. Menu includes sweet potato guacamole bites; apple, cheese, and cracker board; pumpkin pie cupcakes; chocolate and peanut butter snack mix; goat cheese pesto tartlets; cranberry meatballs; roasted veggie platter; and cider, soda, tea, coffee, and water. Call 802-226-7503 with any questions or to reserve. All reservations must be paid in advance.

### ALSTEAD, N.H. –

Colts and Fillies 4-H Club Fall Horse Show Sunday, Oct. 6, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at Millot Green in Alstead. A fun, open horse show competition. Enjoy our refreshments and continue to celebrate Alstead's public horse riding ring. New this fall is Hunter Division. Lots of prizes. Find us on Facebook @ coltsandfillies4h.

### THURSDAYS –

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

### WESTMINSTER, Vt. –

Bingo at Compass School

on the last Thursday of the month, 7892 Route 5 in Westminster.

CHESTER, Vt. – Gassetts Grange is holding Bingo every Thursday from 6:30- 8:30 p.m. at their renovated grange building on Route 103 in Chester.

## KIDS' CORNER

### SEPT. 4 –

GRAFTON, Vt. – Mighty Acorns Preschool Explorers Club: Autumn Learning Adventures on Friday, Oct. 4, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at The Nature Museum in Grafton. Come learn about why fall is a special time for the many plants, animals, and humans who call Vermont home. Be ready to take an adventure into the fall forest where we'll explore and discover with new eyes. At the end, we'll share about our experience as we sip on some yummy local apple cider. Learn more and register at [www.nature-museum.org](http://www.nature-museum.org).

## LIBRARIES

### SEPT. 26 –

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Fletcher Memorial Library will host a book discussion Thursday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. to discuss the book "Before We Were Yours." Copies of the book are available at the library. For more information, call 802-228-8921 or check

out [www.fmlnews.org](http://www.fmlnews.org).

### SEPT. 2 –

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – A free workshop on how to complete an Advance Directive will be offered Wednesday, Oct. 2, from 6-7 p.m., at Rockingham Library. Hosted by Brattleboro Area Hospice and Bayada Hospice. Thinking and talking about advance care planning while healthy can make decision-making easier in a medical crisis. Please call Anne Dempsey at Rockingham Library to RSVP at 802-463-4270 or email [programming@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org). This event is free and open to the public.

### SEPT. 5 –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Conservation for Kids at Springfield Town Library on Oct. 5 at 11 a.m. Vermont Energy Education Program teacher Julian Leon teams up with Springfield author Erin Rounds for a reading of "Where's Winter" and activities to empower kids on how they can help the planet. This program is geared towards youth ages 5 through 8. Let us know you are coming by giving us a call at 802-885-3108 or find the event page on Facebook.

### 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

### SEPT. 5 –

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Celtic & World music concert with Four Shillings Short Saturday, Oct. 5, from 7 - 9 p.m., at Mount Holly Town Library, 26 Maple Hill Rd. in Belmont. The Celtic, folk, world music duo Four Shillings Short are Aodh O' Tuama from Cork, Ireland and Christy Martin from California. They perform traditional and original music.

### TUESDAYS –

WOODSTOCK, Vt. – The Freelance Family Singers of Woodstock began holiday concert rehearsals Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. If you enjoy singing, join us. There are no auditions. Rehearsals are at the First Congregational Church of Woodstock, 36 Elm St. Tuesdays, from 7-9 p.m. There is a participation fee. The holiday concerts are scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. For more information, contact Ellen at 802-457-3980.



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