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Out of Darkness suicide awareness walk a success

BY BILL LOCKWOOD

The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The fifth annual Out of Darkness suicide awareness walk of the Springfield Chapter of the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention on the town's Toonerville Trail was again well attended by survivors and supporters the morning of Saturday, Sept. 28. Walkers from the surrounding area came to walk a mile and a half of the trail and back to raise funds from sponsors and to raise awareness of this serious issue in our society.

Heather Jarvis, chairman of the local chapter, announced after the sign-in that just short of their \$10,000 goal had been raised. The money funds a number of area outreach and prevention programs.

The survivors who walked were related in various ways to those they were walking for.

Colored beaded necklaces were distributed, the colors indicating the relationships, a child, a relative, or friend, etc. The parents of Sherry Lee Wilkins, who they lost in 1985, turned out for the first time. Walter Wilkins said, "I kept saying I was going to do it. So I'm here."

Mark Cohen was walking for two friends he lost at separate times. Both were in their 20s. He observed, "It's a really nice, good turn out."

Terri Smith and her husband Wade walked for a co-worker who lost her brother. Terri said, "We're here to walk and support her."

This writer came for his nephew, Earl Grennan, lost at age 22 spring a year ago. In formal remarks before the walk, area director of the AFSP, Heather White noted, "We didn't ask for this, it found us."

Following the formal remarks, Pat Daddona, a sing-



Heather Jarvis, Springfield chapter director, speaking before the walk. Behind her on the left is Heather White, area director, and survivors variously related to victims of suicide.

PHOTO BY BILL LOCKWOOD

er-songwriter from Chester, sang an original composition, "Through It All" that was very appropriate to the day.

Jarvis says suicide is now the eighth leading cause of death in

Vermont with this state being 19th in the nation in per capita suicide rate. White noted it is the only leading cause of death currently on the rise.

Jarvis says, "Next year, our

hope is to expand our outreach to include more programs that offer support and coping skills for those affected by suicide." She said she was particularly excited that they had a representative from the Veterans Administration at this year's event.

Thea Schlieben of the VA said this is a major problem among veterans and that nationally 20 die a day by suicide. Other resource providers represented were Turning Point. Director Michael Johnson said, "We're in this together, and together we can make a difference."

Melinda Lapine added, "We've got a lot of good things going on." She noted their recovery center, noncom training, housing support, and recovery coaches working in hospital emergency rooms.

Chris Lievens represented The Space, the new teen center in Springfield. He noted that a recent survey showed 65% of

students don't feel connected. He feels his program, which came from kids' desire to have a space of their own, can help cover the 3 to 8 p.m. time of high risk behaviors after school. Jarvis says she is hoping to be working closely with them as well as increasing outreach to schools.

Stacy Garcidealba of the United Way 211 phone service said they are "here to help Vermonters get connected to human resources."

Ed Merrill of the Vermont Department of labor's Workforce Development Program and Ashley Dailey of Vermont Adult Learning were also there providing information. Dailey said they "want to let people know we're here, and we want to help."

The Suicide Hotline is 800-273-8255, and the AFSP can be reached at www.afsp.org.

Union Street School students petition for morning recess —

BY JOE MILLIKEN

The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Some forward thinking third, fourth, and fifth grade students from Union Street School recently submitted a petition to the Superintendent, Dr. Zach McLaughlin, and the Springfield School Board in hopes of getting reinstated their morning recess period before the start of school each day.

Starting at the beginning of this school year, students are no longer allowed to participate in recess before school; instead, students must report to the school gymnasium and wait for their teacher to arrive and collect them to start the day. One of the reasons behind the deci-

sion revolves around helping those students who do not eat breakfast at their home before school.

Three students, who were representing their classmates, requested a meeting with the school principal, Philip Trejo, to discuss the reasons why their morning recess was being taken away and why they disagree with the decision.

"There were a number of reasons given for why the morning recess was taken away," one parent of a Union Street School student said. "One of the reasons the girls were told in a meeting with the principal that it was unprofessional."

The Sept. 17 meeting took place at the Springfield High School to discuss the issue,

which was attended by three fifth graders and their parents, Superintendent McLaughlin, Principal Trejo, and School Board members. The students presented a letter dubbed "Project Playground" and expressed their concern and reasons why recess should be reinstated into the daily school program.

The three students, Harper Palmer, Millie Allen, and Sophia Liharsh, submitted a letter to Mr. Trejo expressing their disappointment over morning recess being eliminated. Also included with the letter was a petition signed by over 30 students at the school.

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Apple harvesting time at Kurn Hattin —

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Every September and October, science teacher Tom Fontaine takes his students to pick apples from trees that were planted in the '90s by several of his classes with Real Bazin, Kurn Hattin's farm manager.

Kurn Hattin has an orchard of 80 trees with 10-15 varieties of apples. After apple picking, the children work with Mr. Bazin and make cider. Apples at Kurn Hattin are also used for meals, snacks, cooking, baking, and best of all taste testing. This is a wonderful tradition that offers students a hands-on learning



Kurn Hattin students enjoy picking and eating apples.

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opportunity. "The students gain a small understanding of one of Vermont's best kept secrets, apples!" said Tom.

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Springfield native serves with the U.S. Navy's "Silent Service" in Guam

SANTA RITA, GUAM – A 1999 Springfield High School graduate and Springfield, Vt., native is serving with the U.S. Navy at the Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific Detachment in Guam.

Chief Petty Officer John Martin is a Pacific Fleet nuclear instructor and operates a Los Angeles class submarine nuclear reactor plant simulator facilitating life-like training scenarios to sailors in, or temporary deployed to, Naval base Guam.

Martin credits success in the Navy to many of the lessons learned in Springfield. "I was taught to be open and accepting of other cultures and beliefs," Martin said. "This has aided me in both respecting other people I have met while in the service, as well as opening my mind to accept learning about their way

of life."

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Chief Petty Officer John Martin. PHOTO PROVIDED

Poe, Commodore, Submarine Squadron 15. "It's spectacular the work our sailors do. We ask a lot of them and they always meet the challenge."

According to Navy officials, because of the demanding environment aboard submarines, personnel are accepted only after rigorous testing and observation. Submariners are some of the most highly-trained and skilled people in the Navy. Regardless of their specialty, everyone has to learn how everything on the ship works and how to respond in emergencies to become "qualified in submarines" and earn the right to wear the coveted gold or silver dolphins on their uniform.

"The island of Guam is an important strategic asset to the United States," Martin said. "It is rewarding knowing that my training is impactful to sailors stationed here."

According to officials at the U.S. Navy's Pacific Fleet headquarters in Pearl Harbor, Ha-

waii, the ships, submarines, aircraft, and Navy personnel forward-deployed to Guam are part of the world's largest fleet command and serve in a region critical to U.S. national security. The U.S. Pacific Fleet encompasses 100 million square miles, nearly half the Earth's surface, from Antarctica to the Arctic Circle and from the West Coast of the United States into the Indian Ocean. All told, there are more than 200 ships and submarines, nearly 1,200 aircraft, and more than 130,000 uniformed and civilian personnel serving in the Pacific.

Though there are many ways for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community, and career, Martin is most proud of achieving the rank of chief petty officer in the U.S. Navy. "The rank of chief petty

officer is equivalent to the other military branch's E-7 paygrade but the transition is much more pronounced," Martin said.

Serving in the Navy means Martin is part of a world that is taking on new importance in America's focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances, and reforming business practices in support of the National Defense Strategy.

"Our priorities center on people, capabilities and processes, and will be achieved by our focus on speed, value, results and partnerships," said Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer. "Readiness, lethality and modernization are the requirements driving these priorities."

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied upon

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Nina Nichy is Senior of the Year

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Nina Nichy has been voted Senior of the Year at the Bellows Falls Area Senior Center annual picnic. Nina, who is 94 years young, volunteers at the center five days a week, cleaning and setting tables for our congregate lunch. When she is not working, you can usually find her playing cards. Congratulations, Nina!

The Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire will be holding a flu shot clinic Friday, Oct. 11, from 1-3 p.m. The flu vaccination is free for individuals with Medicare Part B insurance.



BFASC Board President Hugh Haggerty presenting Nina Nichy with the Senior of the Year award.

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The senior center is hosting an AARP Driver Safety Course Wednesday, Nov. 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Space for this course is limited, and you can reserve your spot with payment. Cars have changed. So have traffic rules, driving conditions, and the roads we travel every day. Some drivers have never looked back since they got their first driver's license, but even the most experienced drivers can benefit from brushing up on their driving skills. By taking a driver safety course, they

will learn the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques, and how to operate their vehicles more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment. Lunch will be available for purchase at

the senior center, or you can bring your own.

Our next trip to MGM Springfield will be Thursday, Nov. 13. The senior center van leaves at 9 a.m.

We have a very exciting raffle coming up just in time for the holidays. Our Knit & Stitch group has put together an amazing doll set for one lucky winner. Winner will receive an 18-inch doll, handmade wooden bed, complete handmade wardrobe, a wheelchair, handmade blankets, doll-sized stuffed animals, and a handmade bag to keep all her clothes in as well. Tickets can be purchased at the senior center. Winner will be drawn Saturday, Dec. 7 at our Holiday Bazaar. The doll will be displayed at

Our Gym in the square if you would like to check it out in person.

Tai Chi for Fall Prevention class will be a start-up class for beginners Friday, from 9-9:45 a.m. Tai Chi has ancient origins and is about slow movements and deep breathing. It can help build strength and improve balance. Movements are gentle and suitable for all abilities. Group is ongoing and newcomers are welcome to drop in any time to see what we do.

Tai Chi Level II will be held Thursday, from 12:15-1 p.m. Contact Susan at 802-376-5173 if you need more information.

The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center is open to local seniors aged 50 and over. We do not charge membership fees so feel free to drop in and check us out. We serve a hot lunch Monday through Friday starting at 11:30 a.m. The senior center is located at 18 Tuttle St. in Bellows Falls. We offer accessibility in the forms of a lift and ramps, and we have plenty of free parking. For more information, call 802-463-3907.



Balance screenings for fall prevention

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Health & Rehab Center by Genesis offers free balance screenings for the residents of the Springfield Hueber and Whitcomb buildings annually during Fall Prevention Month in September. This is part of the center's monthly education series offering to the senior independent living centers. The center therapy staff screen the patients on a series of tasks to determine their fall risk level. The residents are given results to share with their primary physician. Pictured is physical therapy assistant Erin Squire with Whitcomb building resident, Annette Napsey, completing her annual balance screening.

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SAPA TV to premiere film at their annual meeting

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – SAPA TV, the Springfield area's public access TV station, invites members of the community to its annual meeting Oct. 10 in the Springfield High School cafeteria. There will be a free dinner at 5 p.m., followed by the station's annual meeting at 6

p.m. Immediately following the meeting, SAPA will premiere a documentary showcasing the station's first 20 years on the air.

The film, "Thank You Citizens for Watching," features interviews with the citizens of Springfield and surrounding towns who have made local television at SAPA TV possible. You are invited to learn about public access TV's past, what it has meant to the greater Springfield community, and what its future might be.



SAPA TV will be premiering their documentary.

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assets, Martin and other sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their

lifetimes, one that will provide a critical component of the Navy the nation needs.

"Joining the Navy, and being active duty for the last 20 years, has been the most impactful decision in my life," Martin said.

"My service has allowed me to reside in many different states and countries, visit numerous destinations around the globe, and serve with countless capable, intelligent, and interesting people."

Written by mass communication specialist 1st Class David Wycaver, Navy Office of Community Outreach.

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RECESS

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"The parents of all three students, Millie, Sophia, and Harper, were present at the meeting including one father who is also a School Board member," the parent said. "A member of the Springfield Schools PTA was also present and spoke in support of the petition. Also, Frank Zezza, a volunteer at Union Street School, spoke to the scientific date that backs the importance of unstructured play for children. In all there were some 30 people present at the meeting to support the students."

The letter expressed their disappointment over the fact that the students will be required to report to the gym each morning before school when in the past, they have been allowed to play soccer or kickball on the playground before the bell rings to start the school day.

"The show of support was fabulous! The board recognized the fact by acknowledging the turnout for the meeting. One school board member was prepared with a motion to require the superintendent to reinstate recess and to provide the board with a full report explaining the history behind the changes."

At the time of publication, Superintendent MacLaughlin was going to make a final decision after speaking with other parents and school board members. It was reported that Principal Trejo had resigned from his position.

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Principal steps down amid parent complaints

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield School District has announced the replacement of Philip Trejo as principal at Union Street School following complaints, past and recent, from parents, teachers and even school board members about his management style and lack of communication with the school community.

Springfield Superintendent Zach McLaughlin posted on the district website Thursday that Trejo had tendered his resignation following a discussion with McLaughlin and the school board. Assistant Superintendent David Cohn will serve as the acting principal, in collaboration with Dean of Students Elizabeth Murphy, to provide leadership for the building.

The resignation comes three days after a parent alleged that, on Sept. 18, Trejo grabbed her

10-year-old son by the arm and berated him in front of the student body.

The parent asked that she and her son not be named to protect her son's privacy. The parent shared a copy of her letter to the school board, dated Monday, Sept. 23, which described the incident and her concern.

According to the parent, her son and his friend were playing with a stuffed animal in the auditorium prior to the first school bell when Trejo intervened. The mother said her son told her that Trejo grabbed him by the arm and loudly scolded him, which included critical remarks about the boy's family. Jodi Palmisano, a Springfield parent, said that her 11-year-old son was playing with the boy and witnessed the incident.

According to Palmisano, her son said the boy was playfully

hitting him over the head with the stuffed animal and that her son was laughing. Palmisano's son also recalled Trejo allegedly saying that the boy's parents didn't raise him properly.

In her letter to board members, the parent said that she spoke to Trejo later that day. The woman claimed Trejo recalled "correcting a boy and a girl hitting each other over the head with a stuffed animal" but denied putting his hands on her son.

The woman said she was surprised that Trejo did not remember the gender of the other child, or that Trejo still didn't know her son's name.

"He didn't even know who my son was," the woman said. "He reported to me that he had to look up my son's picture in the student directory."

Concerns about Trejo's interpersonal interactions also date

back to last year, shortly after he became principal.

Three former teachers and staff members – including former Union Street school nurse Nicole Buser, who worked at Union Street from 2014 to 2019 – said in interviews this week that the teachers union conducted a survey of the faculty and staff in December 2018 because they were concerned about Trejo's verbal treatment of faculty and staff. Survey comments concerning Trejo, along with recommendations for improvement, were compiled and shared with Trejo and the superintendent.

Buser also said that, prior to leaving the district, she reported her personal concerns about Trejo's conduct to the superintendent's office, school board member Jeanice Garfield, and the Vermont Department for Children and Families.

The concerns described by Buser and the two teachers, who asked to remain anonymous, do not describe unlawful conduct, but a managerial and interpersonal style they believed had a detrimental effect on relationships and educational performances in the school.

School families also criticized Trejo at a school board meeting on Sept. 17 over Trejo's decision to do away with morning recess. Adults, including board member Steve Karaffa and PTA member Mary Krueger, were upset that Trejo did not mention the schedule change when asked for updates at the last PTA meeting.

"It's surprising to me not to have been made aware of something that is critical to our children," Krueger said.

"I found out on Facebook about this," Karaffa said. "I

should have found out sooner as a board member."

McLaughlin said on Thursday that the district is still working to finalize the plan for the remainder of the year and will communicate those details soon.

In closing his announcement, McLaughlin said that, despite the transition, the staff at Union Street is ready to ensure a successful year for the students.

"We will deliver on our district's mission to provide students with effective academic and social-emotional learning in schools with a positive culture that are supported by the community," McLaughlin wrote.

Trejo did not respond to requests for comment.

Written by Patrick Adrian, Eagle Times.

Springfield Rotary Penny Sale coming up Oct. 19

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The 67th annual Springfield Rotary Club Penny Sale is coming up Saturday, Oct. 19 at Riverside Middle School in Springfield, starting at 6 p.m. As always, there will be over 300 prizes available.

The culmination of the annual Penny Sale is the drawing for the grand prize of \$5,000 in cash! In addition, there will be a door prize winner selected from the grand prize tickets, for \$500 in cash to someone who is present at the Penny Sale. You can purchase your grand prize tickets in advance of the Penny Sale from any Springfield Rotarian.

Over 300 prizes will be available, and it still costs just a penny per prize to participate in

the Penny Sale. The penny chance has always remained the same, even though the value of the prizes increases each year. You may donate as many pennies as you wish; for each dollar donation you receive 100 chances. All of the Penny Sale proceeds are given back to worthy community projects and organizations. Springfield Rotarians volunteer all of their work on the Penny Sale and greatly appreciate the many donations of products and services from area businesses.

The Springfield Rotary Club has raised over \$565,000 since the inception of the Penny Sale. The club awards \$6,000 a year to Springfield High School seniors who are going to college. The

total scholarships donations resulting from the Penny Sale is now over \$205,000.

Rotary International is an international service organization with over one million members in over 200 countries. The Springfield Rotary Club currently has over 30 members.

The 67th Springfield Rotary Penny Sale will be held Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019 at Riverside Middle School on Route 11 in Springfield, Vt. Doors will open at 5 p.m., with the event starting at 6 p.m. The evening culminates in the drawing for the grand prize. Grand prize tickets are currently available from any Springfield Rotary Club member.

Christmas Under the Tent at CAFC

CHESTER, Vt. – On Saturday, Oct. 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Chester-Andover Family Center will hold their fourth annual Christmas Under the Tent sale. Holiday items for decorating, entertaining, and gift giving will be available. We will also be offering our famous bake sale.

To entertain the children while parents are shopping, we will have a reading area with free books. From 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., we will be serving a free hot dog lunch to thank CAFC customers, volunteers, and Christmas Under the Tent shoppers.

This is a great time check out our thrift shop. The Family Center is a nonprofit, volunteer run organization. Proceeds

from our thrift shop and this special sale support our food shelf and Financial Assistance Program for residents struggling to make ends meet. Shopping with us Oct. 12 will help us raise funds to support CAFC

programs that contribute to the well-being of our community.

The Chester-Andover Family Center is located at 908 Route 103 South in Chester, Vt.

Tyson Taft named director of plant operations at Mt. Ascutney Hospital

WINDSOR, Vt. – Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center has announced the appointment of Tyson Taft to the position of director of plant operations. Taft succeeds Joseph Martaniuk, who directed plant operations for the previous 25 years.

In his new role, Taft becomes a member of the organizational leadership team



Tyson Taft named director of plant operations at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center.

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Women's Health Space

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – As of Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2019, Springfield Hospital opened its newly renovated Women's Health Office space located on Level D at Springfield Hospital, 25 Ridgewood Rd., Springfield, Vt. Board-certified physicians Kara Pitt, M.D., Simon Solano, M.D., and Wendy Conway, M.D., are now serving new and previously established gynecology patients at this new location. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments can be made by calling 802-885-7561.

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Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society Blessing of the Animals and Fall Open House



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W. WINDSOR, Vt. – All animals, large and small, along with their human companions are invited to attend the Blessing of the Animals and Fall Open House Saturday, Oct. 5 at Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society, located at 4832 Route 44 in West Windsor, Vt.

The Fall Open House festivities will begin at 12 p.m. with the Blessing of the Animals ceremony beginning at 1 p.m.

Since 1228, in Catholicism, Oct. 4 has been recognized as the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, and is a time to reflect on the animals with whom we share this world and our involvement with them. Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society and representatives of local houses of worship will keep this long-standing tradition alive by hosting an interfaith service to celebrate the bonds of animals and people.

Representatives from the Old South Congregational Church in Windsor, Rachel Harlow UMC in Windsor, First Congregational Church United Church of Christ in Hartland, retired Pastor Margo Marrone, and Brownsville Community Church in Brownsville will participate. Rev. Christian Huebner, pastor of the Brownsville Community Church, will lead the ceremony. Light refreshments will follow.

If you think a crowd of people and other animals might be too much for your animal companion, please bring along a photo of your animal. The Fall Open House gathering will also be an opportunity for folks to donate dog and cat food, kitty litter, food bowls, dog beds, leashes, and collars for the Lucy Mackenzie Food Shelf.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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The hitchhiker

In the 1960s and 1970s, hitchhiking was commonplace. Many kids my age had “thumbed,” “bummed,” or “hitched” a ride by age 15. We didn’t go far, usually to neighboring towns. It was a great sense of freedom being away from the long reach of our parents.

I remember classmates saying when they graduated they would hitchhike or ride a motorcycle across the country. Bumping a ride locally is not the same as hitching long distance. Believe me when I say hitchhiking long distance is many hours of boredom interrupted by rain and sleeping under bridge abutments.

I had been hitchhiking locally when I decided to “thumb” long distance. One time I was hitchhiking through Georgia. I was new at this and had a lot to learn. Fellow hitchhikers I met along the way told me I needed a sign with the name of my destination.

At this time, “Hee-Haw” was a popular TV show throughout the country. Some will remember Junior Samples on “Hee-Haw.” Junior had a skit on TV where he sold used cars. His skit always ended with, “The number to call is BR-549.” I made a cardboard sign that read, “BR-549.” Instantly, I got a lift.

There was only one time when I was scared. It was west of Tallahassee on Route 10 when I was picked up by two men driving a VW bus. I got in the back and we drove off. It wasn’t long before the driver began quoting the Bible. When he finished speaking, his passenger would shout, “Hallelujah!”

I heard more hallelujahs in that short trip than all of the hallelujahs I have heard since. I decided it was in my



Ron Patch in his hitchhiking days.

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best interest to have them drop me off at the next exit, which they did. They probably were good people, but they made me very nervous. I was relieved to be out of the VW.

One time “hitching” in North Carolina it rained all day. I had learned to stand under a bridge when it was raining. Well, this particular day I had walked a few miles before I found a bridge to be under and I was soaking wet. Car after car passed me by. The thoughts that run through your mind as you stand there shivering and questioning your sanity are sobering.

Finally a car stopped to pick me up. I was surprised to see an elderly woman driving. I thought this was rather brave of her to pick me up. She was a real nice lady but she was only going to the next exit, which she didn’t tell me until we were underway. I got out of her car and stepped back into the rain, no bridge.

I thumbed while walking in the rain that day. I walked 17 miles in the rain before I came to a cheap motel. I barely had enough money to pay for a room. I got out of my wet clothes and hung them to dry. Turning up the heat sure felt good. There was a TV in the

room. I hadn’t seen a TV in several weeks. Check out was 11 a.m. the next morning. It had stopped raining, and I went back to thumbing.

Once in Rockingham, I was thumbing on the ramp to I-91 North near the Sunoco station. As I walked along the ramp, I noticed a green grass snake. I’ve always liked snakes so I picked him up and put him in my jacket pocket.

Soon a well-dressed man driving a Cadillac picked me up. I was only going to Springfield, the next exit. I remember he talked a lot about the perils of the Federal Reserve, which meant nothing to me at the time. When he dropped me off at the Springfield exit, I thanked him for the ride and started walking down the ramp to Route 11. Almost home, I told Henry.

Then I remembered my grass snake. I reached into my pocket. He was gone. I often wondered how surprised the driver must have been when he discovered the snake in his car.

Another time I was picked up by a bunch of hippies driving a school bus. The bus was painted with bright flowers and peace signs. There must have been a dozen or more hippies on that bus. This was an interesting experience.

As I bummed around, I met many college kids and servicemen on the road. The photo with this article is me taken during my hitchhiking days. Scary, ain’t it?

This week’s old saying. “When you don’t know where you’re going any road will get you there.”

Remember when...

“On Oct. 8, 2019, it will be exactly 40 years since I took this photo,” said Tom Hildreth. “It shows Steamtown’s popular passenger train coming into Chester from Bellows Falls during the height of foliage season. Watching the train are my uncle John J. Hogan on the left and my son Kevin L. Hildreth on the right.”

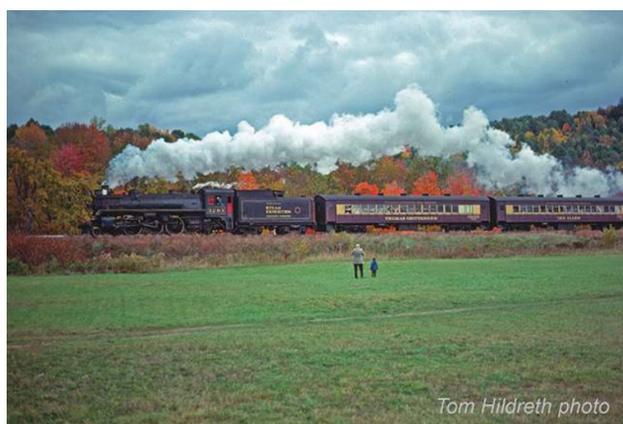


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Tom Hildreth photo

Enerjazz returns with “Nostalgia in Black and White”

LUDLOW, Vt. – Want to hear some swinging music and dance to it? On Saturday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Heald Auditorium, the Enerjazz Big Band will be cooking up a storm of great music.

FOLA decided to bring back the hugely successful Enerjazz Big Band for another evening of the music of the swing and big band era. The 17 members of Vermont’s high energy big band are dedicated to playing your favorite hits of the swing era in their original style, using the original arrangements whenever possible. This time they will deliver an evening titled, “Nostalgia in Black and White,” which will focus on music seen and heard on old classic television.

Whether you’re up on your feet and dancing or just tapping your toes and listening,



Enerjazz Big Band is back at Heald Auditorium.

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you’ll undoubtedly be entertained by this group of hard working, fun-loving musicians. You can listen to the music of Enerjazz on their website www.enerjazz.net

or visit their Facebook. This event is free and open to everyone. Donations are appreciated. Call 802-228-3238 or go to www.fola.us for more information.

Free admission at Windsor’s American Precision Museum

WINDSOR, Vt. – Celebrate Windsor’s significant manufacturing heritage with free admission to the American Precision Museum, on National Manufacturing Day, Friday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. National Manufacturing Day is observed annually to showcase the opportunities available in modern manufacturing careers by encouraging thousands of companies and educational institutions across the country to open their doors to students, parents, teachers, and community leaders.

“The museum’s mission is not only to preserve America’s manufacturing heritage, but also to celebrate its future. We observe National Manufacturing Day to create greater awareness of career opportunities,”

says Steve Dalessio, executive director. “It’s one more way we can educate and inspire visitors to consider careers in the field. Few realize how many lucrative options there are as the industry continues to evolve.”

Admission to the American Precision Museum is free Friday, Oct. 4, in celebration of National Manufacturing Day. For more information about National Manufacturing Day, go to www.mfgday.com.

Historic preservation grants to community projects

REGION – The Preservation Trust of Vermont announced the receipt of a \$1,000,000 grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission to help communities undertake locally driven historic preservation projects with strong community and economic revitalization potential.

The statewide organizations will provide grants to “shovel-

ready” nonprofit and municipal rehabilitation and economic development projects that have matching funds in hand. The Northern Heritage Economy Program materials and deadlines will be available later this fall for projects in all Vermont’s counties. To request application information for Vermont projects, interested parties can email

Jenna Lapachinski, jenna@pt-vermont.org.

“Community-driven preservation projects play such a critical role in creating and maintaining vibrant rural communities,” says Lapachinski. “We are thrilled to work with our statewide partners to support these important projects across the NBRC region.”

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TAKE A BREAK

Dear Editor,

The Jamaica Memorial Library would like to send out a heartfelt thanks to the community of Jamaica and all those who came out to Old Home Day and supported us through buying raffle tickets or checking out our book sale. Congratulations go out to our raffle basket winners, Becky Menard, Cathy Raymond, and Cece Riley.

Our book sale is always happening anytime we are open. Our hours are Tuesday and Thurs-

day, 12-6 p.m.; Wednesday, 12-4 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. It is with community support that we can continue to offer wonderful programs, book giveaways, and our annual summer camp for kids! We hope to see you at the library!

Sincerely,
Jamaica Memorial Library
Jamaica, Vt.

Dear Editor,

The Bart Adaptive Sports Center is currently looking for volunteers for the upcoming ski season. The Bart Center, headquartered at Bromley Mountain during the winter, provides people with disabilities and their families the opportunity to enjoy outdoor sports with a special focus on snow sports.

Volunteer instructors receive lift tickets for the day of their lessons, lift tickets for the future, the satisfaction that they

are helping disabled individuals have fun, instructor training, and the camaraderie associated with being part of an organization like the Bart Center. Ski and snowboard lessons are provided at both Bromley and Stratton.

If you are interested in learning more, please come to Neighborhood Connections in the Londonderry Shopping Center Thursday, Oct. 3 between 4-7 p.m., or stop by the Bart booth at the Londonderry

Farmer's Market Saturday, Oct. 12.

There will be a volunteer orientation at Bromley Saturday, Oct. 19 at 10 a.m. For more information, please contact Betsy at 802-824-6949 or go to programs@bartadaptive.org.

Thanks and hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,
Greg Eckhardt
Bart Center volunteer



Retirement: proceed with caution before relying on general rules

When investing for retirement, you're likely to hear a lot of well-meaning guidance from family, friends, and others offering advice. Although such guidance is usually based on sound principles and may indeed be a good starting point, be sure to think carefully about your own personal situation before taking any tips at face value.

Following are several general retirement investing rules and related points to consider.

Pay yourself first

It's hard to argue with this conventional wisdom, which helps make saving a habit. To determine how much you may be able to save and invest, develop a written budget. In this way, you can assess how much discretionary income is available after other necessary obligations are met.

If finding extra money to save is difficult, track every dollar you spend for a week or two to see where your money

goes. You may surprise yourself by identifying several areas where you can cut spending.

Better yet, most employer-sponsored retirement savings plans help you pay yourself first through payroll deductions. This is perhaps the easiest way to save money. Having the money automatically deducted from your paycheck and invested in your plan eliminates the temptation to spend before you save.

Your stock allocation should equal 100 minus your age

A widely accepted retirement savings principle states that the younger you are, the more money you should put in stocks. A commonly cited guideline for determining an appropriate allocation of stocks in your retirement portfolio is to subtract your age from 100. For example, if you followed this rule at age 40, you would invest 60 to 80% of your portfolio in stocks.

When it comes to investing, a "one formula fits all" strategy may be a good place to start, but be sure to also consider it in light of your own unique circumstances.

You will need 70 to 100% of

your pre-retirement income

Instead of basing an estimate of your annual income needs on a percentage of your current income, focus instead on your actual expenses today and think about whether they'll stay the same, increase, decrease, or even disappear by the time you retire.

While some expenses may disappear, others, such as health care, travel, and hobbies, may rise. Focusing on your projected expenses can help you determine a more realistic picture of how much annual income you'll need and help you hone in on a target accumulation amount.

Save 10, 12, or 15% of your current income for retirement

While the advice to contribute a certain percentage of your income to your retirement savings plan probably falls into the "smart rule" camp, it may not be appropriate for everyone. For example, if you start saving for retirement in your 40s or 50s, you may need to shoot for the absolute maximum allowable amount to make up for lost time. On the other hand, if you are in your 20s and facing a mountain of school

related tasks for the festival, a massive and detail-intensive task whose importance cannot be overstated. Thank you, Cathy!

Our thanks to the Chester Telegraph for their ongoing generous addition to our fundraising efforts.

Jeannie Wade organized all of the entertainment acts for the event. Matt Wade managed parking and tirelessly helped with other event logistics. Thank you both!

Several individuals and organizations provided essential logistical support on the days of the festival. Thanks to the Current for transportation services; Bill Cole, for overnight security during the event; the Fullerton Inn, for help of too many kinds to enumerate here.

Thanks to Evan Parks, sound-system genius and all-around helpful human being, for assisting with entertainment support and many other event tasks.

Lee Gustafson, Jon Clark, and Mike Bennet assisted Matt Wade with both vendor and attendee parking – thank you!

Thanks also to our many other

community volunteers, including Joan Grossman, Polly Montgomery, and Miriam MacDonald.

Thanks to Pamela Spurlock, Interact coordinator at GMUHS, for tackling the task of coordinating student volunteers at the festival.

Rotary of Chester raises funds yearly through its tradition of selling dozens of varieties of homemade soups at the festival. We thank the following individuals and organizations for their generous (and tasty!) soup donations: Fullerton Inn, Country Girl Diner; Killarney; Route 103 Auto; Heritage Deli & Bakery; Erica Smith; Lisai's Market; Malcolm and Ann Summers; the Free Range; Nancy and Stephen Davis; Lynn Russell; Gail Stewart; Inn Victoria; Tunjung; Pamela Spurlock.

Finally, our deepest gratitude to Nancy and Steven Davis for their years of tireless leadership, unwavering support, and patience.

Sincerely,
Lyza Gardner
Rotary Club of Chester

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Anne J. Gay Curtin

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – A mass of Christian Burial will be held for Anne J. Gay Curtin at St. Charles Church in Bellows Falls Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2019 at 11 a.m. with burial to follow in the Oak Hill Cemetery. Anne passed away April 28.

Natt L. Divoll III

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – There will be a memorial service for Natt Lincoln Divoll III Saturday, Oct. 5 at 1 p.m. at the Rockingham Meeting House. A reception will follow the



Timothy A. Zettle, 1963-2019.
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LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Timothy A. Zettle, a resident of Londonderry, Vt., passed away Monday, Sept. 23, 2019 at his home surrounded by his family. Tim was born in Indiana, Pa., Sept. 24, 1963, the son of the late William Zettle Sr. and Dorothy (Roth) Buterbaugh. He attended United High School in Armagh, Pa. and attended DeVry University for Technology & Electronics. Tim worked in maintenance for many years and at Okemo Mountain Resort in Ludlow, Vt. for approximately seven years.

Tim loved snowboarding, hiking, camping, and going to the beach. He was a self-taught carpenter and could build just about anything, including his home in Brush Valley, Pa., along with total renovation of his home in Londonderry. He was a huge Pittsburgh sports fan, especially the Pittsburgh Steelers football team. He loved his three dogs and cherished times spent with his family.

Tim is survived by his wife Brenda Zettle whom he began dating in 1999. They were married Oct. 21, 2006 in Blairsville, Pa. He is also survived by daughters Monica Reed of Denver, Colo. and Heather Reed of Johnstown, Pa.; his grandchildren Kaden

and Alexis; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his brother William Zettle Jr.

A celebration of Tim's life was held at The Roundhouse at Jackson Gore at Okemo Mountain Resort Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019. If friends desire, memorial gifts in Tim's memory may be made to the family by searching Tim Zettle Memorial Fund on the GoFundMe, www.gofundme.com/f/tim-zettle-memorial-fund. To send the family personal condolences, please visit www.sheafuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the care of Brewster-Shea Funeral Home 34 Park Place in Manchester Center, Vt.



St. Francis of Assisi for the Blessing of the Animals.
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Heidi Edson loves celebrating St. Francis of Assisi with the Blessing of the Animals on the side lawn of St. Luke's Saturday, Oct. 5 at 11 a.m. and Sunday, Oct. 6 at 4 p.m. There will be blessings, medals, and treats for any animals as well as humans. Visit www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org or call 802-875-6000.

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Sunday service at 10 a.m. between September and June, followed by light refreshments and conversation. Free childcare available for children under 5. The building is handicap accessible with an elevator. More at www.chestervtu.org or 802-875-3257.

LONDONDERRY, VT.

Second Congregational Church of Londonderry, 2051 N. Main St.

Worship service is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school and childcare available. For more information, call the church at 802-824-6453 or go to www.2ndcongregationalchurchvt.org.

The Village Church, 35 Church St., Belmont, Vt.

The Sunday service and children's church is at 9:30 a.m. Contact 802-259-2440 or visit www.vbch.weebly.com.

MOUNT HOLLY, VT.

Village Baptist Church, 32 Church St.

Celebration hymn sing Saturday, Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the newly renovated sanctuary. Light refreshments following the service. For more information, call 802-259-2440.

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Advent Christian Church, 11 Church St., N. Springfield

Worship is Sunday at 10 a.m. We are a small, friendly, Evangelical church. For more information, call Pastor David Young at 802-376-2136 or go to www.acchurch.net.

Marilyn J. Kissell, 1933-2019

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Marilyn J. Kissell, 86, of Pine Banks Road, passed away Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019 at her home. Marilyn was born in Claremont, N.H., Jan. 24, 1933, the daughter of Charles and Thelma (Purrington) Sawyer. She was a graduate of Claremont High School and worked on the family farm. She also worked at T-Bird, Jones & Lamson, and the Westminster Restaurant. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church and a member of the Polish American Club. She loved the ocean and was a very caring woman with a beautiful smile – always giving and never taking. She also

had a great sense of humor and loved a good joke.

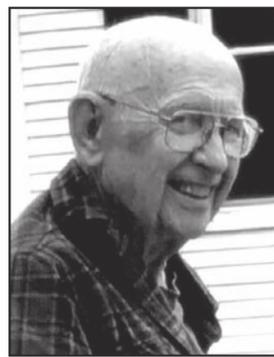
On June 16, 1956, she married Phillip F. Kissell who predeceased her. Surviving are their sons Victor C. Kissell, Phillip F. Kissell Jr., and Daniel J. Kissell; his daughters Cynthia M. Tucker and Dianne M. Quinn; and 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by her son David.

There will be a funeral mass Saturday, Oct. 5 at 11 a.m. at St. Charles Church in Bellows Falls, Vt. There are no calling hours. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home.

Frederick P. Roentsch, 1938-2019

LANGDON, N.H. – Frederick Paul Roentsch, 81, son of Elmer and Mary (Johnston) Roentsch, born Jan. 26, 1938, passed away peacefully in his sleep Sept. 28, 2019 after a long battle with dementia. Along with his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers Robert (Tiffy), Charles, and George. Fred is survived by his wife of 57 years Patricia, daughter Janet Washam (Steven), son Michael, daughter Karen Reed (Darcy), son Mark (Val), and grandchildren Gregory, Elizabeth, Timothy, Jennifer, and Nicholas and his mother Denise. He is also survived by his brother Kevin (Anne) and many cousins, especially Shelley Hicks who was like a sister to him.

Fred was a member of the Langdon Fire Department and a New Hampshire State Forest fire warden for over 44 years. He served as a Selectman for the town of Langdon for more than 20 years. He was a 1957 graduate of Walpole High School and 1959 graduate of the University of New Hampshire, Thompson School of Agriculture. His passion for farming was evidenced by his tenure as owner and operator of El Rancho Roentsch from 1961 until his passing. He



Frederick P. Roentsch, 1938-2019.
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was an avid deer hunter in New Hampshire and Rhode Island, spending many memorable seasons on a quest for "Walter" with family and friends. He worked for and managed Medical Hall, a family pharmacy in Keene.

A service was held Wednesday, Oct. 2 at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt. Burial followed the service in the Upper Cemetery in Langdon, N.H. In lieu of flowers, please honor Fred's memory by sending donations to the Langdon Fire & Rescue Department or the Alzheimer's Association.

obituaries

Lighthouse Baptist Church, 142 Wall St.

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

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. For more information, call 802-885-3327 or go to www.uuspringfieldvt.org. All are welcome.

WESTON, VT.

Weston Community Church on the Hill, 37 Lawrence Hill Rd.

On Saturday, Oct. 5 at 2 p.m. is Blessing of the Animals led by Rev. Gil Healey, Rev. Michael Theogene, and Pat Connelley with music. For more information, go to www.vtchurchonthehill.org.

Vincent V. Cherico Sr., 1937-2019

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Vincent Victor Cherico Sr. "Vinnie," 82, died Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019. He was born July 9, 1937 to the late Antonio Joseph Chirico and Florence (Panzino) Chirico in Cambridge, Mass.

He was the father of Vincent Victor Cherico Jr. of Providence, R.I. and the late Joseph Edwin Cherico. He is survived by his three grandchildren Tina (Cherico) SanSouci, Carol Ann Cherico, and Joseph Rocco Cherico. He was the great-grandfather to Alijah, Gianna, and Roman. Vinnie is also mourned by his devoted older brother Charles Chirico, and his loving younger sister Catherine (Cherico) Capone as well as many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his three older brothers John L. Cherico, Anthony J. Cherico Jr., James E. Cherico, and a younger sister Florence Cherico Duggan.

An avid hunter and gun collector, Vinnie was also a licensed firearms dealer and the proprietor of the Colonel's Gun Locker. For many years, he was an instructor to the youth of his town in courses on hunter education. For his efforts, he was nationally acknowledged by being made a colonel of the state of Kentucky.

Vinnie was a proud veteran

of the United States Air Force, a member of the Civil Air Patrol, and a licensed private pilot. He spent his entire professional career as a nuclear medicine technologist. He served as the president of The Society of Nuclear Medicine and a faculty member and instructor at Temple University, Northeastern University, and George Washington University. His articles were published in many professional journals including The Journal of Nuclear Medicine Technology and The Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists.

Vinnie was a Roman Catholic and a deeply religious man who faithfully engaged in the practice of daily prayer. He was an active member of many local civic organizations. He has made numerous long-lasting and deep friendships in his community and will be missed by many.

Vinnie was an incredible man, but most importantly he was a proud father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and well-known fixture in Rockingham and Bellows Falls, which he loved for the unique individuals that make up its citizenry.

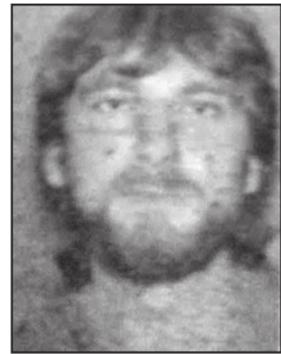
In lieu of flowers, please buy a round of drinks and toast to him.

James Okerman, 1966-2019

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – James Okerman passed away Aug. 10, 2019 after a brief fight with cancer at the age of 52. James is survived by his spouse Rebecca Robinson as well as his three siblings, sister Teri and brothers Carl and Patrick.

James was originally from Hoboken, N.J., but he grew up in Hoosick Falls, N.Y. before moving to Vermont and falling in love with the area. James was a self-employed carpenter throughout his life and donated his skills to various entities such as Our Place and Rockingham Land Trust. James was an avid sports fan and a diehard Pittsburgh Steelers enthusiast.

A small vigil will be held Friday, Oct. 11, 2019 at noon at Our Place on Island Street in Bellows



James Okerman, 1966-2019.
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Falls to celebrate James' life and share anecdotes for all who wish to attend. In lieu of flowers, any contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

From the family of Patricia Kirkbride

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Fall Home Improvement

Living with bats in your house?

REGION – Bat are everywhere! It may feel that way to some of Vermont's human residents. Summer is when some species of bats gather in colonies, to raise their young in human-made structures such as houses, barns, office buildings, and bat houses, but fall is the safe time to get them out.

"Summer is the time of year when the greatest number of unwanted bat-human interactions are reported," according to Vermont Fish and Wildlife's small mammals biologist Alyssa Bennett, who works on the conservation and recovery of Vermont's threatened and endangered bat species.

"Bats can end up in your living space for many reasons, including young bats that are weak, disoriented, or lost while coming and going from the roost, bats moving within a structure

to find warmer or cooler roosting space as temperatures fluctuate, and bats being displaced from their roosts due to building repairs and renovations."

Although this happens every year, it can come as quite a shock to those who wake up to a bat flying in their bedroom or suddenly uncover a dozen bats roosting behind a rotting trim board being removed on the outside of a home. But don't fear, because there are answers to your burning bat questions at www.vtfishandwildlife.com using the search term "bats."

Living with wildlife means considering the health and wellbeing of both the public and these fragile wildlife species. Although rarely detected in the general bat population, rabies is a deadly disease and should be taken very seriously. If you are concerned that you



Bat colonies are starting to disperse now that young bats can fly. Fall is a good time of year to think about safely evicting bats from structures where they are not wanted by following the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's recommendations.

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have been in direct contact with a bat, have found a bat in a bedroom while sleeping or in a room with an unattended child, a pet, a person with a cognitive disability, or an intoxicated person, please call the Rabies Hotline at 800-4RABIES (1-800-472-2437). If the hotline staff and/or your health care providers determine there is no concern for rabies exposure, the bat can safely be released outside.

Instructions for safely capturing, containing, and releasing a bat found inside can be found at www.vtfishandwildlife.com, including a demonstration video.

"Living with wildlife doesn't mean that we have to share our homes with bats in order to protect them," says Bennett. "Our main concerns are avoiding human contact by safeguarding the living space, evicting

bats from structures safely, and providing alternative habitat for displaced bats."

Bat colonies are starting to disperse now that young bats can fly. Fall is a good time of year to think about safely evicting bats from structures where they are not wanted by following the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department's Best Management Practices. These practices are available on Fish and Wildlife's website, by calling 802-353-4818, or emailing Alyssa.Bennett@vermont.gov, where you can also obtain a list of professionals who perform safe evictions.

Large colonies of bats living in structures can also be reported on the department's website to help find rare colonies of endangered little brown bats, which are eligible for free bat houses.

Five household cleaning hacks using essential oils

StatePoint – From cleaners and sprays to air fresheners and more, essential oils

are making their way into the mainstream as commonplace, common sense household so-

lutions.

It's no surprise then that the market for essential oils is anticipated to grow significantly – more than 9% – over the next several years, according to Grand View Research. More households are catching onto the fact that these ben-

eficial plant-based ingredients have a range of cleaning and home care uses.

To get in on the trend, consider these cool home care uses for essential oils.

Wipe surfaces

Creating your own cleaning supplies can make chores a little easier on the eyes, nose, and throat. The good news is that certain essential oils, like tea tree and lemon oil, can help fight dirt and grime as well as kill bacteria and viruses, making them an excellent addition to homemade cleaning solutions and wipes.

Banish bugs

Most traditional home insecticide products use the same active ingredients ini-

tially developed almost 50 years ago. Interestingly, the right mix of essential oils can also be highly lethal to bugs. Familiar ingredients such as lemongrass oil and geraniol in Zevo Instant Action Sprays target nerve receptors active only in insects, not people or pets.

"Zevo bug sprays are effective because they target insects' unique biology with a blend of effective essential oils, setting them apart from traditional insecticide sprays," says John Scarchilli of Procter & Gamble Ventures.

Bust fridge odors

Even if you regularly rid your fridge of old items and wipe down its surfaces, com-

batting fridge odor can be a losing battle, as the plastic components tend to absorb odors over time. Make that box of baking soda that you have in your refrigerator work a bit harder. To go beyond simply neutralizing odors, add a few drops of essential lemon oil to it for a crisp, fresh scent.

Revive fabrics

Take a natural approach to fresh-smelling fabrics. Create your own spray by combining baking soda, distilled water, and a touch of your favorite essential oils. Use the formula on linens, upholsteries, window treatments, or any other fabrics around your home in need of a scent boost.

Create calm

You don't have to do a full hygge-inspired renovation project to promote a peaceful atmosphere in your home's spaces. With just a diffuser and such essential oils as lavender and bergamot, you can fill a room with a calming scent.

For clean, healthy, bug-free spaces, consider introducing essential oils into your home's supply kit. A small but mighty dose can go a long way.

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Fall Home Improvement

SEON's 4th annual Sustainable Home Tour



Left is Unity's Nano model in Greenfield, Mass. Right is energy upgrade net zero home in Newfane, Vt. PHOTO PROVIDED

REGION – On Saturday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the 2019 Sustainable Home Tour will showcase homes and the design and construction teams whose work demonstrates a commitment to high performance building, sustainable materials, durability, indoor air quality, and renewable energy. It's a "show and tell" opportunity to see how these homes look and feel. Learn about the technologies and processes that make these homes sustainable. It's the perfect time to go for a ride, take in the foliage, and check out these high performance homes.

This year, a total of seven homes are being featured on SEON's self-guided annual Sustainable Home Tour. The learning opportunity for the public

is the highlight of the event. Open to the public are four new homes: an energy efficient straw bale home in Brattleboro, the 23-unit Snow Block building in downtown Brattleboro, a high performance home in Marlboro, and a home that received Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity's Small Home Hero Award in Greenfield, Mass. Two homes are under construction in Marlboro and Putney so you'll get to see what's inside the wall system. And, in Newfane, you'll be able to tour a home built in 2000 that underwent an energy upgrade bringing it to net-zero, which means it generates as much energy as it uses.

Builders will be available at each home to explain the challenges and goals of their projects. They freely give of their

time to explain their approach to the project, the decisions they made in consultation with the homeowner, and why a particular product was chosen over another. Some of the homeowners will also be available to answer questions. Learning about these homes brings an appreciation of how all the systems are interrelated and why this is important for high performance buildings. Our builders are doing their part to address the climate emergency and create a local climate economy.

Specific tour highlights and tickets can be found on SEON's website, www.seon.info/hometour. Sustainable Energy Outreach Networks is a 401(c)(3) nonprofit located in Brattleboro, Vt.

Skyline Primitives in Weathersfield

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – Carrie Patch Jewell has just opened her store, Skyline Primitives. Carrie has in stock many newly crafted accessories for the home. These items are primitive in design and made to look old. They will give your home the country look at a

reasonable price. Skyline Primitives is located at 1232 Skyline Dr. in Weathersfield. Carrie is open Thursdays, from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. The view is worth the trip. Check out Facebook.



Carrie Patch Jewell in her new store. PHOTO PROVIDED

Home weatherization 101, tips for a comfortable home

StatePoint – Do seasonal temperatures sometimes leave you frustrated with your home's lack of insulation? With a few quick tips and home defense strategies, you'll be on your way to a more comfortable abode in just a few hours.

Why weatherize?

Preparing your home to combat temperature change is an important task for both homeowners and renters throughout the year. Feel uncomfortable drafts? Notice your heating and cooling equipment is continuously running? There are many motivations for weatherizing. In fact, did you know

- 54% of people weatherize to save money on energy bills
- 44% weatherize to make the temperature of their home more comfortable
- 22% do it for greater energy efficiency

Is that a draft?

First, you'll need to identify the source – or sources – of leaks. Hold an incense stick near potential draft sources, such as windows and doors. If the smoke blows sideways, you'll know an air leak exists and it's time to weatherize. But don't stop there. Areas such as attic access openings, pull-down stairs, and exterior electrical sockets are additional, often overlooked sources of air leaks.

Once you've identified the leaks, it's time to stop them. Window and door seals take a beating from normal wear-and-tear. Replace old, cracked seals with new ones, with durable, flexible mate-

rial, allowing them to stand up against extreme temperatures that cause old seals to freeze or crack. They help to block cold winter air from entering, as well as dust, pollen, and insects during the warmer months.

For added protection with older windows, an easy-to-install, crystal-clear roll-on window insulation kit can create an additional barrier against cold air. The pre-taped top and easy roll-on film require no measuring, making installation painless. When applied to indoor windows, the film provides an airtight seal that's easily removed once warmer weather arrives.

Finally, address the hidden leaks with solutions like socket sealers insulating seals. Quick and easy to install, they fit behind outlets or light switch faceplate covers. When installed on exterior walls, they act as a buffer between the inside and outside air. Next, attic stairway covers protect against an often-uninsulated area, and offer a flexible, lightweight solution that can be repositioned to maintain direct access to the attic.

With a few key home projects anyone can complete, you can make your home more enjoyable all year long and save on energy bills in the process.

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BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

There are 52 Fridays in 2019. The one about to arrive will see the biggest area athletic crowd of the year gather at Brown Field in Springfield to witness what many people hope is the best and most competitive Bellows Falls vs. Springfield football game in a decade. I asked Cosmo athletic director Rich Sappack last Friday night what time he thought I should arrive to get a good parking space that evening. He told me, "Early Thursday." Believe me, something can be said for that.

Friday night will mark the 10th game between these two longtime rivals since the Cosmos last claimed victory in 2009. The longtime series is relatively close with the Terriers holding the all-time advantage 56-43-4. Unfortunately nothing has been close lately. There have been some strong Cosmo efforts early in games, including last year, but the average score in the current Bellows Falls nine-game win streak is 48-7. Those numbers come from the eight games in that streak, which were actually played on the field. Springfield forfeited the 2012 game when they fielded a junior varsity team late in the season – a move that, from this vantage point, helped build the program to where it is today.

Who is the favorite this time around? One has to say Bellows Falls, but both teams are much better than I thought they would be.

Back in August, before anyone kicked off, I thought Springfield would finish higher in Division III than Bellows Falls would in Division II. This was likely to be the Cosmos' best season in a long time because they had a good sized senior class that was getting stronger both physically and on the field every year. On the other hand, the Terriers had lost so many linemen I thought they would be in a dogfight for a top four spot in the division and had as good a chance to finish fifth or sixth as fourth. It looked to me that anything above fourth was out of the question.

Then when play started, both teams gave their fans more than I expected. The Cosmos now sit 4-1 and BF 3-2, and I can see a scenario in which either one of them reaches their respective title game and finds a way to win. Both have strengths and both have weaknesses; but with a little bit of luck, both teams can overcome the odds despite where they both sit today. They both are in good shape, but the players on each of the two teams believe they should have won more games than they have so far.

Both teams could have won last week, but Springfield came closer than Bellows Falls did. I believe Springfield has some of the most instinctively creative offensive players I have seen in a long time, and this helps them compete. However, I still think Bellows Falls is deeper. Either team can win this week, but the Murph Meter – an invention of radio shows I am on creating a percentage chance of something happening – says this game goes 50-6 in Bellows Falls' favor. I am not sure the meter would

have given the Cosmos even a 5% chance in any year since 2010. Speaking like a true coach, the Cosmos will need more breaks than their visitors will this Friday to claim a trip to the winners' circle, but it certainly could happen.

By the way, when Springfield last won, they put together a streak of their own. From 2006 through 2009, the Cosmos won four in a row. The scores were much closer than the 48-7 Bellows Falls' numbers when hunting camp buddies Mike Hatt and Bob Lockerby were squaring off. There were times before that streak that Lockerby did have Hatt's number so don't feel that internal rivalry was all one-way.

The Bellows Falls vs. Springfield rivalry has certainly survived the test of time. The rivalry goes back over 100 years, and no one alive has seen every game. If you are a serious fan of either side, Friday evening is a can't miss destination. Hopefully, you are exercise conscious though because it might be a good-sized walk from where you park. But I believe you are somewhat carried away with your hometown colors if you don't think this will be an encounter that proves to be in doubt until deep in the second half.

Last Friday night, when Bellows Free Academy of Fairfax scored in the waning minutes of the first half, I let down my guard with the Cosmos trailing 14-0 and said, "I have to change my mind. Springfield doesn't have a chance against BF."

Then close to a miracle happened. Springfield struck gold when a long swing pass from Jacob Stepler found Brady Clark on an unimaginable play, which brought a "What did I just see?" moment to many in attendance. In a matter of seconds, Springfield had more than halved the score and was in a battle until the final seconds which they eventually lost 22-16. This big moment even made coach Todd Aiken stand up and take notice. The second year mentor who had served as an assistant for some time before taking over the head coaching job said of his team, "They don't give up. There have been times in the past when things go like that and we have kind of folded. Now we have a mature group of guys who push through adversity."

Aiken went on, showing that he realizes that major growth has taken place, but there is still room for more development. He said following the heartbreaking contest, "Two really good football teams just gave it their all. In the end, they just made fewer mistakes than we did tonight"

Bellows Falls fell in their home turf contest with Union 32 last Saturday. The final count was 42-29, but the game was much closer than that. Terrier coach Bob Lockerby knows his team's pass defense must improve if the Terriers have a chance to play for a title



Terrier Jeb Lober running the football with teammate Jed Monier making room with his blocking. PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Brady Clark (34) has been a steady performer both offensively and defensively for the Cosmos this season. PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

this fall or even possibly come away a winner this weekend. He told me, "I'm just looking for us to play four quarters of consistent football. This game should be a great one. I am sure both teams believe they can win this game."

Are you wondering what the fans think? I have been attending both teams' games the past two weeks and a number of said fans have approached the question about the game with me. I can't speak for all of the fans on either side obviously, but I can tell you the overwhelming majority of Bellows Falls fans have basically said, "I wasn't born yesterday. There is no way Springfield wins this game."

On the other hand, several Springfield fans have approached the conversation on the other side of the ball. They realize they have a pretty good team and have asked, "Can we compete with the Bellows Falls team? Can we make it close and could we win?" They respect the growth their team has shown and are humming Dusty Springfield's long ago tune of "Wishing and Hoping," without using the words.

Friday night's weather forecast shows a real nip in the air as is a familiar one traditionally for when these two schools have gotten together. More times than not, this rivalry game was played on the first Saturday in November or the last Saturday in October.

I have been around long enough and seen, called on radio, and written about close to half of these get-togethers and understand that you can throw out the records when the two schools meet. Recently, the records have meant a lot in determining the outcomes. This year is one when there is much up in the air, including, I believe, the final result.

As for the Fall Mountain Wildcats, Orion Binney's team is now 2-2 after Fall Mountain dominated Farmington last weekend on the road 49-0. The next four weeks determine whether Fall Mountain has grown to the point where they are good enough to become a playoff team. Binney's teams have shown growth in his three seasons, and this is the season to either knock on the playoff door or sneak in.

The Wildcats host Bishop Brady of Concord Friday night, and a win would put them in a driver's seat for the post season. Even if the Wildcats lose to Brady, they stand a decent chance still of making the grade.

Binney was excited about his team's defense in the Farmington encounter, saying, "We have been playing physically well and growing as a unit."

Six separate Wildcats tallied touchdowns with Izack Westover scoring two and Morgan Wilbur, Isiaiah Silva, Wyatt Ward, Layton Stevens, and Aaron Blair adding one each with Luke Gay connecting with Wyatt through the air for his score.

Springfield varsity girls' soccer 10th annual Kick for a Cure

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –

Ten years ago, it all started with then senior Alexis Locke, a member of the varsity girls' soccer team. Alexis approached her mom Tammy with the concept of dedicating a game in the month of October to support breast cancer awareness and raise funds to assist in the search for a cure. Coaches Christian Craig and Jeff Locke quickly approved of the game. The "Pink Game" was born!

After coach approval was given for the game, the decision on where to direct the funds raised needed to be made. Desiring to make an impact on local people battling the disease, they chose the Norris Cotton Cancer Center. They discovered that the majority of local people seek-



Original 2010 Springfield girls soccer team. PHOTO PROVIDED

ing treatment receive their care and treatment at that facility. The first year they raised \$713. Over the years, the Pink Game has raised close to \$10,000 for NCCC/DHMC.

This October marks the event's 10th anniversary. On Thursday, Oct. 10, the varsity girls' soccer team will host the Brattleboro Colonels at 7 p.m. on Brown Field. The team in-

vites you to attend this valued tradition to help them raise funds for the Norris Cotton Cancer Center at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. Gate admission is by donation with

100% of the donated funds going to NCCC. The team parents will be holding a bake sale during the game with pink themed treats. While the Springfield Booster Club will be opening their concession stand with hot dogs, burgers, and drinks for the game, they refrain from selling any candy products and encourage spectators to visit the bake sale in the alternative.

This story came full circle in October of 2015 when Tammy received the dreaded diagnosis herself. Tammy received all of her care and treatment at NCCC/DHMC and is here today because of it. We are excited to continue this tradition and know that this game stands out in the minds and memories of our community and the crowd. Each year, the stands fill with spectators and alumni to show their support. Please join us this year as the girls continue to raise money for this valuable cause.

If you would like to make a donation but are unable to attend the game, you may do so by mailing a check payable to Springfield Booster Club and mailing it to SHS Girls Soccer, c/o Springfield Booster Club, P.O. Box 666, Springfield, VT 05156.



GM boys' soccer

The Green Mountain boys' soccer team continues to play well as their record now stands at 6-2, and they are still second in the Vermont Division III standings. Chieftain Alexander Kirdzik is shown looking to make things happen. PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

Fall sports schedule, Oct. 3-12

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.

MONDAY, OCT. 7 –

Girls Field Hockey

Woodstock at Springfield, 4 p.m.

Girls Volleyball

Stevens at Fall Mountain, 6:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 8 –

Cross Country

Black River, Green Mountain at Springfield, 4:45 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Fall Mountain at Trinity, 4 p.m.
Green Mountain at Rivendell, 4 p.m.
Springfield at Bellows Falls, 4 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Stevens at Fall Mountain, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9 –

Girls Field Hockey

Brattleboro at Springfield, 4 p.m.
Hartford at Bellows Falls, 4 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Black River at Sharon, 4 p.m.

Leland & Gray at Bellows Falls, 4 p.m.

Girls Volleyball

Fall Mountain at Sunapee, 6:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 10 –

Boys Soccer

Leland & Gray at Burr & Burton, 4 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Brattleboro at Springfield, 7 p.m.
White River Valley at Green Mountain, 4 p.m.

Girls Volleyball

Fall Mountain at Belmont, 6:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 11 –

Boys Football

Bellows Falls at North Country, 7 p.m.
Springfield at Woodstock, 7 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Bellows Falls at Otter Valley, 6 p.m.
Conant at Fall Mountain, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 12 –

Boys Soccer

Green Mountain at Leland & Gray, 11 a.m.

Girls Soccer

Bellows Falls at Rivendell, 11 a.m.
Black River at Mount Saint Joseph, 11 a.m.
Windsor at Green Mountain, 11 a.m.

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Photographer Rich Cofrancesco at VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Statewide Open Studio Weekend is coming right up Oct. 5 and 6. Booklets, which contain details on all 84 of the open studios and exhibits, are now available at Gallery at the VAULT and at www.vermontcrafts.com.

Local photographer Richard Cofrancesco is VAULT's featured artist for Open Studio Weekend. He'll have a selection of his color and black and white landscapes on display and for sale. Stop by and talk photography with Richard and en-

joy some refreshments. While you're there, view the current Open Wall Show and pick up a brochure on upcoming workshops and exhibits.

Gallery at the VAULT, a Vermont State Craft Center, carries the work of 160 artisans so you'll be sure to find something beautiful and unique. VAULT's usual hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For Open Studio Weekend, we will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

on both Saturday and Sunday. VAULT is located on 68 Main Street in Springfield. For full details, see www.galleryvault.org.

Open Studio Weekend is a statewide celebration of the visual arts and creative process, offering a unique opportunity for visitors to meet a wide variety of artists and craftspeople in their studios. The Vermont Crafts Council is a nonprofit organization serving the Vermont visual arts community.

An evening with Tracy Grammer and Jim Henry

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Tracy Grammer is among contemporary folk music's most beloved artists, renowned for her pure voice, deft guitar and violin work, and incantatory storytelling. She has recorded and performed with Joan Baez, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Eliza Gilkyson, and many more.

She rose to acclaim as half of the "postmodern, mythic American folk" duo Dave Carter & Tracy Grammer. They released three interna-

tionally celebrated, chart-topping albums, and were still in their ascendancy when Carter suffered a fatal heart attack mid-tour in 2002. She has continued as a solo artist and with other musicians in a variety of configurations.

Her recent full-length release "Low Tide" was one of folk radio's top ten most-played albums of 2018; voted among the top ten albums of the year at Fish Records UK; and landed in the top ten albums of both the Folk Alley editor's list and reader's poll.

Tracy recently suffered a ruptured ACL, several ligament tears, and a fractured tibia, and consequently had to cancel 22 shows in a dozen western states. For a touring performer, this is a hard hit.

Through the grapevine, it came to Stage 33 Live's attention that shows within hobbling distance might be welcomed to help offset her medical expenses and lost income.

Mark Piepkorn, founder of Stage 33 Live, said, "We don't solicit performers, and she's way bigger than we are – but we offered the room anyway for whatever help it might be. The date was originally booked by a touring duo from Florida, but they had to cancel late in the game due to illness. We heard about Tracy's situation just a couple days after that. And then an unexpected whirlwind of kismet happened."

This is a rare opportunity to see Tracy Grammer perform in an unexpectedly intimate and unlikely setting, plus appreciate knowing that 100% of ticket and merchandise sales directly sup-

port the artist in a time of need. For longtime fans, tipping her a little extra for enriching your life and generally putting light into a world that can be pretty dark is welcome.

On Friday, Oct. 4, Grammer will be performing with multi-instrumentalist singer-songwriter Jim Henry, who has produced, recorded, played, and traveled the world with Mary Chapin Carpenter, Paula Cole, Shawn Colvin, Alison Krauss, The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Los Lobos, Asleep at the Wheel, Gillian Welch and Dave Rawlings, Mark Erelli, The Weepies, Deb Talan, Eliza Gilkyson, Susan Werner, The Boxcar Lilies, and the list goes on. Also a solo artist, Henry's work as a sideman is prized for his ability to add exactly what is needed.

A friend of the Stage 33 Live project since its inception, Will Stahl – songwriter, guitar player, and reluctant vocalist – will open, and promises to play at least one song from his musical, "My Little Town About Me."

Stage 33 Live only has seating for 40, plus standing room. Advance tickets purchased online through www.stage33live.com will have seats reserved until 40 is reached. All attendees, including day-of-show walk-ups, may bring their own portable seating to set up behind the house chairs if they wish.

Online advance ticket sales will close early in the morning on the day of the show. All proceeds benefit the cause. Doors open at 6 p.m., and music starts at 7 p.m. The listening event will be recorded and filmed.

Auction and dinner to benefit MSA

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Main Street Arts will roll out the action Saturday, Oct. 5, when it hosts its annual auction, dinner, and

live music fundraiser. The action begins at 5 p.m. with a silent auction, followed by a dinner catered by MKT:Grafton, and ending

with a live auction, all to benefit the community art center's fund to reconstruct its education space and commercial kitchen.

The latter suffered major damage in February 2018 during an extreme cold snap when a frozen sprinkler sent more than 600 gallons of water underneath the theater stage, drenching the two floors below.

"This fundraiser will be fun, but it is also very important to our efforts to restore our building to its full use," said MSA director Heather Geoffrey.

Items for the auction include an oil painting by Charlie Hunter, a bowl by glass artist Chris Sherwin, sculptures by Barbara Baribeau and David Stern, a dinnerware set by artist and potter Fiona Morehouse, private acrylic painting lessons with MSA director Heather Geoffrey, and tickets to

a performance at the Weston Playhouse. In addition, the gallery exhibit, "Black and White," will be on display during the evening with all proceeds of sales going to MSA.

Adding energy to the event will be musical performances by members of MSA's upcoming production of "The Secret Garden."

The menu for the evening includes a ham carving station, caprese skewers, coconut curry butternut squash soup, and apple bacon blue cheese tartlets. Vegan menu options will also be available. An open bar will offer wine and local craft beer.

Tickets can be purchased at www.mainstreetarts.org or by contacting MSA at info@mainstreetarts.org or 802-869-2960.

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Weston Antiques Show 61st year

WESTON, Vt. – The Weston Antiques Show, Vermont's longest running antiques show, is returning for its 61st presentation of fine antiques from New England, the Northeast, and beyond. The show, which has been dubbed by the New York Times as "one of the best small shows in New England," will take place Friday and Saturday, Oct. 4 and 5 at the Weston Playhouse on Route 100 in Weston. On Thursday, Oct. 3, there will be a Gala Preview, from 5-7 p.m. The Gala Preview offers an advanced opportunity to examine the cream of the crop and to enjoy a social evening with hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, and live music.

In 2019, we are introducing

a new antique evaluation session hosted by auctioneer Eric Nathan and Johanna McBrien. McBrien is the founding editor-in-chief of Antiques & Fine Art magazine and alumna of the "Antiques Road Show." Together they will provide information on the date, location, style and class, and the involvement of noted craftsman for any aged and easily portable object that attendees at the show may wish to submit. Their session will take place from 2-3:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Weston Playhouse. Show admission and attendance is required, but there is no additional cost. The event is intended to be informational and not an appraisal of value.

The backbone of the Weston Antiques Show has always been the core of outstanding dealers who have come for years. In 2019, we are delighted to welcome five outstanding new exhibitors to Weston: Norman Gronning Antique, Shaftsbury, Vt.; P.D. Murphy Antiques, Bath, Maine; Heller-Washam Antiques, Portland, Maine; Lisa McAllister, Clear Spring, Md.; and John Hunt Marshall, Westhampton, Mass. There are dealers to suit every taste and at a broad range of price points. The show is intended to appeal to all, from the casual browser to the serious collector.

There is an admission fee for the show and the Gala Preview.

Any admission to the show will entitle patrons to readmission and also to be entered into a drawing for a framed photographic print of a Weston scene, which will be on display, by resident professional photographer Nobushi Fuji'i.

The Weston Antiques Show is entirely managed and staffed by volunteers, and all proceeds from the show go the preservation and enhancement of the Weston Playhouse. The Weston Antiques Show is an anchor of Vermont Antiques Week, a consortium of five area shows that also includes Stratton, Ludlow, Okemo, and the Vermont Pickers Market over the same weekend. All shows are worthy of your visit.



Robert O'Brien paintings

WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – Weathersfield artist Robert O'Brien will be exhibiting his watercolor paintings during Vermont Fall Open Studio Weekend, Oct. 5 and 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. The studio is located at 2811 Weathersfield Center Rd. and is number 54 on the map, which can be found at various locations and Welcome Centers throughout the state. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served and the artist will be demonstrating a work-in-progress during the weekend. For more information, call 802-263-9394.

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Mount Holly Cider Days celebrates fall

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Imagine watching fresh cider being made on a century-old press and then enjoying a cup of that cider with home-baked apple pie or crisp topped with ice cream or Crowley Cheese. You don't have to imagine it. On Oct. 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Oct. 13, from 12-4 p.m., come to Belmont and take it all in along with wonderful fall colors, fresh cider for sale by the gallon, food and crafts vendors, special soup bowls made by students from Mount Holly Elementary School, and more. Don't forget to check out the special wishing well.

Cider Days, sponsored by the Mount Holly Community Association, has grown in popularity over the years. It

builds on a community tradition of local residents bringing their apples to the green to be pressed by neighbors – originally on a hand-cranked press. It's still a hands-on process, but the century-old press used today does have an engine. And you don't have to bring your own apples. They are provided right from the trees at Brown's orchard in Poultney.

"Visitors will see cider made end to end," says Penny Coldwell, who has worked the press since the early days. "Workers climb up to the top of the press and dump apples into the hopper, which is now stainless steel. Apples are mashed into a pulp and a worker down below opens a small door and mash falls down onto hemp cloth. It

is smoothed out and then cloth is folded over the mash. The mash then is put into flats – made by a local furniture maker – and stacked up under the press. When there are enough, the hopper is shut off and the hydraulic press is started. The press comes down slowly – up to 1,200 pounds pressure – and the cider comes out a drain and into a five-gallon bucket with a cheesecloth strainer. From the bucket, it goes into gallon jugs, ready for drinking."

Coldwell and her crew handle more than 90 bushels of apples over the two days.

But it's not all apples and local artisans.

You also can see a special viewing of photos taken around Mount Holly for the MHCA Calendar contest as well as purchase a 2020 cal-

endar. You also can browse among hundreds of books at the library used book sale. The Mount Holly Historical Museum, located next to the green, will be open and birdhouses painted by local artists will be up for silent auction. On Saturday, stick around for a roast beef dinner with seatings at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

"It's a multi-generational event," says Coldwell, who teaches at Mount Holly Elementary.

To get there, turn toward Belmont at the flashing light on Route 103 or turn at the Belmont sign from Route 155. Head up the hill, find a place to park, and stroll through Belmont Village to the green – just like the folks did so many years ago when they brought their apples to be pressed.

Southern Vermont Flannel Festival

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Celebrate fall the southern Vermont way! On Oct. 13, from 12-6 p.m., at Rockingham Hill Farm, the Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the Southern Vermont Flannel Festival. Tap your toes or dance a jig with live music by The Stockwell Brothers, Low Lily, Ezra Veitch, and Josh Maiocco. Surround yourself with pies, cider, craft beer, pumpkins, barbecue food, and beautiful Vermont foliage as we celebrate community and welcome autumn.

This event wouldn't be possible without the support from Rockingham Hill Farm, The Vermont Country Store, Hal-laday's Harvest Barn, Cabot Cheese, Best Septic, Walpole Creamery, Pete's Stand, Great Brook Farm, Chroma, Vermont Flannel, and Silver Forest.

Road signs will direct you to 34 Meeting House Rd. in

Rockingham, Vt. for a fun festival for all ages. There is a discount on admission if you're rocking flannel. Kids 12 and under are free. For more information, email info@gfrcc.org, visit www.gfrcc.org, or call 802-463-4280.



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Fall colors near peak display in higher elevations

RUTLAND, Vt. – With shorter days and cooler nighttime temperatures, fall has arrived, ushering in one of nature's most magnificent seasons. In Vermont on the Green Mountain National Forest fall colors are expected to be most vibrant during the next couple of weeks in the higher elevations.



Early foliage in Lincoln, Vt. in 2017.

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"America's public lands, particularly our Eastern national forests, are among the most spectacular places to view the changes in fall colors," said Acting U.S. Forest Service Eastern Regional Forester Bob Lueckel. "I encourage you and your family to spend some time outdoors in the coming weeks and enjoy the sights, sounds, and smells of nature this fall."

"This is a special time for our residents, our visitors, and our forest. We have already seen a lot of vibrant color in the higher elevations and expect that leaves will be near peak in some

of the higher elevations this weekend and next," said John Sinclair, forest supervisor for the Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests. Sinclair also expects that there will be an influx of local and visitor traffic in the coming weeks and is encouraging motorists to be mindful of where they park and to use extra caution when driving and recreating on the forest.

The GMNF is one of the more heavily recreated national forests in the nation, serving between 3 and 4 million visitors per year. Located within less

than a day's drive of more than 70 million people, the forest serves a wide variety of outdoor enthusiasts – each contributing significantly to our local communities and the overall economy.

In addition to foliage viewing, other recreational activities on the forest include camping, hunting, fishing, horseback riding, snowmobiling, hiking, mountain biking, alpine and cross-country skiing.

Beginning each September, the Forest Service tracks the progress of fall color and is once again offering the public a website that can be visited for foliage updates, scenic hotspots, and routes to take for peak viewing of fall colors on national forests across the region, www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r9/recreation/?cid=stelprdb5327251.

Big game reporting stations

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermont hunters who take deer, bear, or turkeys must bring them to a reporting station within 48 hours.

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department keeps an up-

dated list of big game reporting stations on their website, www.vtfishandwildlife.com, with a map showing their locations. Here is a direct link to the map and list: www.tinyurl.com/y3k7esja.

"Bringing your deer, bear, or turkey to a reporting station is greatly appreciated because it enables us to collect important information on where and how many of them are taken during hunting seasons," said Mark Scott, Vermont Fish & Wildlife's director of wildlife, "and it also provides the opportunity to gather biological data at some of the locations during youth deer weekend and opening weekend of the November deer season."

A nature-based program for preschoolers begins

GRAFTON, Vt. – Join a local community of parents and budding scientists with The Nature Museum's Mighty Acorns Club. The Mighty Acorns Club provides creative, exploratory preschool programs that celebrate curiosity and encourage a love and respect for the natural world.

We offer a series of monthly, interactive, nature-based experiences for children ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers. Experienced and energetic environmental educators lead regular Mighty Acorns Club programs on the first Friday morning of the month at The Nature Museum, and the themes are always closely tied to the seasonal rhythms of the natural world.

The schedule for the fall



Mighty Acorn Club starts soon.

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includes Autumn Learning Adventures Oct. 4, Forest Senses and Fort Building Nov. 1, and Fantastic Feathered Birds Dec. 6. The second series begins in January and runs through May, continuing to meet on the first Friday morning of the month.

Come learn about why fall is a special time for the many plants, animals, and humans who call Vermont home, and be ready to take an adventure into the fall forest where we'll explore and discover with new eyes. We will spend most of our time outdoors regardless of the weather, so come prepared with cozy boots, jackets, and hats so we can really experience the elements.

Drops-ins are welcome. Pre-registration is encouraged but is not required. Drop-ins are welcome at the door. These programs are geared towards children ages 3 to 5, but older children are welcome to attend if interested. Caregivers and babes-in-arms are always welcome to attend for free. To learn more about upcoming programs and to register, visit www.nature-museum.org.

Best hand wins at Oct. 16 Poker Walk

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – The Grace Cottage Rehabilitation Department is celebrating National Physical Therapy Month by hosting its 21st annual Poker Walk Wednesday, Oct. 16. This free, fun, two-mile walk and run is held each year – rain or shine – to encourage people to get out and exercise. No pre-registration is required.

Playing cards are distributed along the way, and a prize for the best poker hand is awarded at the end. This year, the community member with the winning hand gets a two-night stay for up to four people at the beautiful Fieldstone Lodge



Join the Grace Cottage Poker Walk Wednesday, Oct. 16.

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All participants are eligible for a variety of terrific prizes donated by local businesses and individuals, including a quart of maple syrup, locally crafted earrings, an assortment of locally smoked cheeses, a gift certificate to Messenger Valley Pharmacy, and more. Winners for these prizes will be chosen at random.

Participants may start any time between 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Register at the Grace Cottage Wolff Outpatient Building, 163 Grafton Rd., Townshend. The course goes north for one mile on Route 35, then back to the Wolff Building. All are welcome to walk or run the course as often as they wish, collecting a new poker hand each time.

So put on your walking shoes and come out for a healthy, good time. For more information, call 802-365-3637.

Unallocated antlerless deer permits available

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department held its annual permit lottery for muzzleloader antlerless deer permits Sept. 17 and says it now has several thousand unallocated antlerless deer permits available for use in the Dec. 7-15 muzzleloader deer season. The unallocated permits are available because not enough people applied for them in the lottery.

These permits can be purchased on the department's website, www.vtfishandwildlife.com, on a first come, first served basis.

A person who won a permit in the lottery may not purchase a second permit unless they take a deer with their first permit in the December season and then only if they have not reached their three-deer annual limit or two-deer muzzleloader season limit.

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N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Auction held Oct. 12, 2019 at 11 a.m. at 96 Route 106 N. Springfield. 802-683-7104. To be auctioned: Charles Denofrio Unit #3 Candace Bargfrede Unit #104 Kevin Robinson Unit # 157 Dylan Davis Unit #195 Christopher Reichenbecher Unit #200 Orion Pfenning Unit # 197 (10/08)

BARN SALE

BELMONT, Vt. - Tools, carving tools, antiques, wood stoves, handmade quilts, furniture. October 5 and 6, 9-3, October 12 and 13, 9-3. 720 Straight Road. Cash and carry. (10/08)

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Efficiency, 1, and 2 bedroom apartments for rent. Electricity, water, and rubbish removal included. 1st mo. and sec. dep. required. Call 802-738-4279 leave message. (10/22)

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ATHENS, Vt. - Two bedroom mobile home, utilities not included. \$700/month. Call 802-869-2158. (10/08)

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)

HELP WANTED

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(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. (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 EOE. (11/22)

LUDLOW, Vt. – Office Manager, Fulltime/part-time. Experience in Payroll, QuickBooks, Excel/Word. Timothy Faulkner, CPA, 28 Pond Street, Ludlow, VT 05149. Contact 802-228-5575 or tlfcpa@tds.net. (10/15)

LUDLOW, Vt. – Mary W. Davis Realtor & Associates in Ludlow is looking for an Administrative Assistant. Candidate will possess excellent computer skills and be proficient in Microsoft Access, Word and Excel, as well as Adobe InDesign, Il-

lustrator and Photoshop. Must have experience with database management and possess good language skills. Knowledge of computer networking is desired. Ability to work well in a team environment is a must. Send resume and cover letter to: reagentvt@gmail.com. (TFN)

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ANSWERS TO TAKE A BREAK!

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Answer

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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pet of the week



My name's Hermes, and I'm a 1-year-old spayed female. Like so many of my friends here at Lucy Mackenzie, I used to live outside before I came to the shelter. I don't know what it's like to have a family, but word around the shelter is that it's really good. I'm a shy girl by nature. It might take me a while to get used to things, especially being around humans. But let me tell you, I am really, really looking forward to having somewhere I can call home and a family that really loves me. I'm happy being around other cats too, but dogs and excitable children can really scare me. I don't ask for much, but I do ask that you look my way when you next drop by the shelter. I might be shy, but you can be sure that I will likely already have my eyes on you.

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

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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

OCT. 3 – MANCHESTER, Vt. – Green Mountain Academy for Lifelong Learning welcomes author Elayne Clift to lead a four-part workshop on writing a short story starting Thursday, Oct. 3 from 1 – 3 p.m. This writing workshop is for anyone who wants to work on crafting one to two short stories during four sessions under the guidance of an award-winning writer. Class size is limited to 8; early registration is strongly encouraged. Class meets Thursdays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24. For more information or to register, please call our office at 802-867-0111 or visit www.greenmtnacademy.org.

OCT. 6 – WESTON, Vt. – The Weston Playhouse Theatre's Encore Society presents "Food for Thought: Habits for Healthy Aging," Oct. 6, 11:30 a.m. at Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm. Includes a light lunch. Admission is free, but reservations are strongly encouraged. Visit www.westonplayhouse.org or call the Weston box office at 802-824-5288.

OCT. 8 – WESTMINSTER, Vt. – A new Tai Chi course for beginners will start Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 11 a.m. at the Westminster Institute on Route 5. First class is free. The group will meet weekly for an hour. If enough people are interested, we also may offer a course in seated tai chi or a late day or early-evening class. To learn more or to register, contact Donna Dawson at 802-722-3607 or email wecares@sover.net.

OCT. 10 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Easy Tai Chi and Qigong Program for all ages at Springfield Town Library Thursday, Oct. 10, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Easy Tai Chi and Qigong incorporate gentle movements, breathing deeply, relaxation, and short meditation benefit your strength, flexibility, and balance, vitalize and heal the circulatory, digestive, immune, eliminative, and nervous systems, and bring harmony to your mind, body, and spirit.

SUNDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – The Odd Bobbins spinning group meets on the second Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. at Six Loose Ladies, 287 Main St. in Chester. The Odd Bobbins

meet monthly to spin in company, exchange fiber, and learn from each other. Occasional guest instructors and fiber producers attend. For more details, visit www.sixlooseladies.com.

MONDAYS – 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. – 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 – 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 or call 802-365-3640.

WEDNESDAYS – 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.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gentle Seva Yoga, every second Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Springfield Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse, 21 Fairground Rd., in

Springfield. For details, call 802-885-3327.

THURSDAYS – LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Neighborhood Connections is offering a six-week intermediate Tai Chi class on Thursdays from Sept. 12 through Oct. 17, from 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.

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

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.

CLUBS

OCT. 6 – MANCHESTER, Vt. – Hike Pico Peak with the Green Mountain Club Manchester Section Sunday, Oct. 6. Meet at 9 a.m. at the

south side of the Shaw's parking lot in Manchester. Carpool to the parking lot at Sherburne Pass, hike up the Sherburne Pass trail to Pico Camp and up the Pico Link trail. Return via a ski trail down to the Sherburne Pass trail and back down the Sherburne Pass trail to the parking lot. Total distance of 5.4 miles, with 2,100 feet elevation gain. This is a moderately difficult hike, but quite doable as a moderate hike with a slower pace. Bring snacks, lunch, fluids, extra layers, a wool hat (it is cold on top), a raincoat just in case, and poles are helpful on the steep bits. RSVP required to Lucinda Chuey at 203-912-2739 or Lrcsands@gmail.com.

OCT. 8 – CHESTER, Vt. – Southern Vermont Astronomy group's October 2019 monthly meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Whiting Library in Chester. Guest speaker Professor John Thorstensen, Dartmouth College, presents "How Do We Know That?" This event is open to the public and any level of experience is welcome.

COMMUNITY MEALS

OCT. 4 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – First Friday Supper at the First Baptist Church in Bellows Falls Friday, Oct. 4, from 5 – 7 p.m. Menu includes meatloaf, baked potato with all the fixings, green beans, garden salad, dessert, and beverage. Gluten free and vegan items also. Net proceeds to benefit

Westminster Cares.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Free Community Dinner at the North Springfield Baptist Church Friday, Oct. 4, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Dishes served are usually salads, casseroles, beans, soups, breads, desserts, and beverages. Everyone is welcome to attend. The church is located at 69 Main St. in North Springfield and is handicap assessable. For more information, call 802-886-8107.

OCT. 5 – CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Turkey Supper at Charlestown Senior Center Saturday, Oct. 5 starting at 5 p.m. The complete turkey supper includes potatoes, squash, stuffing, green beans, gravy, cranberry sauce, rolls and butter, and homemade pies for dessert. Tickets go on sale at 4 p.m. until we sell out. For take out, please call 603-826-5987 between noon and 3 p.m. the day of the supper, to be picked up between 4-4:40 p.m. Please come and enjoy our food and our company.

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Crockpot Supper Saturday, Oct. 5, from 5-7 p.m., at the First Congregational Church on Route 5 in Westminster. Dinner will be buffet style with many different entrees kept hot in crockpots. There will be something for everyone from meatballs to chili to vegetarian dishes. Menu also includes bread, tossed salad, coffee, tea, milk, and dessert. Kids under 5 eat free. All are welcome!

OCT. 12 – CHESTER, Vt. – Gassetts Grange buffet breakfast Saturday, Oct. 12, from 8-9:30 a.m. We will serve sausage gravy and biscuits, bacon, sausage, eggs, pancakes, real maple syrup, home fries, toast, coffee, tea, hot cocoa, juices. Due to food prices increase and our building repair costs, there will be a fee. For details, call Donna at 802-591-4290.

OCT. 13 – ACWORTH, N.H. – Annual Pig Roast Dinner at the Acworth Village Store Sunday, Oct. 13, from 4-7 p.m. Dinner is served outdoors under our tents at our picnic tables. Menu includes homemade cornbread, baked beans, coleslaw, and dessert. BBQ chicken and a vegetarian option will also be available. Kids portions and take out available. Water will be available but beverages are not included and can also be purchased at the village store. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/acworthvillagestore.

TOWN OF ANDOVER NOTICE OF TAX SALE

The resident and non-resident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of property in the Town of Andover, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such Town for the 2018-2019 tax years remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described property in such Town, to wit:

It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Gregory John Picz, Sr. and Angela Picz by Warranty Deed of Zampini Associates, LLC, dated June 20, 2017 and recorded on June 23, 2017 in Book 64 at Page 59 of the Andover Land Records. Parcel #002000014.100; E911 address: 286 Schmidt Road.)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Andover Office, a public place located at 953 Weston-Andover Road, in Andover, Vermont, on the 30th day of October, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Andover, Vermont this 23rd day of September, 2019

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It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to William B. Sepe by Warranty Deed of Arthur J. Connolly and Virginia P. Connolly, dated February 5, 2001 and recorded February 7, 2001 in Book 38 at Page 210 of the Andover Land Records. Parcel #008200066.000; E911 address: Hill Top Road.)

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Reference is made to Quit Claim Deed of Suanne Starr to Martin L. Benson, dated February 13, 2014 and recorded on February 18, 2014 in Book 60 at Page 168 of the Andover Land Records.

Parcel #002000015.000; E911 address: 4523 East Hill Road.)

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TOWN OF ANDOVER NOTICE OF TAX SALE

The resident and non-resident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of property in the Town of Andover, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such Town for the 2018-2019 tax years remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described property in such Town, to wit:

It being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Glen M. Dobkin and Nanette G. Dobkin by Warranty Deed of William J. Halligan, dated August 29, 2005 and recorded on September 1, 2005 in Book 48 at Page 233 of the Andover Land Records.

Reference is made to Quit Claim Deed of Nanette G. Dobkin to Glen M. Dobkin, dated May 21, 2015 and recorded on June 12, 2015 in Book 61 at Page 364 of the Andover Land Records.

Parcel #005200028.000; E911 address: East Hill Road.)

And pursuant to 32 V.S.A. Section 5254, so much of such property will be sold at public auction at the Town of Andover Office, a public place located at 953 Weston-Andover Road, in Andover, Vermont, on the 30th day of October, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Andover, Vermont this 23rd day of September, 2019

Jeanette Haight, Collector of Delinquent Taxes



Imerys Talc, the leader in the talc mining and processing, has openings for a Lab Technician and Mill Operators at its Mill in Ludlow, Vermont. The ideal candidate(s) for these roles will support the locations health, safety, environmental and quality programs (HSEQ).

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TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM LEAF & YARD DEBRIS PICKUP

The Town of Rockingham Highway Department will pick up leaves and other natural yard debris placed at the street curbside from October 1, 2019 until November 30, 2019, weather permitting, on **Mondays & Fridays ONLY**. All yard debris must be placed in **CLEAR PASTIC BAGS ONLY**, which can easily be handled by one person. All brush, twigs, limbs must be bundled with a natural fiber string, can be easily handled by one person and must be able to run through a wood chipper easily.

Clear bags are available at the Town Clerk's Office and Recycling Center at cost (4 bags for \$1.00). **ONLY CLEAR BAGS** containing the following will be picked up:

LEAVES, PINE NEEDLES, LAWN TRIMMINGS & GARDEN WASTE

Bags contaminated with trash or other debris will not be picked up.

The Recycling Center is also accepting leaves and yard debris. All bags must be dumped and all trucks emptied. There is no charge for this service.

LEGAL NOTICES/HELP WANTED

calendar

EVENTS

OCT. 4 - WINDSOR, Vt. – Celebrate Windsor's significant manufacturing heritage with free admission to the American Precision Museum, on National Manufacturing Day, Friday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. National Manufacturing Day is observed annually to showcase the opportunities available in modern manufacturing careers by encouraging thousands of companies and educational institutions across the country to open their doors to students, parents, teachers, and community leaders. For more information about NMD, visit www.mfgday.com.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – "The Language You Cry In" will be the First Friday Film at the Springfield UU Meetinghouse Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. The film tells an amazing scholarly detective story that searches for and finds meaningful links between African Americans and their ancestral past. Free admission and popcorn. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. at the UU Meetinghouse in Springfield.

OCT. 4 & 5 - WALPOLE, N.H. – Fall Rummage and Food Sale at the First Congregational Church in Walpole 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.

OCT. 5 - WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – Weathersfield School 8th annual Car Show Saturday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Weathersfield School. All vehicles of interest are welcome. Help the 8th graders raise money for their class trip. Entrance is by donation. Music and food along with door prizes for the show cars.

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.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The New Hampshire Antique Tractor Club will be having its annual food drive to benefit the Charlestown Food Shelf Oct. 5, starting at 10 a.m., starting at the Normand Beauty office and going down Old Claremont Road. Questions, please call Mel Wadleigh at 603-542-8191.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Association of Springfield Area Churches is

sponsoring a Stuff the Van event Saturday, Oct. 5 at the Springfield Shaw's to collect food and donations for the Springfield Family Center Food Shelf, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Over 30% of the people who live in Springfield have incomes below the federal poverty level and the Family Center Food shelf has over 2,400 visits per year. Please take the time to donate some non-perishable food items for your neighbors in need.

OCT. 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.

CHESTER, Vt. – Don't Miss the Blessing of the Animals Saturday, Oct. 5 at 11 a.m., and Sunday, Oct. 6 at 4 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Chester. Rev. Heidi Edson will be celebrating St. Francis of Assisi on the side lawn of St. Luke's. There will be blessings by Rev. Heidi, St. Francis medals, and treats for both animals and humans.

WEST WINDSOR, Vt. – Blessing of the Animals and Open House Saturday, Oct. 5 at Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society on Route 44 in West Windsor. The Fall Open House festivities will begin at noon with the Blessing of the Animals ceremony beginning at 1 p.m. All animals, large and small, along with their human companions are invited to attend.

OCT. 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.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The graphic novel "March (Book One)" by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin and artist Nate Powell, the 2019 Vermont Reads selection, will be discussed at the Springfield UU Meetinghouse Sunday, Oct. 6, from noon -1 p.m. All are welcome to join us. Copies of the book are available for loan at the Meetinghouse and at the Springfield Town Library. For details, contact uuspringfieldvt@gmail.com.

OCT. 12 - ALSTEAD, N.H. – The annual Harvest Auction at Third Congregational Church, 14 River St., Alstead, will be held Saturday, Oct. 12, starting at 5 p.m. Items for sale include furniture, donations from area merchants, baked goods, plants, and more. New and used items are welcome with the exception of TVs and large appliances. We invite contributions of baked

goods, plants, produce, and fall items. We will also have a Chinese Auction and blitz raffles, fresh cider, and all kinds of surprises. Refreshments will be sold by the guild from the kitchen, such as hot dogs, beverages, and other eats. Anyone with items to donate may contact Phil Warren at 603-835-2490.

WALPOLE, N.H. – Come join the Walpole CROP Hunger Walk Saturday, Oct. 12 at 9:30 a.m. Registration/check-in starts at 9 a.m. at the Walpole Congregational Church on the Common, and the walk begins there at 9:30 a.m. The walk is about 3 1/2 miles, and the money raised helps to fight hunger, both globally and locally. Whether you are a community member, a church member, or part of a group you've formed, walk with us! Together, we can help end hunger in our community and beyond. Questions? Contact Ellie Shaw at 603-756-4866 or go to www.crophungerwalk/walpolen.h.

OCT. 12 & 13 - GRAFTON, Vt. – Tag Sale for Grafton Fire Dept. on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 13, from 9 a.m. -1 p.m., at Grafton Firehouse, 711 Rt. 121 East of Grafton Village. Celebrating the 38th year with large variety and many bargains. Most of remaining items half price on Sunday. Grille, coffee, baked goods. This year crafters and artisans will be on hand plus raffle items.

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Mount Holly Cider Days Saturday, Oct. 12, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 13, from noon - 4 p.m., on the Belmont Village Green. Watch fresh cider being

made on a century-old press and then enjoying a cup of that cider with home-baked apple pie or crisp. Also enjoy more food, crafts vendors, a library book sale, and more. Sponsored by the Mount Holly Community Association. On Saturday, stick around for a roast beef dinner from 5-6 p.m.

OCT. 13 - CHESTER, Vt. – Gassetts Grange Country Jamboree Sunday, Oct. 13, from 1-4 p.m., at their renovated building on Route 103 in Chester. Door donation per person. We will sell refreshments in the kitchen. There will be 50/50 drawing and a raffle. All are welcome. Sing, dance, or just relax and listen to the great music.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Southern Vermont Flannel Festival on Sunday, Oct. 13, from noon to 6 p.m., at Rockingham Hill Farm. Celebrate fall the southern Vermont way! Join us for live music, pies, cider, craft beers, pumpkins, food, flannel, foliage, and fun! Age 12 and under are free. Questions, email info@gfrcc.org.

CHESTER, Vt. – Vermont author Archer Mayor will appear at Blair Books & More on the common in Chester Sunday, Oct. 13 at 4 p.m. Mayor will be reading from and autographing his new novel, "Bomber's Moon." For more information, call 802-875-3400.

SATURDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Dump Daze Flea Market every Saturday, weather permitting, on the spacious lawn of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 33 Fairground Rd. The market will open when the first dealer arrives and close when the last dealer leaves. There is ample parking as well as

rest rooms. The event is free, with no entrance or dealer set-up fees. Dealers must provide their own tables and chairs and cannot leave anything behind when they leave. Dealing of animals is strongly discouraged. Electricity provided to food vendors. There is no need to register. If you have any questions, please call 802-885-2972.

KIDS' CORNER

OCT. 4 - GRAFTON, Vt. – Mighty Acorns Preschool Explorers Club: Autumn Learning Adventures 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.

LIBRARIES

OCT. 5 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Conservation for Kids at Springfield Town Library 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 5-8. Let us know you are coming by giving us a call at 802-885-3108 or find the event page on Facebook.

MUSIC & THEATER

OCT. 4 - PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts Project presents The Akwaaba Ensemble, traditional African drumming and dance, at Next Stage Friday, Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. Opening for Akwaaba Ensemble will be award-winning performance artist, singer, and poet U-Meleni Mhlaba-Adebo. Tickets are available at www.nextstagearts.org, Turn It Up in Brattleboro, and the Putney General Store.



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calendar

AUTOMOTIVE/REAL ESTATE

MUSIC & THEATER CONT.

OCT. 4 CONT. – Next Stage is located at 15 Kimball Hill in Putney

and features a state of the art performance space with a great dance floor, sound system, and beer and wine cash bar.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – An Evening with Tracy Grammer and Jim Henry

Friday, Oct. 4 at Stage 33 Live, 33 Bridge St. in Bellows Falls. Door open at 6 p.m., music at 7 p.m. Tracy Grammer, one of contemporary folk music's most beloved artists, recently had to cancel 22

shows in a dozen western states due to injury. This fundraising listening event features Tracy Grammer in performance with Jim Henry to offset her medical expenses and lost income. Will Stahl opens. Seating for 40 plus standing room. Advance tickets are guaranteed a chair. Tickets at the door do not guarantee a seat. Attendees may bring portable seating to set up

behind the house chairs. 100% of the proceeds will go to the cause. Tipping encouraged. Advance tickets and more information at www.stage33live.com.

OCT. 5 - MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Celtic and 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 Og O'Tuama from Cork, Ireland and Christy Martin from California. They perform traditional and original music.

OCT. 6 - GRAFTON, Vt. – The Grafton Cornet Band is performing at a free Foliage Concert Sunday, Oct. 6, from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., on the Library Lawn in Grafton. Bring chairs or a blanket for comfort and maybe a picnic. For rain, the band plays in the historic Grafton Community Church. Any band player is welcome to play along with the band, just wear a white shirt and come a bit early. See www.GraftonBand.org for more information.

TUESDAYS - WOODSTOCK, Vt. – The Freelance Family Singers of Woodstock began holiday concert rehearsals on Tuesdays 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.

to share experiences and learn about opportunities and challenges regardless of diagnostics. HCRS, CRT Room, 390 River St. Meets every Monday from 1-2 p.m. For more information, call 800-639-6480 or visit www.namivt.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – NAMI Vermont Connection Recovery Support Group is a mental illness support group. It provides a forum

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This unique and beautiful property is ready to become your new home or perhaps a new business location. Located on the Main Street of picturesque Chester village the former Rectory has beautiful woodwork throughout as well as lovely french doors, fireplace and numerous built-ins. This home features two living rooms, the dining room with built-ins, an eat-in kitchen with a butler's pantry, three bedrooms as well as a den or office. The bonus room, formerly the Chapel, is open to numerous possibilities. A full basement and attic space and sitting on a newly sub-divided lot of .53 acre the property includes a detached garage and lovely wrap around porch. **JUST REDUCED TO \$295,000**

Price reduction announced on this lovely Weathersfield home. The 38+/- acres of fields, forest, flowers, shrubs and ornamental trees in the landscaped yards. The cozy kitchen/family room with a beautiful wood burning cook stove will offer extra warmth on those snowy days and can't you just smell the bread baking in the oven? The living room-dining room boasts lovely wood floors and woodwork. Three bedrooms are on the second level with plenty of closets and storage for all the treasures. The full basement features additional family room. The three season porch overlooks the in-ground pool. An attached 2 car garage and a separate barn-workshop. Call today, **REDUCED AGAIN TO \$374,000**

All the makings of a comfortable, pleasant home. This raised ranch is set up above the town offering a lovely 'double' corner lot (.83+/- acres) with gardens, raspberry patch, ferns and mature trees. Pleasant and well maintained interior has hardwood floors, combination living/dining area with glass doors leading to the private back deck, a large eat-in kitchen, three bedrooms and a full bath. The basement offers a family room, with bedroom and bath/laundry room and two car garage. New roof, replacement windows, freshly painted exterior makes this home ready to enjoy. **REDUCED TO \$181,900**

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