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Division III champs

CHESTER, Vt. – Green Mountain boys' soccer team are Division III champions! Read more on the sports page 1B.

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7th Veterans Day Assembly



Join a local Veterans Day celebration.

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LUDLOW, Vt. – On Friday, Nov. 8, from 9-10:30 a.m., please join the students of Black River Middle High School and Ludlow, Mount Holly, and Cavendish Town elementary schools as they come together with the community to honor the brave

men and women of the military. The assembly will take place in Presidential Hall, the LES gymnasium. We are proud to announce that Gov. Phil Scott will be joining us at our Veterans Day program, and we hope that you will too. Doors open at 9 a.m.

Howard Barton Jr. dedication



LUDLOW, Vt. – You are invited to the Ludlow Electric Light Department for a dedication for Howard Barton Jr., Friday, Nov. 8, 2019 at 1 p.m. on Locust Hill Road at the Electric Light Substation.

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Selectboard, residents discuss purchase of Black River High School building

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Nov. 4 Ludlow Selectboard meeting took place in the Heald Auditorium on the second floor of the town office building to accommodate a crowd of about 50 residents to discuss a very hot topic: the upcoming vote on the purchase of Black River High School building.

The Ludlow Selectboard has the option of purchasing the BRHS building from the Two Rivers Supervisory Union for \$1, leaving the town responsible for ongoing maintenance and upkeep. The Selectboard established a BRHS Building Feasibility Committee to look at the building, along with included property, and make a recommendation on their findings. In early September, the committee came to the Selectboard with the recommendation that the town move ahead with the purchase. The Selectboard then scheduled the informational meeting for Nov. 4 with the vote scheduled to take place during a special town meeting, with the vote happening on the floor, Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m.

The discussion on the building vote began with Dan Buckley, who had served on a Building Feasibility Committee, stating that overall the building was in excellent shape and estimated yearly maintenance figures which included heat, electrical and custodial services would be approximately \$340,000 a year. That figure would drop to between \$100,000 and \$150,000 per year without the custodial piece. Anticipated capital improvements include updating eight or nine remaining older windows, which would cost about \$25,000.

A possible tenant for the building is a proposed Black River Independent School, which is currently working

through steps to be approved by the state of Vermont and continuing efforts in order to open after the current public Black River High School and Middle School are closed, slated for June of 2020. A key concern for several citizens stemmed from the perceived viability of BRIS, asking the Selectboard what would happen if the independent school doesn't happen.

From the beginning of his remarks on the topic, Board Chair Bruce Schmidt made clear that his decision to move forward with the purchase of the building had nothing to do with the possibility of BRIS taking over the building, rather his concern was that the town be in control of the fate of an iconic piece of real estate that serves as "an entrance to our town."

Buckley, who serves on the TRSU board, confirmed that the School Board would not hang onto the building if the town did not purchase it. "If it does not go to the town, our plan is we will sell it to the highest bidder," he said.

Ludlow resident Alan Meier expressed concern that Ludlow residents would now take on burden of the building alone and without knowing the tax implications. He also asked if other possible tenants had been explored and questioned who would possibly purchase the building in future.

"There's a lot of questions that are still unanswered about doing this, and you're asking us to make a decision next week," he said. He also expressed concern that only a small representation of voters would be at the



Ludlow Selectboard Meeting drew a large crowd to discuss purchase of the BRHS building.

PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY

meeting next week.

Ludlow resident Dean Alexander said that although recent reports indicated that there were possible uses for the building, he didn't see a need for the building and that paying expenses for many years to come could represent millions of dollars. He was also concerned that many people were out of town during "stick season."

Alexander also noted that Ludlow chose to close the school but acknowledged that they were not here to talk about BRIS per se.

Questions surfaced about the timing of the vote and the format of using a special town meeting. Schmidt referred to a precedent set in 1989 to hold special town meetings in this format. "It's a decision we inherited," he said.

When questioned further about the timing specifically, Schmidt elaborated that the Selectboard wanted to see what the town wanted to do and move on so they could set budgets for fiscal year 2021. He also said that with the possible tenant in the independent school, they were trying to get some

direction to the school as well as the Selectboard.

BRISC needs to have an identified location for their school before they can submit their paperwork to the Vermont Agency of Education for approval in order to move forward in their process.

Schmidt also said, "If it doesn't pass and down the road we want to look at it again, that's obviously an option too." Resident John Bourque asked that with the town buying the building for \$1, if down the road if it became more viable as a space that they could sell, that money would come back to the town. Schmidt confirmed that was the case.

Resident Aaron Galley suggested they look at some real numbers, saying that if this raised municipal tax by \$0.02 on his property valuation of \$215,000, that his taxes would go up about \$50. "If we foot that bill for a couple years and then decide that as a town we want to sell that building, we can do that. We're going to come out way ahead of things versus letting the school district sell to the highest bidder. Then we have absolutely zero say in what

happens to that building," he said. When discussion turned to how much it would cost to demolish the building, Schmidt responded, "I'd hate to think of that."

There was discussion that surfaced about possible restrictions for use for the building including possible housing options like low-income or affordable housing or other uses. The Selectboard agreed to have more information on any restrictions for next Tuesday's meeting.

Resident Joanne Bombardil said that the town had more ideas and resources to make good use of the building. "Bringing the school that is in the center of town into our decision-making makes a lot more sense than burdening the School Board to figure it out," she said.

As the discussion wrapped up, Schmidt said that although they may not the answers to all the questions, they do have some basic idea of the costs of maintenance and to him it was relatively simple – that the building is going to become vacant and now they must decide what to do with it.

The vote is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Heald Auditorium, upstairs at the Ludlow Town Office. There will be a discussion prior to the vote on the floor.



Springfield intersection improvement project

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – You might've noticed some new traffic signals are in place at the intersection of U.S. Route 5 and Vermont Route 11 in Springfield! The project included installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection, addition of a dedicated turn lane into the Holiday Inn, and update of the signage and pavement markings in the area. The crew will be fine-tuning the signaling system this week.

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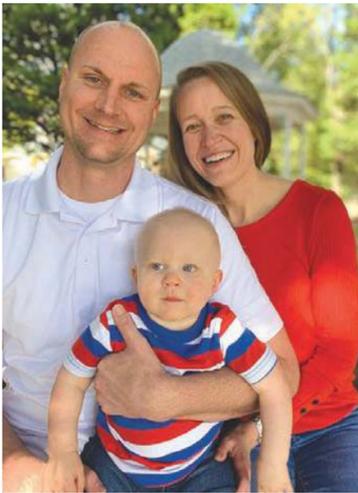
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Chester Baptist Church votes in new pastor

CHESTER, Vt. – After a 15-month long search, the Chester Baptist Church has voted to welcome Rev. Matthew Tape as its new pastor and teaching elder. He will be working alongside the newly elected church elders Lee Gustafson and Malcolm Hamblett to help lead the church congregation and expand outreach programs in the Chester area. He is expected to lead his first service Sunday, Nov. 17.



Welcome Rev. Matthew Tape and family. PHOTO PROVIDED

The vote, held after the regular Sunday morning worship service Oct. 13, was for the congregation as a whole to decide on whether to invite Matt Tape, a minister from North Carolina, to be the church's new pastor. In addition to preaching on Sunday mornings, Matt will be serving alongside the other church elders to help grow and lead the church.

Both Lee Gustafson and Malcolm Hamblett were recently voted into the newly created church elder positions after Chester Baptist Church changed its leadership model.

The new model includes multiple elders in the church who share leadership responsibilities and spiritual decision-making. Such a model provides for a more diverse, accountable, and active leadership team. Matt Tape will bring his preaching, teaching, and counseling skills to enable the church to grow and serve God and our community.

Matt, his wife Lauren, and their 1-year-old son, will be moving to Chester in mid-November. Both Matt and his wife have felt personally led by God to minister in New England and are excited for the move. Matt has worked in Christian ministry since 2014 in North Carolina and has a Master of Divinity with a specialization in pastoral counseling. He has also worked in business leadership and has a bachelor's degree in business administration and marketing.

Our congregation is made up of a wide variety of God's people, sharing our relationship with Christ in common. On any given Sunday you'll find children, singles, families, grandparents, and retirees worshipping together.

As stewards of the ministry God has entrusted to us, our church is currently led by elders, deacons, trustees, and various boards and committees. Congregational involvement in the life of our church is energetic and essential for a healthy ministry among our own family and in the community at-large.

We are involved in the Chester-Andover Ministerium, a group of local clergy who lead a number of annual events, including Lenten services, concerts of prayer, and bacalaureate services. We are also a member congregation of the American Baptist Churches of Vermont and New Hampshire.

Regional EAB group plans important meeting Nov. 18

LUDLOW, Vt. – REREC, a newly-formed regional group designed to assist area towns with the onset of the emerald ash borer infestation, will meet Monday, Nov. 18 at 10 a.m. in Ludlow Town Hall to start its preparation of detailed programs to help local towns deal with the EAB crisis.

REREC, which stands for Regional EAB Resource Committee, currently has members from both Windsor and Rutland counties. The urgency of the group's efforts has dramatically increased with the recent detection of EAB infestation in Londonderry. While the EAB insect travels a fairly limited distance that would normally slow down the spread of the infection, the use of ash tree firewood from infected areas has resulted in the more rapid spread of EAB.

According to Ralph Pace, REREC chairman, the meeting will be focused on establishing work teams to deal with the six main areas of concern in dealing with EAB infestation. These include:

- Develop guidelines, forms, reference documentation, and procedures to inventory ash tree population, location, size, and condition;
- Prepare educational tools, publications, and news releases to inform public officials and private landowners;
- Develop plans for the disposition of removed ash trees and permitted uses of them;
- Evaluate methodology, approved chemicals and



EAB larvae infestation in an ash tree. PHOTO PROVIDED

appliers, estimated costs, frequency of use, and guidelines for decision to include tree in the legacy category;

- Prepare guidelines for determining areas to be included in inventory process, ownership, and responsibility for tree removal and protection, suggest appropriate local ordinances, and define the legal status of private landowners RE EAB; and
- Create an overall model town plan for the management of its EAB policy and procedures using information from the above efforts.

All of these steps will be performed with the advice and assistance of both state forestry officials and regional planning commissions. REREC will continue working with similar EAB resource groups in the

state. While the primary focus of the group will be on ash trees in the public domain, notably covering public right of ways, REREC intends to offer as much assistance as it can to private landowners. However, Pace noted, "The ultimate burden for dealing with EAB on private properties will be that of the owner."

The emerald ash borer is an exotic beetle that was discovered in southeastern Michigan near Detroit in the summer of 2002. The adult beetles nibble on ash foliage but cause little damage. The larvae feed on the inner bark of ash trees, disrupting the tree's ability to

transport water and nutrients. Emerald ash borer probably arrived in the United States on solid wood packing material carried in cargo ships or airplanes originating in its native Asia. As of October 2018, it is now found in 35 states, and the Canadian provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Manitoba.

The attached photo illustrates how the larvae of the EAB attacks the cambium layer between the bark and hardwood core of the ash tree destroy the trees ability to send nourishment to the rest of the tree, thus slowly killing it.

Pace indicated that other regional towns interested in working with REREC are welcome to participate in the Nov. 18 meeting. For more information, call 802-228-7239.

Okemo Valley Women's Club recent meeting

LUDLOW, Vt. – The October meeting of the GFWC Okemo Valley Women's Club was held

Monday, Oct. 14, 2019. Sixteen members attended the meeting including one new member,

Connie Noiva, who was inducted by Roxie Davis, membership chairwoman.

Instead of a guest speaker, President Darlene Remy spoke about the Wellness Wheel, which guides people through determining their individual wellness through six or more components of wellness – physical, social, intellectual, emotional, spiritual, financial, and environmental. President Remy explained how each relates to the planned club programs for the 2019-20 year as well.

Committee reports were given and discussed including membership and the upcoming Tree of Remembrance 2019 fundraising campaign. Old and new business was discussed, including volunteer projects and fundraising initiatives. Patty Greenwood brought with her a copy of a Pennsylvania GFWC Women's Club scrapbook from years ago, which was unique and more than interesting to peruse during the meeting.

This year's slate of meetings at the state, regional, and national levels were also discussed, including the State Winter meeting to be held in Ludlow and hosted by the Okemo Valley Women's Club. Festive fall refreshments were served by October's hostesses.

The next meeting of the GFWC Okemo Valley Women's Club will be held Monday, Nov. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Black River Valley Senior Center in Ludlow, Vt. Anyone wishing to attend should contact President Darlene Remy, 802-228-4907, or Roxie Davis, 802-226-7417, or any club woman.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

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SoVerA presents “The Beginning Stargazer – Choosing the Right Equipment”

CHESTER, Vt. – If you are interested in pursuing astronomy as a hobby or part of you or your children’s ongoing education, you are faced with a lot of complicated decisions before you begin. If you would like some guidance in selecting the equipment best suited for your interests and budget, the Southern Vermont Astron-

omy Group is hosting a discussion at its November meeting, which may be of help to you. Patrick Porch and Rick Bates, long-time members of SoVerA, will talk about the various types of observing equipment available to amateur astronomers. There will be discussion of the pros and cons of the various types of

equipment, and a variety of types of telescopes on display to look at. If the skies permit, there will be some informal observing after the presentation. Please join us Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the Whiting Library in Chester, Vt. SoVerA meetings are free and open to the public.

The People Speak, a reading of the Constitution –

LUDLOW, Vt. – “We the people of the United States of America, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution of the United States of America.” Powerful words that define us as a nation.

Local residents have taken the initiative to invite their fellow citizens into the studio of Okemo Valley TV to read a section of the Constitu-

tion. This project will result in a compilation of readings, which will then be televised and streamed online. The readings will take place during the afternoon of Friday, Dec. 6, from 3-6, and Saturday morning, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Okemo Valley TV is the community access TV station and media center, based in Ludlow and serving the wider region around the Black River Valley and Okemo Mountain. Each participant will read a section of the document which will then be edited and shown on Okemo Valley TV’s televi-

sion channels, its website, and YouTube channel.

Copies of the Constitution are available at the station thanks to State Rep. Peter Welch’s office. The station is located next door to Black River Good Neighbors in the Ludlow Community Center complex.

“The folks behind this project are really striving to achieve civic engagement – as members of this local community but also as Americans,” said Okemo Valley TV’s Executive Director Patrick Cody. “We were pleased to field this request, and happy to sup-

Physical therapy and rehabilitation at SMCS

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Physical therapists and physical therapy assistants are vital partners in providing health and wellness care. Many people think that they can only see a rehabilitation provider when they are injured or recovering from surgery. But what you may not know is that rehabilitation professionals have a wide array of skills in addi-

tion to those we traditionally think of and are a key part of our healthcare team in terms of preventing injuries and keeping us healthy and well.

Working with student athletes and school sports teams; helping older people maintain balance, strength, and independence; helping children with special needs; and assisting with stroke recovery are just a few of the services that physical therapy providers have to offer. Therapists are great teachers and can provide a wealth of information on how we can keep ourselves healthy, mobile, engaged, and more productive in our work and our leisure activities. They are also indispensable in maximizing outcomes after surgery or injury.

Physical therapy, as part of a multi-modal pain management plan, can be an effective alternative to medications in treating both acute and chronic pain.

So, during Physical Therapy Awareness month, we would



Katherine Silta, PA-C, Connecticut Valley Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine, Springfield, Vt.
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like to take this opportunity to thank all of our physical therapy and rehabilitation professionals for their expertise, professionalism, and their continued support of our patients and our communities.

Vermonters set new record on Prescription Drug Take Back Day with 6,734 pounds

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermonters set a record on the 18th nationwide Prescription Drug Take Back Day Saturday, Oct. 26, turning in more than 3.5 tons of unused, unwanted, and expired medication at over 60 collection sites throughout the state. The 6,734 pounds of collected medication marks the highest total in Vermont of the eight Take Back Days since fall 2015 and it was the first year that e-cigarette and other vaping devices could also be turned in.

“We know the availability of unused prescriptions in the medicine cabinets of friends or relatives can lead to substance misuse for some Vermonters,” said Gov. Phil Scott. “One of the keys to prevention is taking unused drugs out of the equation, and I’m grateful to all the Vermonters who continue to assist

in this effort.”

Take Back Day is organized in partnership with the Vermont Health Department, the Department of Public Safety, local and state law enforcement agencies, and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. The goal is to help ensure prescription drugs that are no longer needed are discarded safely before they can be misused. Communities across the state hosted collection sites where Vermonters could safely and anonymously drop off unused medications. Local and state police and county sheriff departments staffed locations, and the collected medications were securely transported out of state and incinerated.

“Almost everyone has medications they no longer need,” said Health Commissioner Mark Levine, M.D. “Year-round

collection programs, such as drop-off locations and mail-in envelopes, make it easy for Vermonters be sure these ‘Most Dangerous Leftovers’ are destroyed and not available for misuse. I’m especially pleased that people were also able to drop off their vaping devices and cartridges.”

Medications that are not properly stored pose a risk to the health of children and pets who might accidentally ingest them. Flushing medications or tossing them in the trash can also endanger our waterways and wildlife. The DEA estimates that about 10% of the medication collected on Take Back Day are opioids.

“Our take-back events highlight the problems associated to prescription drug abuse and gives our citizens an opportunity to contribute to the solu-

tion,” said DEA Special Agent in Charge Brian D. Boyle. “These efforts help remove unwanted, expired, and unused prescription pills that can be abused, stolen, or resold, which helps our continued dedication to combat the prescription pill, fentanyl, and heroin epidemic of substance abuse and addiction.”

If you missed Take Back Day, the Health Department coordinates a system of permanent prescription drug disposal sites, such as at pharmacies and police stations where disposal boxes or kiosks are open to the community year-round. To find a permanent drug disposal site near you, visit www.healthvermont.gov/drugtakeback or dial 211.

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Springfield Edward Jones offices support Toys for Tots drive

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield area Edward Jones Financial Advisors have joined together to support the Marine Corps League Toys for Tots program by using their offices as drop-off locations for this year's toy drive.

Local residents may help children in the area by bringing in a new, unwrapped toy to any Springfield area office during regular business hours from Nov. 11 through Dec. 13, 2019.

With the holiday season around the corner, we are all getting ready for the festivities, says local financial advisors Amy, Gerry, and Dan. As this is the season of giving, now is a great time to remember the less fortunate in our community.

The local Edward Jones financial advisors include Amy Duffy, 41 Chester Rd., and Gerry Mittica and Dan Richardson,



Springfield Edward Jones offices will be drop-off locations for Toys for Tots.

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The Memoir Workshops with Pam Bernard late fall sessions

WALPOLE, N.H. – As the craziness of the holidays approaches, take the time to focus on what's really important: writing about your life. Award-winning author Pam Bernard continues her ongoing, eight-week series of writing and reading workshops to begin the week of Nov. 11 at her home in Walpole, N.H. These workshops are for those interested in transforming the deep exploration of experience into a convincing and compelling narrative.

This workshop is not a competitive sport. It is aimed at exploring the genre to learn the ground rules, to experiment with different approaches to making the personal universal, and to develop your unique

voice and style to bring your story to life. Each member is encouraged to participate at his or her own pace and comfort level.

Apprehending experience and shaping it into a compelling narrative that carries meaning to your reader is the best antidote for our steady diet of mediocrity and of the disposable. Vivian Gornick says, "Penetrating the familiar is by no means a given. On the contrary, it is hard, hard work."

Rather than cannibalize your life, a successful narrative will rise from that experience and your willingness to honor your life, without judgment. Bernard says, "The good memoir has an eye to shaping memory and experience. You

own what has happened to you, and this includes what you remember. No one else can claim that."

Please join other writers at the table. This workshop could change your life. They fill quickly, so make contact right away.

Pam Bernard, author of four books, is a poet, painter, editor, and adjunct professor at the New Hampshire Institute of Art and Franklin Pierce University. She received her MFA in creative writing from Warren Wilson College and B.A. from Harvard University. Her awards include a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in Poetry and a MacDowell Fellowship.

Please email pam@pambernard.com, visit www.pambernard.com, or call for more information, including days and times, at 603-756-4177.

OLLI presents "Protecting the Aging Brain: Lifestyle Matters"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – On Nov. 12 at 2 p.m., Robert Hamill will present the OLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program "Protecting the Aging Brain: Lifestyle Matters" at the Nolin Murray Center on Pleasant Street in Springfield, Vt.

Robert Hamill, M.D., professor of neurological sciences in the College of Medicine at University of Vermont, will help us understand the key concepts of neuroplasticity – the ability of the nervous system to change and modify structure and function. He'll discuss how the brain is able to respond to modifying influences throughout life, providing an opportunity for interventions to positively influence aging biology.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, affiliated with



Robert Hamill, M.D. PHOTO PROVIDED

the University of Vermont, is a local membership program geared towards seniors 50 years and older who want to engage in meaningful learning "just for the fun of it!" People of all ages who are interested in this type of program are welcome to at-

tend.

The OLLI series programs are selected with input from the local members and carry varied themes from semester to semester including history, art, music, literature, health, nature, science, travel, and current events. Membership for the semester includes nine programs. Non-members are encouraged and welcome to attend individual lectures for a single program fee. Single program fees may be paid at the program.

The following OLLI program will be Tuesday, Nov. 19 with Kurt Valenta on "Bobcat and Canadian Lynx: The Big Little Cats." This program will be co-sponsored by the Ascutney Mountain Audubon Society. The complete Springfield and statewide program list is available at www.learn.uvm.edu/olli.

Vermont Writers' Prize entry deadline extended to Jan. 1

REGION – Green Mountain Power and Vermont Magazine set a new deadline to enter to win one of the state's great literary honors: The Vermont Writers' Prize. Writers now have until Jan. 1, 2020 to perfect their entries, and this year, for the first time, there are two prizes – one for prose and one for poetry. The winners' work will be published in Vermont Magazine's Early Summer 2020 Issue and the winning prose author and poetry author will each win \$1,250.

"The increasing number of poems Vermont writers enter, and the amazing quality of the writing, convinced us

that a separate prize for poetry was the right thing to do," said Dotty Schnure, who manages the contest for GMP. "There is so much talent in this state, and it is inspiring to read the entries and see how writers highlight the essence of Vermont in their work."

The award is a collaboration between GMP and Vermont Magazine and was created as a way to honor Ralph Nading Hill Jr. who was a Vermont historian, author, and long-time GMP Board member. The contest is open to all Vermont residents, including seasonal residents and students enrolled in Vermont colleges. You can be a professional or amateur writer.

S.J. Cahill of East Burke, Vt., won the 2019 Vermont Writers' Prize with his story, "Family Ground."

Entries can be submitted at www.vermontwritersprize.submittable.com/submit/86155/vermont-writers-prize.

Submissions need to be essays, short stories, or poems on the themes of "Vermont – Its People, Its Places, Its History or Its Values." Entries must be unpublished and fewer than 1,500 words in length. An independent panel of judges will select the winning entry. Employees and subcontractors of Vermont Magazine or Green Mountain Power and previous winners are ineligible.

Local families make global impact through Operation Christmas Child

REGION – This month, sites in the area will be among



Create and donate a shoebox gift for children around the world for Operation Christmas Child.

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5,000 U.S. drop-off locations collecting shoebox gifts for children overseas during Operation

Christmas Child's National Collection Week, Nov. 18-25.

Families, churches, and groups are busy transforming empty shoeboxes into fun gifts filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items. The Samaritan's Purse project partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children affected by war, disease, disaster, poverty, and famine. For many of these children, it will be the first gift they have ever received.

This year, area residents hope to collect more than 4,813 gifts to contribute to the 2019 global goal of reaching 11 million children. "I love seeing the local community rally together for a global impact," said Regional Director Cecil Pollydore. "We see all ages getting involved – and more and more every year."

Springfield Assembly of God, 269 River St., Springfield, Vt.

- Nov. 18-22, 6-8 p.m.
- Nov. 23, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Nov. 24, 1-4 p.m., 6-8 p.m.
- Nov. 25, 8-10 a.m.

For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, call 518-437-0690 or visit www.samaritanpurse.org/occ.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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The 1898 blizzard



Snowplow at Chester Depot, March 1899. Town Hall cupola visible in the left background. PHOTO PROVIDED BY CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Last week, I wrote about the Willard snowplow and the 1898 blizzard. Some of that history came from Mary Harris. Mary kept a scrapbook of newspaper clippings she found interesting. She has four pages of clippings concerning the blizzard. Not having mail in those days would be similar to us losing internet today. Mail was our connection to the outside world. Below are a few clippings Mary kept.

Chester
“The wrapper factory was obliged to suspend operations Tuesday forenoon, it being impossible for the girls to get to the factory on account of the big snow storm. The night sleeper south due here at 1:30 A.M. arrived about 10:30 Tuesday morning. The stages from Londonderry, Weston and Grafton could not get through. The town will be without mails for 12 hours.

“The twenty inches of snow that fell Monday night followed by the blow in the morning so closed the thoroughfare leading into to town that with the exception of the mail from Rutland, no mails reached us Tuesday, and the doings of the outside world were a blank to the denizens.

“The storm of Wednesday was the worst Chester has experienced since 1888. The wind reached a velocity of 50 miles an hour, business and all travel were suspended. Those who came into town early in the morning had to remain in town until Thursday morning. Drifts 10 and 12 feet deep were very common occurrences. Stages from Londonderry, Weston and Grafton have not been seen since Tuesday; it is doubtful if they get through by Saturday. Trains have been stalled, mails delayed

and it will cost the town a good many dollars to break out the roads.”

The Grafton Stage
“The Grafton stage was unable to get through either Tuesday or Wednesday but pulled in on time Thursday.”

The Weston Stage
“The Weston stage didn’t make an appearance Tuesday and did not arrive Wednesday until 8 o’clock in the evening and even then it was necessary to change horses in Peaseville.”

Westminster West
“No mail reached us Tuesday and Wednesday not until about 7 o’clock, four hours late. The drifts at the top of the hill between here and Saxtons River were heavy. The roller and four horses and six or eight men were all day until dark, working the road out in that direction.”

Grafton
“A regular blizzard struck here Tuesday, the worst one for years. The stage from Saxtons River to Townshend did not get through Tuesday. The Chester stage was unable to get beyond a short distance above Houghtonville Wednesday. The back roads are in a state of blockade.”

The Londonderry Sifter
“The snow storm that set in last Tuesday and continued for 24 hours gave us 15 inches and wound up with a big blow. The roads everywhere, on the mountains, at least, are terribly drifted and in many places will have to be shoveled out which will take several days. At this writing Thursday we have no mails since Tuesday and with little prospect for any until night.

“The mail train started Wednesday morning and reached West Townshend about the middle of the afternoon but could go no further. Thursday morning the snow plow, with two engines attached, started from Brattleboro and reached here about 11 o’clock. This will

probably insure the regular mail train up to-night.

“The stage started Wednesday morning but was obliged to return. It again started yesterday morning and got a little over a mile from the village where the road breakers with four horses were found stuck with no alternative but to shovel quite a distance. With the prospect that it would take till noon to break through to the North village it returned. So we will certainly get no mail from that direction until to-night Friday.”

West River Railroad
“The narrow gauge train went through to South Londonderry Monday night, but was held there Tuesday, by instructions. The snow plow started from here about noon Tuesday and reached South Londonderry at 5. The plow came down Wednesday, and the regular train followed, reaching here and hour or two late. The train was obliged to stop yesterday morning at West River bridge, the snow thrown from the broad gauge tracks blocking the smaller road. The passengers were transferred to the Boston & Maine southbound train. In the afternoon the narrow gauge track was cleared, in turn blocking the Boston & Maine tracks, and the 2:13 Boston & Maine train had a wait of about three hours before the track could be cleared”

Temperatures during the blizzard

“-26 at Bellows Falls, -38 at George A. Westen’s farm in Westminster, Chester -36, Charlestown -34, Cheshire Bridge -37, Westmoreland -42.”

This week’s old saying.
“We grew up so poor we didn’t get middle names.”

Save the mill, Adams Grist Mill underwater treasures

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join us at the Bellows Falls Opera House, Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019, 5-7:30 p.m. for a gala evening to save the Adams Grist Mill roof. Tickets will be available at the door, the Marina Restaurant in Brattleboro, Village Square Booksellers, and Village Blooms Florist in Walpole, N.H.

Imagine a gala evening of anthropology, archaeology, ichthyology, and geology wrapped in artifacts and ancient knowledge, local facts, augmented by a silent auction of unique items generously donated – including a signed print of the Adams Grist Mill by local artist Charlie Hunt-

er, a signed copy of Ken Burns’ “Country Music,” collectable Belmont Drive-In posters, and more. Also enter a 50/50 cash raffle and enjoy delicious food and a cash bar for wine and beer.

From 5-6:30 p.m., there will be a light fare courtesy of Grafton Cheese, Brent Lisai, and Orchard Hill Breads. Josh Hearne from Magic Mountain will be serving at the bar. Gordon Crandall will display rare items from his Native American artifact collection.

From 6:30-7:30 p.m., Gail Golec, forensic anthropologist, will speak on the glacial, geological, and human history of

the area followed by Annette Spaulding sharing video footage revealing three recent important discoveries in the Connecticut River.

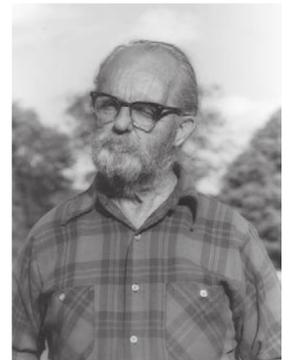
Who would sponsor such a dramatic and interesting event – an evening of history “ologies?” Why the Bellows Falls Historical Society, of course! It’s an evening not to be missed, and all to raise funds for crucially needed roof repairs on the historic and irreplaceable 1830 Frank Adams Grist Mill Museum in Bellows Falls.

Donations to help repair the mill can also be made at www.bellowsfallshistoricalsociety.org.

Open house program on Ira Marshall

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Mel Martin will host an open house focused on Ira Marshall Saturday, Nov. 9, from 1-4 p.m., at the Springfield Art and Historical Society, 65 Route 106 in North Springfield. Martin has provided SAHS with a display about Ira Marshall (1910-1985). Everyone in town knew Ira; some might call him a

“character.” Martin photographed Ira while panning for gold with him and found him to be a very interesting person. Martin invites everyone to come and see the display and share their stories about Ira. This program is free and open to all. For more information, call 802-886-7935 or email sahs@vermontel.net.



Ira Marshall. PHOTO PROVIDED

The Vermont Movie, the final part six screening

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. – “Freedom and Unity, The Vermont Movie” is a unique, six-part documentary on the history and culture of the Green Mountain State. The organization of the anthology is thematic, not chronological. On Thursday, Nov. 14, the final film will be shown at the South Londonderry Depot on Route 100. There is no cost to attend; donations are appreciated.

“The Vermont Movie” is a collaboration of three-dozen critically acclaimed Vermont cinematographers and historians, led and coordinated into a cohesive whole by award-winning filmmaker Nora Jacobson. Part 6 celebrates the tradition of “People Power” in our state, as it has existed more recently. Topics covered include tensions over energy, independence, the environment, and the state’s future as well as the importance of town meeting debate and a citizen legislature. Hurricane Irene revealed the power not only of nature but of our people and our communities to join together and rebound.

The showing is a joint presentation of the Friends of the West

River Trail, the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society, and the Weston Historical Society. The Vermont Community Foundation, the Vermont Humanities Council, and the Vermont Arts Council were essential in underwriting the filming and production of “The Vermont Movie.”

The organizations began presenting the documentary in the fall of 2018. Part 6 is the final chapter.



People helping people, a tradition. PHOTO PROVIDED

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CHESTER, VT.

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

Chester Baptist Church, 162 Main St.
Sunday school at 9 a.m. for children and adults. Sunday

service at 10:30 a.m. Childcare is provided for toddlers through preschool. Youth group Thursdays at 6 p.m. and prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m. Park on the street or behind the building. Wheelchair accessible. Call 802-875-2638, email churchoffice@chesterbaptist.org, or visit www.chesterbaptist.org.

Grafton Community Church, 55 Main St., Grafton
Worship begins Sunday at 10 a.m. Inspiring sermons and glorious music in our fully accessible church. Coffee hour follows worship. All are welcome! Find details and special events at www.graftoncommunitychurch.org, or call 802-843-2346.

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Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Music Ministry, coffee, and fellowship at 10:30 a.m. Worship service at 11 a.m. with nursery care provided. Evening Praise service at 6:30 p.m. Prayer and Bible study Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to www.LudlowBaptist.org or call Pastor Jerry Scheumann at 802-228-7600.

Doris A. Allen, 1966-2019

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Doris A. Allen, 53, passed away Monday, Oct. 28, 2019 at the Springfield Hospital in Springfield, Vt., after a five-year battle with cancer. She was born Feb. 19, 1966 in Fitchburg, Mass., the daughter of William and Joan (Davis) Gillman. She attended and graduated from schools in Windsor and Hartford, Vt. She graduated from the Springfield Adult Diploma Program in 2001.

On Aug. 23, 2008, she married Paul D. Allen in Rockingham, Vt. They made their home in Springfield. Doris was a contractor and a jack-of-all-trades in the area for many years. She also worked at PCM, Jeld-Wen, and Whelen over the years. She enjoyed fishing, was a NASCAR fan, loved animals especially her nine dogs, and loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband Paul of Springfield; two sons David W. Markwell of Bur-

lington, Vt. and D.J. Markwell (Bobbie Bennett) of Springfield, Vt.; two daughters Sarah King of Alstead, N.H., and Jesi Amsden of Bellows Falls, Vt.; two brothers George Tallman of Chester, Vt. and Jack Tallman of Springfield, Vt.; two sisters Lenora Holt of Springfield, Vt. and Mary Supernois of Lebanon, N.H.; one granddaughter Rachael King; and many nieces and nephews Wendy, Kimberly, Emily, Katie, Lisa, Amber, Dustin, Chase, Hayley, Jenna, and Brittany.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. Reverend Peter Williams will officiate.

Contributions may be made in her memory to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaog Trail, Springfield, VT 05156. Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.

Marcia J. Gerow, 1943-2019

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Marcia J. Gerow passed away Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019 at home following a brief illness. She was born Sept. 11, 1943 in Springfield, Vt., the daughter of Alfred and Thelma (Morse) Gerow. She attended Springfield schools, graduating from Springfield High School Class of 1961. Marcia was a licensed practical nurse for many years and was employed at Springfield Hospital and the Visiting Nurses Association of Vermont. For the past 17 years, she worked at Biben's Ace Hardware in Springfield. She was very well-known as a cheerful, upbeat, and caring person, always putting others first.

She is survived by her six children Kimberly Sue Bingham and husband Ken of Springfield, Vt., Thomas Ebelt Jr. and wife

Wendy of Davison of Mich., Terry Ebelt and wife Beverly of Perkinsville, Vt., Jerry Ebelt and his wife Cathy of Gaines, Mich., Michelle Robert of Candia, N.H., and Michael Gerow of N. Springfield, Vt.; three sisters Thelma Gerow of Perkinsville, Vt., Ann Laflamme of Springfield, Vt., and Alliene Mobus of Lugoff, S.C.; 14 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and three expected great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her parents.

Friends may call at the Davis Memorial Chapel Monday, Nov. 4, 2019, from 6-8 p.m. Private burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery at a later date. Contributions in memory of Marcia may be made to the American Heart Association, 2 Wall St. #104, Manchester, NH 03101.

Madeleine J. Wheeler, 1930-2019

RANDOLPH, Vt. – Madeleine J. Wheeler, 89, of Willow Acres Road, Canastota, N.Y., formerly of Nokomis, Fla., passed away peacefully Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2019 at her daughter's home surrounded by her loving family under the care of hospice.

She was born June 5, 1930 in Randolph, Vt., the daughter of Joseph and DesNeiges Balandier Boudro. She was a 1949 graduate of Randolph High School in Vermont.

On Feb. 11, 1950, she was united in marriage to Robert B. Wheeler in Randolph, Vt. He passed away in 2004.

Madeleine was a homemaker when her children were growing up. She then went on to hold many different jobs throughout her life with her most recent job being a caregiver. In 2017, Madeleine moved to live with her daughter Linda after spending 40 years in Nokomis, Fla.

Her Catholic faith was a very important part of her life, and she was a member of St. Patrick's Church in Oneida and a former member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Osprey, Fla.

Surviving are her children Richard Wheeler and his companion Deb of Parrish, Fla., Linda (Douglas) Thomas of Canastota, Michael (April) Wheeler of N. Walpole, N.H., Donna Brandt (George Burns) of Springfield, Vt., and Robert (Lise) Wheeler of Saxton River, Vt.; former daughter-in-law Ellen Wheeler, Venice, Fla.; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sisters Loraine and Thelma, and her brothers Gerald, Theron, Reginald, Walter, Donald, and Leo.

Her Memorial Mass will be held Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church, 43 Hebard Hill Rd., Randolph, Vt., where the Rev. Scott Gratton will officiate. Inurnment will take place in Pleasant View Cemetery in Randolph, Vt. There are no calling hours. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Ironside Funeral Home, Inc., You may view obituary and send a message of condolence online at www.ironsidefuneralhome.com.

Michael Pember, 1934-2019

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Michael Pember, 85, passed away Nov. 1, 2019 at Springfield Hospital. Michael was born Jan. 17, 1934, the son of William and Sylvia (Casazza) Pember. Michael studied aeronautics in college. He was in the Air Force and veteran of the Korean War. He spent part of his career as a salesman in the electronics industry and later negotiated technical patents throughout the world.

Michael is survived by his wife Sandra Russo, together for 46 years, and his four children Michael and wife Jeannie, Bart and wife Annette, Christian, Gloria and husband Eric along with eight grandchildren and five

great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his five brothers and sisters. He loved his family above all things, and he felt the love they gave back to him.

Michael and his wife have owned their home in Proctorsville for 40 years and have lived here permanently for 13 years. He loved to ski, hike, travel, and do all sorts of home improvement projects. He loved having a good time and being with people. He greeted you with a big smile, and you could hear his laugh across the room. In his better days, he was always the first one on the dance floor.

A celebration of his life for family and friends will be held in the spring.

Barbara A. Todt

LUDLOW, Vt. – Barbara Ann Einhorn Todt passed away Oct. 30, 2019 at the age of 78. Barbara has gone to be with the Lord and to join her husband of 49 years, Roger H. Todt Sr., and her parents Walter and Alice Einhorn.

Barbara is survived by her children Roger and Melissa

Todt, Walter and Joya Todt, David and Kristina Todt, Stephen and Pamela Todt, Robert and April Todt, and Colleen Todt Matteson, along with 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. There will be a private burial for the family at a later date.

Keith C. Lester

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Keith "Kit" C. Lester, 78, of Monroe, Conn., passed away Monday, Oct. 28, 2019, after battling Alzheimer's disease. Born in Springfield, Vt., Keith was a graduate of Springfield High School Class of 1959. He went to Boston to attend Northeastern University where he was a brother of the Nu Epsilon Zeta Fraternity. Keith married his high school sweetheart, Phyllis Koledo. They settled in Monroe in 1969. Keith was a financial analyst at Norden Systems and then Eaton Corporation.

Keith was active in the Monroe Jaycees and served on the Monroe Town Council. He coached youth sports and was the president of Monroe Pop Warner Football. He called Masuk High School football games in the WMNR radio booth.

Keith also mentored underprivileged kids in Norwalk. He was passionate about skiing and spent countless winter days at Okemo Mountain where he served as a ski ambassador for 23 years. He taught both his children and grandchildren how to ski.

Keith was predeceased by his beloved wife Phyllis K. Lester. He is survived by his three

children: Michael J. Lester and wife Karen, Melissa L. Whelahan and husband Dan, and Melanie L. Araya and husband Rick. Also, his nine grandchildren Megan Lester, Kelly Lester, Jack Lester, Ryan Whelahan, Heather Whelahan, Heidi Whelahan, Katia Araya, Grace Araya, and Alice Araya. He is also survived by his brother Timothy Lester and wife Mary Therese of Walpole, N.H., and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his mother Thelma Beardsley Lester and his father Clayton F. Lester and his grandson John S. Araya. We will miss his compassion, kindness, sense of humor, smile, infectious laugh, and sincere love of life, family, friends, relatives, and mankind.

Calling hours will be Friday, Nov. 29, 2019, from 9 to 10:30 a.m., in Spadaccino and Leo P. Gallagher & Son Community Funeral Home, 315 Monroe Turnpike, Monroe, Conn. A funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. at St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church, 6948 Main Street, Trumbull, Conn. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation, www.alzinfo.org.

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by Linda Thistle

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BY BILL MURPHY

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Green Mountain boys' soccer wins first title

Congratulations and then some to the Green Mountain boys' soccer team for capturing the first soccer state title in the school's history. I like to look at this achievement as a lifetime achievement in many ways.

It was a great day all around for the Chester area community at the Maxfield Sports Complex in White River Junction, but one of the great moments of this tremendous day was to see both coaches, Cole Wilhelm and Jacob Walker, dash across the field shortly after the winning goal to see someone special to them in the crowd. Walker headed out first and then shortly after, Wilhelm imitated his assistant coach's sprint to the heart of the Green Mountain cheering section.

For a while, I wondered just who they had gone to see. As the aftermath of the game played out, I conducted most of my interviews, checked out the official statistics, and then as I was completing my interview with the winning coach, I asked the question I had been wondering about. "Who did you guys go see? Was it the same person, or did you each go to someone different?" I asked.

"It was Scott Walker," Wilhelm answered. He told me later, "I saw Jake head out and I knew I had to go, too."

For those who don't know, Scott Walker is Jacob's dad. However, for this occasion, he was much more than that. Scott was the grandfather of this chase for the ultimate goal of Green Mountain soccer, which was the Chieftains' winning the championship.

If you want to go back to the old days when I was young, Chester captured a Vermont state soccer title in 1967 when the Sentinels claimed a Division I championship from Otter Valley 2-1. That team was the absolute toast of the soccer universe that season. Victories over Harwood 3-2, Peoples 1-0, and Northfield 3-2 showed four one-goal victories, which showed they were a gritty, talented crew.

Green Mountain opened their doors a few years later. In 1981, the boys made their first of four unsuccessful trips to the Division III semi-finals. The goalie on that very good team was Scott Walker. After that game, he left the field following a 3-1 defeat at the hands of Hazen. Walker was heartbroken. He has yearned for that state title to fall the Chieftains way ever since.

He received individual honors, being named to the Lions Cup team. He and recent graduate Mack Walton are the only boys in the history of the program to ever play in that game. But, Walker still yearned for a Chieftain state title.

More than a decade following his playing career, that championship fire was still burning. The fire brought him into the coaching seat at Green Mountain. Scott's first two years as coach found Cole Wilhelm and Jacob Walker as two of the mainstays of the team. Wilhelm said, "Jake was the goalie, and I played wherever Scott needed me each game." When the two of them didn't win a title, the fire burned through them as well.

Most importantly, Wilhelm said, "Scott meant so much to us. He was a lot more than a coach. We always knew how much he wanted us to win. We are coaching ourselves to give back to the program and chase after this very important day."

I have spoken to Wilhelm before, but this is the first time I had met him in person. The prize had been captured and the game was behind him, but his focus was still dialed in. The importance of success for Green Mountain soccer controlled his every thought. Wilhelm was robotic and, in many ways, his players performed in the same way too; but they tossed in a dose of their own individual instincts also to capture the long awaited prize.

Bellows Falls versus Brattleboro football

It has been a mighty long time since Bellows Falls and Brattleboro competed in the same division in high school football, but the Terriers and the Colonels will come together in Rutland Saturday, Nov. 9 at 11 a.m. for the Vermont Division II football championship. The two teams met in this season's opener, and Brattleboro walked away with a 49-26 victory after a few early hiccups.

Most neutral parties feel Brattleboro is the class of the division, but Terrier fans remember that Bellows Falls returned the opening kickoff in that August tilt for a score and even bolted ahead 19-0. But then, the Colonels outscored the Terriers 49-7 the rest of the game and have shown their dominance ever since.

So people ask, "Does Bellows Falls have a chance?"

The simple answer is yes. But how much? Some Bellows Falls fans have the game just about even. I don't buy it. However, I think Bellows Falls is peaking at the right time.

Bellows Falls played their best game of the season Friday night



Bellows Falls boys' defense stood up tall last Friday night in the win over Union-32 at Norwich 26-14. Hunter Smith (62) and Jed Lober (32) make a stop on a short yardage play.

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Green Mountain's Everett Mosher (10) tried in vain to score on this play versus Mill River in the Vermont Division III State Championship Game. He had just headed the ball over the net. Mosher tallied two goals on the way to the Chieftains 4-3 overtime victory.

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at Norwich University in upsetting second seeded Union-32 26-14. They came out a few steps quicker than the hosting Raiders who had a two touchdown win over them during the season.

Bellows Falls played at a high level on both sides of the ball. Quarterback Griffin Waryas had his best career game, scoring the put away touchdown as well as threading the passing needle between defenders on several key passes. Jed Lober ran for another 100-plus yards. The lines, defense, and special teams all lined up without missing many beats.

I am not sure if they can beat Brattleboro, but they should be able to extend the time they are competitive. Looking ahead, Coach Bob Lockerby said, "We are glad we are going to be there. We need to come to play and not turn over the football."

Fall Mountain chasing first playoff victory

Fall Mountain has never won a playoff game. They finished 5-2 this fall. The victory total equals their best season in 20 years when they went 5-4. Can they win again? They are seeded third and meet one of the two teams who defeated them, Raymond 31-7, and the odds are probably less than Bellows Falls, but Coach Orion Binney said, "We're certainly a significantly better team than when we played them the first time, but they have several weapons. We will have to cut down on our mental mistakes limiting both penalties and fumbles to have a chance."

For comments, email Bill Murphy at bmurphy@vermontjournal.com.

Green Mountain captures first boys' soccer title

WHITE RIVER JCT., Vt. – Green Mountain's James Anderson netted a penalty kick opportunity with 7:35 remaining in the first overtime of golden goal play following a handball call against a Mill River defender on what appeared to be an open net scoring chance in Green Mountain's 4-3 win over Mill River in Saturday's Division III state championship boys' soccer game.

Anderson's kick, which went to the left arm side of Mill River standout keeper Tyler Regula, was one in which there was no opportunity to make a save.

Green Mountain exploded out of the gate by scoring three goals in the game's first 14 minutes and 40 seconds. Mill River battled back with three goals of their own, with their final tally coming early in the second half at the 35-minute mark at the Maxfield Sports Complex.

Eben Mosher opened the scoring at the 32:10 mark of

the first half and his tally was followed by two more scores by teammate and brother Everett Mosher, the first which was exactly six minutes later. Anderson assisted on that goal and then Everett's second tally was of the do-it-alone variety with 25:20 showing on the clock until halftime.

Mill River refused to lie down and came roaring back to equal the Chieftains' output before the game entered the stretch run. First, Aidan Botti put the Minutemen on the board at 3-1 to show they would not back down, and then Tyler Corey found the netting at the 12:20 mark pulling the Clarendon based team within a goal at 3-2, a score which stood until intermission.

Corey was in on the action again five minutes into the second half when he turned playmaker, assisting on a goal



The deciding goal of the Division III State Championship game was on this penalty kick by James Anderson. Teammate Bowen Stark (16) looks confidently on as Mill River player Tyler Corey (10) shows his fear creeping in one second before Anderson's golden goal settled in the net for a 4-3 victory.

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by Ryan Jones and then the game like this, the win can only

two teams engaged in some up and down play from end to end, trading scoring opportunities in the final 35 minutes, before going on to overtime in pursuit of the golden goal. Goalkeepers Skyler Klezos and Regula stood tall in turning back scoring chances.

A Green Mountain celebration was waved off at the 15:17 mark when an apparent nifty goal was nullified with the Chieftains already in group hug mode on an offside call, which players and fans alike missed for the most part.

In a contest that nobody deserved to lose, Mill River coach Peter Roach said, "In a game like this, the win can only

go one way. We have talked about this as a team a lot. And we made a lot of the fact that character is rarely defined by the best moments in our lives, but it comes from the moments when we are down and we have tried our best."

Roach was more than satisfied with the gallant play of his team in a losing cause. He went on to say, "We were down 3-0 and the battle, the pure effort and energy and the pure soccer played, to come back and put us in that spot was absolutely amazing and a testament to these young men and what they accomplished."

From the winning side, Green Mountain coach Cole Wilhelm said, "On all three first half goals, we took advantage of well placed balls from the side or the corner that we just got right onto and finished. That is just our game plan, coming from the side and showing how dangerous our midfielders and

strikers can be."

Wilhelm also offered that there was no question in his mind that the handball only saved Mill River from defeat for a few moments and felt "for the most part, we kept our intensity throughout, obviously everything didn't go our way, but in the defining moment James stepped up and he had scored in every single play-off game and the decider in three games. We had confidence in his PK."

Green Mountain out shot Mill River 13-6, and Klezos was sharp on all three saves he made while Regula was faced with stopping nine shots.

It was the first state crown in boys' soccer in Green Mountain's history. Chester High School, the forerunner of GMUHS, had one state title in the sport.

Written by Bill Murphy, Eagle Times correspondent. Article courtesy of Eagle Times.

Rice shuts down Terriers' five-peat attempt

BURLINGTON, Vt. – What would Championship Saturday be like in Vermont field hockey without a sighting of the Bellows Falls Terriers? Bethany Coursen's purple-and-white charges have appeared in a title contest five years in a row and in six of the past seven seasons. The Bellows Falls Union High School bus seems to be on automatic pilot headed to Burlington each fall just before everyone turns back their clocks.

Despite predictions of the autumn of 2019 season playing out differently, a determined group of young ladies grew up during the stretch run and booked a return trip to the University of Vermont's artificial turf to face a determined Rice team, who shut them out 4-0.

The real story of this team played out during the Division I postseason. Graduation losses from 2018's four-peat title team left officials from BFUHS asking for alignment below the Division I level for the beginning

of a new two-year alignment cycle this fall. Three Vermont state titles in a row had left Bellows Falls asking for a chance to compete last season in the Division I ranks, a request that was granted by the Vermont Principals Association. However, when Coursen's team asked for a lower classification for the new cycle, the state's Field Hockey Committee decided the Terriers needed to stay two more seasons in Division I, which has generally been standard operating procedure. The decision appeared to be mighty heavy for an incoming inexperienced cast of players who were hoping to fill the shoes of champions past.

This year's edition of the Terriers carved out a 7-7 regular season record. The inexperience showed with a seasonal breakdown of the team going 5-0 against teams with losing records, but only 2-7 versus teams with winning records, which left most with the impression that the team would be one and done

in the post season. The thing is, though, that nobody told the Division I sixth-seeded unit they weren't expected to win at all in the sports tournament showcase event.

However, first, the Terriers traveled to number three South Burlington who had all the incentive in the world of eliminating Coursen's team because the Rebels saw their Division I title dynasty ended by the Terriers one year ago.

Late first-half goals by Maya Waryas and Grace Wilkinson, assisted by Megan Kelly and Ashlynn Boucher, were what Bellows Falls needed and was the only scoring in a 2-0 upset.

This Cinderella Division I entry didn't bow to the Division I second seed either. Having to face Champlain Valley Union in the semi-finals found goalie Jaia Caron and the Bellows Falls defense blan-

keting the northerners 1-0 for two straight shutouts, with both over two of the state's top three teams. For the little engine of the purple train, which was suppose to be just not strong enough to compete at this level, the momentum kept growing. Waryas scored an early goal for the only tally in that game.

Unfortunately, shutout turned



Grace Wilkinson (5) and Maya Waryas (14).

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its head in the opponent's direction in the state final. Rice scored early to take control, and in reality, Bellows Falls was never able to get going. Rice leading scorer Amy Hester found the net 10 minutes and 43 seconds into the encounter for the lead with Kate MacKenzie doubling the count to 2-0 fewer than 90 seconds later. The Terriers never really challenged. All of Bellows Falls' hopes were dashed when Kate Buckley made it 3-0 with 8:46 remaining in the game. Hester added a final tally with 3:56 showing on the clock.

After the game, Coursen admitted, "We couldn't quite get in the flow of it today."

Official final statistics had the southerners without a single official shot on goal and only one penalty corner. Rice had 11 shots on Caron and nine penalty cor-

ners. Bellows Falls only managed to have the ball inside the Rice attacking zone for six minutes of the 60-minute contest.

Coursen went on to say, "Today was a totally different situation than these girls had ever been in. There is a lot of pressure surrounding the last game of the season."

This group of girls made this season more exciting than even their coach expected. She even managed a smile in admitting, "Of course I never expected when we began practice in August that this inexperienced group could get to the title game. Honestly, I think this team has been amazing. They worked hard all season to get better and better and were very supportive of each other. This team did a great job, deserved to be here today, because they earned it. I'm very proud of them."

Written by Bill Murphy, Eagle Times correspondent. Article courtesy of Eagle Times.

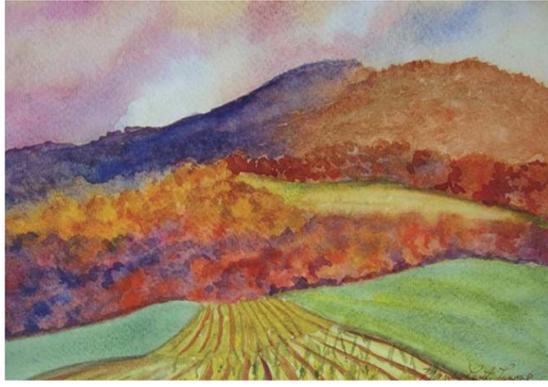
arts & entertainment

Wild about color in watercolor

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Would you like to learn more about using color in your artwork? Gallery at the VAULT is excited that Nancy Lent Lanoue is offering her color expertise Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Explore the impact of color in watercolor. Create your own color wheel for reference at home. Three primary colors will be provided. Learn how to use the color wheel in planning a painting and practice several harmonious color schemes to create beautiful blends of color. If you like to paint or decorate, you will find this class helpful.

A materials list will be provided at registration. All levels welcome. Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street in



"Technicolor Autumn" by Nancy Lent Lanoue.

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Springfield, is open Monday 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Wednesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more

information, call 802-885-7111, email galleryvault@vermontel.net, or go to www.galleryvault.org.

Rusty DeWees returns

JAMAICA, Vt. – Rusty DeWees returns with all-new material to the historic Jamaica Town Hall Saturday, Nov. 9. Rusty delivers an old-time traditional evening of entertainment with iconic Vermont humor that is part-comedian, part-musician, all-Yankee with a side of cussin' to amuse everyone... almost.

The Boston Globe says, "Inventive, entertaining, excep-

tional."

Rusty was raised in Stowe and lives up the road in Elmore. He has worked in every entertainment medium including 30 films and television shows. He's toured New England for over 20 years in The Logger, his original one-man comedy show. The show is a hilarious combination of stand-up and theatre show that also incorporates plenty

tight pinpoint funny ad libs and a great set of country kickin' music with Rusty on guitar and vocals.

Tickets are available now in Jamaica at D&K and up the road at Meulemans' Craft Draughts. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the show beginning at 7 p.m. Seating is limited. Event is BYOB.

The show is presented by the Jamaica Community Arts Council, a nonprofit with a mission to bring live local arts and entertainment to the historic Jamaica Town Hall. For complete details, go to www.JamaicaCommunityArts.org.

Chamber music concert to benefit CASP

WALPOLE, N.H. – CAM-EO Arts Foundation presents "Beyond the Messiah: Chamber Music of G. F. Handel," a concert performed by Cameo Baroque Sunday, Nov. 10 at 4 p.m. at the Unitarian Church, 14 Union St., in Walpole, N.H.

This performance will feature delightful instrumental and vocal chamber works by the baroque master George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759, played on historically accurate replicas of instruments well-versed in the stylistic nuances of the baroque period. Handel is

best known for his Oratorio, Messiah, but he was a prolific composer of many other instrumental works, some of which will be showcased in this performance. Cameo Baroque members include Leslie Stroud, traverso; Beth Hilgartner, recorders and voice; Laurie Rabut, viola da gamba; and Ernie Drown, harpsichord.

Admission is by free-will offering. All proceeds will benefit the Community Asylum Seekers Project.

The mission of the nonprofit Community Asylum Seekers Project is to provide basic needs and a supportive community for those in the pro-

cess of seeking asylum in the U.S. Three years ago, CASP founder Steve Crofter asked, "Why can't those seeking asylum await their court dates in the small towns of New England, rather than languishing in prison for months, or years?"

Now, in 2019, those traumatized by their experiences can find shelter, a supportive community, legal aid, and a start on their road to independence in southern Vermont. Over the past year, CASP has supported 14 asylum seekers among six families: men, women, and children from Mexico, Cuba, and Honduras.

International singer-songwriter Rupert Wates

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – England-born, Oxford University-educated Rupert Wates has released nine acclaimed solo CDs. Since relocating to the USA, musicians in Nashville and Los Angeles have made two tribute albums to his material, and he's won dozens of songwriting awards. He's been a full-time songwriter since the late '90s, when he signed an exclusive publishing deal with London-based Eaton Music.

Wates prefers the intimacy of up-close audiences in small listening rooms rather than large venues and festi-

vals to perform his eclectic mix of acoustic, melodic art, and folk flavored with jazz, vaudeville, and cabaret. Stage 33 Live is honored to host the final East Coast date Sunday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. before his tour heads to southern states.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Local favorite Josh Maiocco opens. Advance tickets are available online at www.stage33live.com. If any chairs behind the reserved rows are available on show day, those will be available first-come first-served.

Attendees are allowed to bring their own portable seating to set up behind the house chairs. One hundred percent of tickets sales support the performers.

Stage 33 Live is an intimate, industrial-rustic listening room in a former factory located at 33 Bridge St. in Bellows Falls, Vt., documenting live performances and presentations of original material on a simple stage. Coffee, soda, water, and snacks by donation. For more information, go to www.stage33live.com.

Ellen Howard art on display in Bellows Falls

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Landscapes by Rockingham, Vt. artist Ellen Howard will be on display for the months of November and December on the solo wall of the Rockingham Health Center in Bellows Falls, Vt. The display is open to the public and free of charge.

The exhibit is organized by the Saxtons River Art Guild, which promotes fine arts with local art exhibits, open studio sessions, and workshops with award-winning artists. The group is a nonprofit with membership throughout the Connecticut River Valley.

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holiday happenings

HOLIDAY BAZAARS AND CRAFT FAIRS

NOV. 9 – ALSTEAD, N.H. – On Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Third Congregational Church in Alstead, N.H. will be holding a Holiday Bazaar at 14 River St. Many kinds of locally made crafts, honey, Granny's Table with white elephants, homemade food, and raffles. Food and beverages will be sold from the kitchen throughout the day with sandwiches and soup available throughout lunchtime. For more information, call Joanne at 603-835-6734. Please leave a message.

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Christ's Church will hold its annual Christmas Stocking Bazaar Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Don't miss the Pantry Shelf Food Table; an arts and crafts table with

holiday decorations, mittens, hats, and scarves; a jewelry table; a time and talents list offering goods and services; and a Santa's Nook with special activities for children and holiday cookie decorating. A tearoom will serve cinnamon rolls, corn chowder, sandwiches, Jell-O salad, pie, and beverages. A silent auction of donated items and a raffle of 150 gallons of fuel oil or propane donated by Cota & Cota round out the bazaar. Anyone wishing to contribute food, handmade items, or jewelry may contact Roberta Geist at 802-869-3300.

NOV. 16 – WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Compass School Autumn Market Saturday, Nov. 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Compass School on Route 5 in Westminster. This is a free

community event with local vendors, artisans, crafters, musicians, food, 50/50 raffle, and a vendor raffle. At our market, you can shop for the perfect holiday gift as you support your local vendors, enjoy local foods, listen to music, and win money and prizes!

WINHALL, Vt. – The Winhall Community Arts Center will be hosting a Holiday Craft Fair Saturday, Nov. 16, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. We are located at 3 River Rd. in Winhall, Vt. Please call Laura for more information at 802-297-1586.

NOV. 23 – WALPOLE, N.H. – St. John's Episcopal Church in Walpole will host its Holiday Fair Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall on Elm Street.

This year's fair will include St. John's famous Cookie Walk. The nature table will offer swag, wreaths, and Advent wreaths. The Harvest Home table will offer pies, tarts, and rolls for your Thanksgiving Feast and an assortment of novelty treats. Find unique treasures and gift basket raffles. There will be free coffee, tea, or cider with a purchase of baked goodies.

WALPOLE, N.H. – Walpole Thanksgiving Farmers Market Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Walpole Town Hall. The market will be held inside this year with lots of seasonal goodies available from your favorite local farms and producers. For information about becoming a vendor, contact Karen West at karenwest916@gmail.com. Sponsored by the Great River

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DEC. 7 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center Holiday Bazaar will be held Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We will have a very exciting raffle coming up just in time for the holidays. Tickets can be purchased at the senior center. The winner will be drawn at the bazaar. Come check out the handcrafted items and bake sale at 18 Tuttle St.

GRAFTON, Vt. – On Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019, Grafton Community Church will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar and Food Sale in the Chapel at 4 Main Street, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Hot lunch will be available along with baked goods and handmade items. Vendors will also be selling

their creations at the Robinson House, 72 Main Street, across the street from the church from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

DEC. 14 – CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – On Saturday, Dec. 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., come to the Charlestown Christmas Craft Fair at the Charlestown Primary School, East Street Extension, hosted by the Charlestown Recreation Dept. Shop two large rooms with 40-plus vendors to get those last minute unique Christmas gifts. There will also be a 50/50 drawing and raffles. Drawings take place at 2 p.m. You do not need to be present but arrangements will need to be made to pick up your prizes. Proceeds from this event support the youth sports programs and facilities in town.

Register early for holiday wreath decorating workshops

CHESTER, Vt. – Register by Nov. 12 for a discount on Holiday Wreath Decorating workshops. Get ready for the holidays by decorating a pre-made evergreen wreath with specially collected greens, natural materials, bows, and other embellishments, plus all the wire, glue guns, and equipment necessary to make the decorating fun and successful.



Join a holiday wreath decorating workshop. STOCK PHOTO

Open to the public, the workshops will take place Nov. 21-23 in Wilard Hall at St. Luke's Church, 313 Main Street in Chester, Vt. and will again benefit both the church and the Chester Conservation Committee's youth environmental camp scholar-

ships. Space is limited, so participants must pre-register and are encouraged to bring clippers and glue guns if they have them. Choose from four differ-

ent workshop sessions: Thursday evening, Nov. 21, 6:30-8 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 22, 9-10:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Nov. 23, 9-10:30 a.m. Each session will offer homemade refreshments, great camaraderie, and all the essentials to create a very personal, one-of-a-kind wreath. Everyone is welcome to come alone or register with a friend or group.

Checks should be made out to St. Luke's Church, designated in the memo line for the wreath workshop, and mailed to Lillian Willis at P.O. Box 318, Chester, VT 05143. For additional information and registration, please contact Lillian Willis at 802-875-1340 or lbwillisct@comcast.net.

This is a great opportunity to support two good causes, start getting ready for the holidays, and have fun doing it!

Third annual Cookie Bake-Off competition

MANCHESTER, Vt. – Northshire Bookstore at 4869 Main Street, in coordination with Mother Myrick's, Heritage Family Credit Union, and Bonnet & Main, is excited to present our third annual Cookie Bake-off Competition! Enter the contest and bring in your favorite cookie or bar cookie Saturday, Nov. 9 for a chance to win great prizes.

The Northshire Bookstore Cookie Bake-Off is a recreational event, all proceeds of which are being donated to the Community Food Cupboard. This contest is for home bakers only. It is not open to professionally trained bakers. Entrants must provide enough of their baked good to provide samples to at least 40 people.

The grand prize winner, as determined by a panel of professional bakers, will be named "Northshire's Best Baker." There will be four chances to win – first, second, third, and a People's Choice Award. Prizes include gift certificate to Northshire Bookstore, Bonnet & Main, Mother Myrick's, and J.K. Adams.

Bakers will arrive to set up at 12:30 p.m. At 1 p.m., customers can purchase tickets to sample

the goods and vote on favorites. Milk will be provided. Official judges will be introduced and will taste, discuss, and determine their winners.

All ticket proceeds will be donated to the Community Food Cupboard. Please bring a canned good to be entered into a raffle for one of five signed copies of Matt Tavares' holiday book, "Dasher!"

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LUDLOW, Vt. – On Saturday, Nov. 16, The Killarney, 44 Pond St., will host the premier of "Return to Send'er." The party starts at 8 p.m. with movie at 9:30 p.m. "Return to Send'er," starring Mark Abma, Karl Fostvedt, Sam Kuch, and Logan Pehota, is a new ski movie from Matchstick Productions. This premiere is organized by Duke DaLoose, Tygart Mountain Sports, and The Killarney. All costumes appreciated; dress retro – '80s rule!

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outdoor news

Vermont Fish & Wildlife website helps with learning how to process deer

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermont is one of the most rural states in the country, and Vermonters have a proud heritage of living close to the land. Hunting is highly regulated and provides a way to connect with the land, connect with nature, and connect with a healthy, sustainable food source that is rooted in Vermont.

Making the most of the meals provided by deer taken

in hunting seasons starts with processing them quickly and correctly, which is why the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department has three online videos demonstrating how to process deer. Finding the videos is easy on the Fish and Wildlife website: www.vtfishandwildlife.com. Click on “Hunt” and then “From Field to Freezer.”

The educational videos are titled “Field Dressing Your

Deer,” “Skinning a Deer,” and “Butchering a Deer.”

“Correctly processing game can make a big difference in the taste of the meat,” said Nicole Meier, an information and education specialist with the department. “Taking the time to do it correctly assures that you and your family will have many enjoyable meals ahead.”

Emerald Ash Borer flight season ends

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Sept. 30 marked the end of flight season for Emerald Ash Borer, the invasive insect discovered in Vermont in 2018, and with a recent detection in the town of Londonderry, it has now been confirmed in eight counties. While EAB has gone dormant for the year and is no longer actively seeking new host trees until the spring, it is essential that Vermonters follow the “Slow the Spread” recommendations developed by state forest health officials to avoid inadvertently spreading EAB in firewood to uninfested areas. Though there are detections in eight counties, visibly infested trees still remain rare in Vermont. It is very common for EAB to be unknowingly moved on untreated firewood, which is why utmost care is required.



Grand Isle EAB.

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Ash firewood harvested within the infested zone must stay within the infested zone unless it is heat-treated or debarked to kill EAB. With fire-

wood deliveries actively occurring across the state, it is essential that producers and purchasers of firewood understand how to transport it in the lowest risk manner. EAB can survive in all forms of untreated ash for over a year, even air-dried firewood.

Movement of visibly infested ash that is not in compliance with the “Slow the Spread” recommendations can be subject to enforcement action from the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. If you find that you have infested ash firewood in any form, please contact the Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation for assistance with a disposal method that will not contribute to the spread of EAB.

Federal and state laws regulate the movement of firewood between Vermont and other states. Untreated firewood may not be imported into Vermont or exported to many nearby states, including New Hampshire, New York, or Maine. EAB overwinter as larvae under the bark of ash trees where they feed on the inner bark tissue. Once infested, ash trees rapidly decline and most are killed in three to five years. This pest is established in 35 states and five Canadian provinces, and is responsible for widespread decline and mortality of hundreds of millions of ash trees in North America.

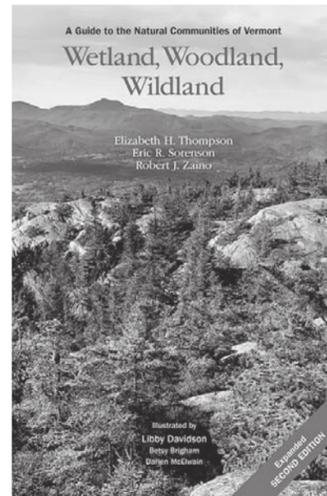
For Slow the Spread recommendations and a current map of the infested areas, visit www.vtinvasives.org.

Popular Vermont field guide revised and expanded

REGION – A popular Vermont field guide has been revised and expanded. “Wetland, Woodland, Wildland: A guide to the natural communities of Vermont” is well-known to anyone curious about Vermont’s forests, wetlands, mountaintops, and shores. A completely updated second edition will come out in November.

This new second edition, co-authored by Elizabeth Thompson of the Vermont Land Trust and Eric Sorenson and Robert Zaino of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, incorporates recent scientific research about the state’s natural communities and includes descriptions of 17 newly recognized natural community types. With photographs, line drawings, and user-friendly writing, the new edition brings each natural community to life on the page. These updates will better inform amateur naturalists and professional scientists alike.

“Natural communities help us understand nature. When



“Wetland, Woodland, Wildland: A guide to the natural communities of Vermont” available Nov. 15.

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people can see patterns across the landscape, they have a better appreciation of nature and a heightened sense of responsibility to protect it,” says co-author Elizabeth Thompson.

Natural communities are also important for the conservation of plants, animals, and habitats in Vermont. “They’re places

our native species thrive,” said co-author Eric Sorenson. “If we understand and conserve all our natural communities, we will keep those species abundant. That’s why all three organizations that collaborated on ‘Wetland, Woodland, Wildland’ use natural communities in their work.”

The book is published by the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, The Nature Conservancy, and the Vermont Land Trust, and it is distributed by Chelsea Green Publishing. It is currently available for pre-order online at www.vtfishandwildlife.com/wetland-woodland-wildland and is expected to be for sale in local bookstores by Nov. 15.

To celebrate this new edition, the authors will present a slideshow titled, “Wetland, Woodland, Wildland: A Pictorial Tour,” Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 4:15 p.m. in Room 102 of the George D. Aiken Center at the University of Vermont. Books will be for sale and the authors will be available to sign them. Light refreshments will be provided.

Telephone survey about conservation law enforcement issues

MONTPELIER, Vt. – The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is working with the National Association of Conservation Law Enforcement Chiefs and Responsive Management, a firm specializing in researching attitudes toward natural resources and outdoor recreation, on a nationwide study about the future of law enforcement conservation in the United States. As part of this study, Vermont residents are now being surveyed by telephone about

their opinions on conservation law enforcement issues.

You do not have to participate in outdoor recreation or be knowledgeable about any specific issues to qualify for the survey – the researchers are looking for input from all residents. This is a scientific, probability-based survey, which means only that you can participate in the survey if you are randomly selected to do so. This is why your participation in the survey is so important. As a survey respondent, you are representing many other

Vermont residents.

“We encourage you to participate in the survey if you happen to receive a call from one of Responsive Management’s telephone interviewers calling on behalf of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department,” said Chief Game Warden Colonel Jason Batchelder. “The survey takes about 10 minutes, and the results will help fish and wildlife agencies nationwide understand U.S. residents’ perceptions of important conservation law enforcement issues.”

Informational presentation on management of invasive plants

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Property values, human health, quality of life, flood resiliency, water quality, ecological stability, and economic strength are all threatened by problem plants that run rampant in our communities. We all suffer when



Got Weeds? is a Vermont company that uses manual and non-synthetic control methods to eradicate, contain, or suppress non-native invasive plants.

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to herbicides! Come to the Springfield Town Library, 43 Main Street, in Springfield Wednesday, Nov. 20, from 6-8 p.m., to learn about dealing with some of the most notorious weeds out there. Mike brings nearly two decades of experience and touches on some of the ways towns across the region can and should be communicating and collaborating to manage this growing problem – pun

very much intended. This free, accessible program is sponsored by the Springfield Town Library and the Black River Action Team. For more information, contact BRAT Director Kelly Stettner at 802-738-0456 or blackrivercleanup@gmail.com.

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NOV. 12 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Herbal workshop, "Plants

& Pleasure Practice: An Herbalist Path to Nourishing Joy," Tuesday, Nov. 12, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at Wild Trails Farm, 174 Ruusunen Rd. in Springfield. This event works with herbal allies for pleasure in its full spectrum. We taste and play with plants that support our hearts and bodies as we figure out what joy means for us. Contact Charis Boke with class reservations and questions at charis.boke@gmail.com.

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Senior Solutions continues its Tai Chi for Fall Prevention class in the Great Hall, 100 River St., 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 free!

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Weekly Tai Chi classes Mondays from 5-6 p.m. at Springfield UU Meetinghouse with instructor Sue Ruble, a certified instructor through Tai Chi Vermont. All ages and abilities welcome. Wheelchair accessible. All are welcome to this free class.

TUESDAYS –
BELLOW FALLS, Vt. – Come try Senior Safe Tai Chi Tuesdays at 11 a.m. in the top floor meeting room of the Rockingham Library. Better balance,

mindful movement, and fall prevention are just a few of tai chi's benefits. This program is free and open to the public. Located at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls and wheelchair accessible. For more information, visit www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

BELLOW FALLS, Vt. – River Voices Poetry meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Subway, 65 Square in Bellows Falls. All poets welcome. Discussion covers all aspects of the poem. Call 802-463-2204.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – On Tuesdays, from 4:30-6 p.m., Grace Cottage offers yoga in the Viniyoga tradition with Crystal Mansfield. Participants build strength, balance, and endurance as they move through basic postures in fluid motion with coordinated breath work. Students of all ability

levels are welcome. Mats and blocks provided. Classes are held at Heins Building, 133 Grafton Rd., Townshend. For more information, call 802-365-3649 or go to www.gracecottage.org.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Healthy Aging Educational Series offered every other Tuesday, from Oct. 1 to Nov. 26, from 10 – 11:30 a.m. at Grace Cottage Hospital. Free, five-session healthy aging educational series for women 50 plus. 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.

WINDHAM, Vt. – On Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m., join Pauline O'Brien for Zumba Gold classes at Windham Elementary School. These classes are structured for the active 45-plus crowd. Zumba Gold recreates all the original zumba moves at a lower-intensity in an easy-to-follow format. Come prepared to sweat, and leave feeling strong and empowered. For more information, email paulineblakeob@outlook.com or call 802-376-5397.

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CHESTER, Vt. – Liza Eaton, founder of Buddhaful Yoga, will be offering a Gentle Flow Kundalini Yoga class for beginners every Wednesday 9:30-11 a.m. You will be encouraged to go at your own pace and listen to your body. Held at the Fullerton Inn on the Chester Green. For more information, visit www.buddhafulyoga.com or call 802-875-2868.

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

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.

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

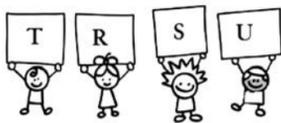
THURSDAYS –
CHESTER, Vt. – Join the Six Loose Ladies for Knit Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. at the Six Loose Ladies shop in Chester. This is not only for knitting but also to crochet, spin, or work on any other portable fiber project. We also serve sweets in the evenings – many ladies like to bake. Whether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

CHESTER, Vt. – Strength-building chair yoga class with Liz Eaton, 9:30-10:35 a.m., Fullerton Inn, Main Street, Chester. This is a strength building yoga

TOWN OF CAVENDISH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Cavendish Select Board will hold a public hearing at the Town Office, 37 High Street, Cavendish, VT, to receive comments regarding amendments to the Town Plan. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 12th at 5:30 p.m.

Copies of the proposed Town Plan can be obtained from the Town Clerk at the above address during normal business hours.



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Applicants are asked to submit a letter of interest, resume and required Employment Application, which can be found in the Town Forms section of the Town web site: www.londonderryvt.org.

For more information, contact the Town Administrator at: townadmin@londonderryvt.org or 802-824-3356. Position opened until filled. The Town of Londonderry is an equal opportunity employer.



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DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB) WESTMINSTER TOWN HALL – 2nd floor US Rt. 5, Westminster Legal Notice

The Westminster Development Review Board will meet at 6:30 pm on Monday, December 2, 2019 to consider the following:

APPEAL of Application #20-22 (Gary Jones) – property located at 484 Valley Brook Drive. The Appeal is disputing the use of a motor home while the existing camp is renovated. This Application will be reviewed under **Section 217 Appeals; Section 311 Site Plan Review; and Section 444 Commercial/Industrial District Zone** of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Application #20-26 (Windmill Hill Properties) – property located at 78 Windmill Hill Road North. The Applicant is requesting a "Change of Use" for the property which is now a camp and he is changing into a full time residency. This Application will be reviewed under **Section 311 Site Plan Review; and Section 447 Rural Residential District Zone** of the adopted 2017 Zoning Bylaws.

Participation in the proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to make any subsequent appeals.

The application is available for review in the Westminster Town Hall, 3651 US Route 5 Westminster, Vermont 05158, Monday – Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

Town & Village of Ludlow Development Review Board Notice of Public Hearing November 25, 2019

The Town & Village of Ludlow, Vermont Development Review Board will hold a meeting on November 25, 2019 at 6:00 P.M., in Howard Barton Jr. Conference Room, located in the Ludlow Town Hall, to hear the following application:

APPLICATION NUMBER: 182-01-CU;
Amendment No.2

APPLICANT: Holger & Rosemarie Stoltze
PROPERTY OWNER: James & Cathy Kubec
PROPERTY LOCATION: 86 Main Street
PARCEL NUMBER: 230508.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Amendment to Conditional Use Permit to change a single family home to a bed & breakfast. This project is located in the Preservation District.

DRB hearings are open to the public. Additional information may be obtained at the Ludlow Town Hall. Pursuant to 24 VSA §4464(a)(1)(c) and 4471(a), participation in this local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal. If you cannot attend the hearing, comments may be made in writing prior to the meeting and mailed to: Ludlow Planning & Zoning, PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT 05149 or by email at planning@ludlow.vt.us or zaassist@ludlow.vt.us

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FRIDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – International Folk Dancing Classes at Chester Town Hall on Fridays, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, through Nov 22. Melissa Lovell Post will teach dances from countries in Eastern and Western Europe, the Middle East, and the U.S. Beginner to intermediate level. No experience necessary; no partner needed. For details, email goodwood@vermontel.net.

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

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

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

REGION – Bone Builders to combat osteoporosis is free and open to seniors 55-plus. Call 802-674-

4547. Mondays and Wednesdays classes are held at Martin Memorial Hall in Ascutney from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday classes are held at Cavendish Baptist Church from 10-11:30 a.m. or at Andover Community Church from 3-4 p.m.

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

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

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

CLUBS

NOV. 12 – CHESTER, Vt. – The Southern Vermont Astronomy Group is hosting a discussion on observing equipment available to amateur astronomers Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the Whiting Library in Chester, Vt. Patrick Porch and Rick Bates will talk about the pros and cons of the various types of equipment, and a variety

of types of telescopes will be on display. If the skies permit, there will be some informal observing after the presentation.

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

TUESDAYS – KEENE, N.H. – Keene Cheshiremen Chorus rehearsals Tuesdays, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Hannah Grimes Center for Entrepreneurship, 25 Roxbury St., in Keene. As the oldest chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society in New Hampshire, we welcome any male singers – no training necessary. We're now starting work on Christmas music. Visit www.cheshiremen.org, call 877-312-7467, or email info@cheshiremen.org.

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

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

LUDLOW, Vt. – Looking for a friendly game of bridge? Want to learn

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Great Hall Handcrafters group meets every Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. at The Great Hall Gallery, located at 100 River St. in Springfield. Bring a project to work on, including knitting, crocheting, embroidery, quilting, rug hooking, rug braiding, basket making, or anything alike.

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

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

COMMUNITY MEALS

NOV. 7 – LUDLOW, Vt. – Annual potluck dinner of the Black River Academy Museum & Historical Society Thursday, Nov. 7 at 6 p.m. at the Catholic Church of the Annunciation, 7 Depot

St. in Ludlow. The museum staff will be serving turkey. Please bring a dish to share. Suggested donation. See you there.

NOV. 9 – CHESTER, Vt. – Gassetts Grange is hosting their community breakfast Saturday, Nov. 9, from 8-9:30 a.m., at their Grange Hall in Chester. For cost and details, call 802-591-4290.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – A Jamaican dinner will be held Saturday, Nov. 9, 5:30-6:30 p.m., at the UU Meetinghouse, 21 Fairground Rd. in Springfield. Menu includes jerk chicken, rice and beans, baked sweet potatoes, coleslaw, banana bread, grilled bananas and pineapple, and more. Dinner is a fundraiser for the UU Meetinghouse. Please let us know if you plan to come by contacting uuspringfieldvt@gmail.com or call 802-885-3327.

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – The First Congregational Church of Westminster will host their annual Chicken and Biscuit Supper Saturday, Nov. 9. In honor of Veterans Day, veterans will eat for half price. There will be two family-style seatings at 5 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. The menu includes chicken and biscuits, gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, squash, green beans, coleslaw, and assorted cakes for dessert. Children under 5 eat free. This is a great chance to catch up with friends, family, and share a good meal with no dishes!

WEEKDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center serves lunch 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Monday through Friday to area seniors. The senior meals menu for the week is available by calling 802-

463-3907. The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center is located at 18 Tuttle St. We are wheelchair and walker accessible with plenty of parking.

EVENTS

NOV. 8 & 9 – CHESTER, Vt. – The annual coat drive, Warm Hands Warm Hearts, will be held Friday and Saturday, Nov. 8 and 9, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., at the Chester Congregational Church, 469 Main Street in Chester. Donations are accepted at all of the Chester churches prior to the event. Contact your local church or Town Office for days and times to donate. Call Edie Brown for more information or to sign up to volunteer at 802-875-3889.

NOV. 9 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Ladies Aid and Mission Society of the First Baptist Church in Bellows Falls will hold their annual Holiday Sale and Luncheon Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A fine assortment of handcrafted gifts and clothing, unique items, as well as gently used clothing. Lunch served from 11 a.m. Menu includes chicken 'n biscuit, corn chowder, hot dogs, dessert, and beverage. Fully accessible.

LUDLOW, Vt. – On Nov. 9 at 11 a.m., join the Ladies of Annunciation and Holy Name of Mary churches at Annunciation Church Hall, 7 Depot St. in Ludlow for their basket party. Lunch starts at noon. 50/50 raffle available. For more information, call 802-228-3286 or 802-226-7842.

CLAREMONT, N.H. – St. Mary's Parish Old-Time Penny Sale Saturday, Nov. 9 at St. Mary's Gym, Main Street in Claremont. Doors open at 5 p.m., drawings start at 6 p.m. Cash grand prize plus door prizes. Over 300 prizes in all and more than 50 free gifts for kids. Refreshments available.

WINDHAM, Vt. – Windham's annual Harvest Supper and Square Dance begins Saturday, Nov. 9 at 5 p.m., at the historic Windham Meeting House, 26 Harrington Rd. The Windham Community Organization will be serving ham, butternut squash, baked beans, scalloped potatoes, salad, sweet breads, rolls, and assorted homemade pies. A vegetarian Mexican Cornbread casserole and a gluten-free option will also be available. Sally Newton will be directing our youth ukulele players, and then calling the moves

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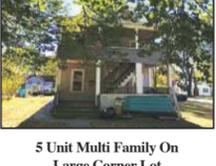
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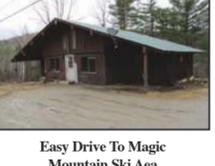
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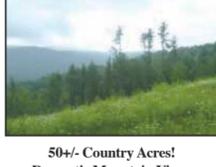
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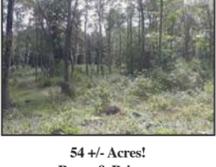
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Nov. 10, from 1-4 p.m. For details, call 802-591-4290.

NOV. 13 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Church of Christ on Chester Road in Springfield presents "Unconditional"

Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. "Unconditional" is a gentle, sincere movie, inspired by true events about a woman's idyllic life suddenly being shattered when her husband dies in a senseless act of violence. As she prepares to

take matters into her own hands, two very unexpected encounters change everything. All area residents are welcome to attend the movie.

MONDAYS – WESTON, Vt. – Weston Rod & Gun Club will host Monday Night Bingo, starting at 7 p.m., at their location Route 100 North, one mile north of the town center. For more information, call 802-824-6577.

TUESDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join us for bingo at the Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster St., in Bellows Falls every Tuesday. Doors open at 5 p.m. and first game starts at 6 p.m. Food is available. Call 802-

463-4054 for details.

WEDNESDAYS – CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Weekly bingo at the Charlestown Memorial VFW Post 8497, 365 Lovers Lane Rd. Early birds at 5 p.m. Regular games at 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – Gassetts Grange holds Bingo every Thursday from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall on Route 103 in Chester. Doors open at 5 p.m. Call 802-591-4290 for details.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Trivia with Rick Davis every Thursday, at KJ's Place in N. Springfield from 7-9 p.m.

SATURDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join us for karaoke at the Bellows Falls Family Center, 59 Westminster St., Saturdays, from 7 to 11 p.m.

LIBRARIES

NOV. 9 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Elayne Clift will read from and discuss her book, "Around the World in Fifty Years: Travel Tales

from a Not So Innocent Abroad" at Rockingham Library Saturday, Nov. 9, from 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., at Rockingham Library. For more information, call 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, or go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

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

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

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MUSIC & THEATER

NOV. 10 – WALPOLE, N.H. – On Sunday, Nov. 10, join us for "Beyond the Messiah: Chamber Music of G.F. Handel." Cameo Baroque will put on a concert at 4 p.m. at the Unitarian Church at 14 Union St. Walpole, N.H. We ask for a free-will donation to benefit the Community Asylum Seekers Project.

NOV. 16 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Pat Daddona will be the featured artist Saturday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. at Springfield UU Coffee House. Weathersfield singer/songwriter Bill Brink will open for Pat. Come enjoy the music and the delightful refreshments. No admission fee. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., music starts at 7 p.m. Snacks and beverages for sale. All welcome!

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

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