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Area schools welcome Gov. Scott and community to Veterans Day Assembly

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
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LUDLOW, Vt. – The seventh annual Veterans Day Assembly, Friday, Nov. 8, at Ludlow Elementary School welcomed Gov. Phil Scott as part of their moving program to honoring veterans and active military members.

Students from Black River Middle High School, LES, Mount Holly Elementary School, and Cavendish Town Elementary School were all in attendance, as were the Ballard-Hobart Post 36 American Legion color guard, local decorated veterans, and other members of the community.

Gov. Scott began by reminding students that they don't have to wait until Veterans Day

to thank someone for their service. "You should take the time to thank a vet or any member of the military, every chance we get, every single day," he said. He then asked all veterans and those serving in the Military to stand to be recognized.

Scott also paid special attention to those of "the greatest generation" who served in World War II and Korea. He spoke about his own father who served and was injured during WWII and died when he was 11.

Scott also spoke about the importance of listening to the stories of veterans while they are still among us. He spoke specifically about a 100-year-old WWII veteran, Sidney Walton, who is traveling the country visiting all 50 states to

tell his stories and meet governors. Scott was the 24th governor that Walton visited. "It was a special day for me," he said. "It's so important for you, the younger generation, to do whatever you can to thank our vets and listen to their stories because they truly are heroes that set an example for all of us."

In addition to Scott's speech, the program included several student choral pieces; a presentation to honor Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action; a presentation of the flags of each of the branches of the military; and a moving final number with a recording of Celine Dion singing "God Bless America" accompanied by the LES fourth grade class using American Sign Language.

The program, celebrating its seventh year, is due to the vision and hard work of BRHS Booster Club President Andrea Sanford of Ludlow. According to an introduction by Color Guard Commander of American Legion Post 36, Ned Bowen, Sanford went to the School Board over seven years ago, asking why Veterans Day was an in-service day and didn't honor veterans. Since then, Sanford has worked with the American Legion, students, and teachers to develop the program, which takes over three months to plan.

According to Sanford, it all started with an idea to bring more awareness to the kids that Veterans Day stood for something, and that they should have a day to think more deeply



Ludlow American Legion Color Guard with Gov. Phil Scott. PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY

about people who fought for their freedom.

Sanford grew up during the Vietnam War and saw many friends go off to war and never return. Her dad was also in Military service. "It's something that's in my heart," she said.

With Black River High

School set to close at the end of the 2020 school year, this will be Sanford's last assembly, although she is willing to work as a consultant in future years. "It's never too young to teach them to honor and respect people who have died for their freedom... They get it," she said.

Chester residents approve EMS building project

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
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CHESTER, Vt. – Residents of Chester approved the 30-year bond for the EMS/Town Garage project for \$4.78 million by a healthy margin during the special town vote Tuesday, Nov. 5. The count was 315 "yes" votes versus 183 "no" votes, according to the Chester town Facebook page.

The project will construct a new EMS Services building, located on Pleasant Street, which will house the fire, police, and



EMS building project passes.

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ambulance services for Chester and completely renovate the existing Town Garage.

There were three informational meetings leading up to the vote, Sept. 25, Oct. 23, and Nov. 4, where Selectboard

Member Lee Gustafson, along with other Building Committee members, presented costs, schematics, and an overview of the project to help garner town support.

Ludlow bids farewell to Rodney Cole

LUDLOW, Vt. – On Nov. 5, the town and village of Ludlow bid farewell to Rodney Cole, a long-time truck driver and grader operator for the Highway Department. Rodney joined the team in July of 2005 and was known for his expertise with trucks and equipment. A staff luncheon was held in Rodney's honor to thank him for his years of service and for the contributions he has made to Ludlow. Rodney plans to kick-off his retirement with the start of hunting season. Congratulations to Rodney Cole!



Rodney Cole retires.

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Police Troopers overloaded with donations

WINDHAM, Vt. – When you're talking about the backseat of a police cruiser, most folks immediately conjure up a negative image. That's why it is particularly heartwarming to see the same police car stuffed to its roofline with Christmas toys.

On the morning of Oct. 26, that's exactly what happened in picturesque town of Windham, Vt. The Northeast Flatlanders, a club of off-road enthusiasts based out of Connecticut, made the trek up to Vermont to host their second annual Toys for Tots charity event.

Pete's Camp in Windham served as homebase for the gathering of off-roaders again this year. With over 80 acres for camping, Pete's Camp continues to be the perfect venue for this wonderful event. Known for his friendly conversation and always having the campfires stoked and hot coffee on the ready, Pete was all smiles as the first trucks rolled

into camp on Friday, the day before the toy drive. Participants were encouraged to camp out for the entire weekend if they so wished, and there were quite a few trucks and tents scattered around the property. Some were NEF members, but there were also a lot of new faces!

Bright and early Saturday morning, a small crew of volunteers sprung into action. Campfires were reignited, coffee was brewed, and the griddle was fired up to start cooking breakfast sandwiches for the drivers enroute. For 2019, the Flatlanders teamed up with Duton's Berry Farm in Newfane for all of the homemade muffins, breads, and other baked goods, along with River Bend Farm Market in Townshend for breakfast meats.

By 9 a.m., there was a steady stream of off-road vehicles pulling into camp. Overland



The Northeast Flatlanders donate toys to Vermont State Police for Toys for Tots. PHOTO PROVIDED

vehicles of all types were in attendance from all over New England – all turned up carrying toys. Right behind them were the Vermont State Troopers who pulled up in three police SUVs to collect the donated toys.

Sgt. Buckley addressed the

crowd to thank them for the donations, as well as let everyone know how they go about distributing the toys to local Vermont families in need. The crowd seemed particularly moved when Sgt. Buckley pointed out that, in some cases, the toys from this drive would

be the only Christmas present that some children would be getting at all. Many of the toys would be delivered to local agencies to be distributed, while some toys would be hand-delivered personally by the Vermont State Police. A line formed, and the gifts were passed across the parking lot. It was quite a sight to behold, seeing all three cruisers filled to capacity with new toys for children.

In addition to the unwrapped toys, NEF member Jake Kalnieks donated his artistic talents to the cause. Jake created a unique hand-painted sign with an "Overland" theme just for this event. The sign was raffled off with 100% of proceeds going to the Smokey House Center, located in Danby, Vt. Smokey House manages 5,000 acres of scenic Vermont farmland and forests, provides educational classes and camps,

and gives fresh produce to local food banks. The sign raffle raised \$350.

Smokey House director Jesse Pyles expressed his gratitude to NEF and the off-road community, stating that a donation like this pays for a local child to attend summer camp for three weeks or will pay for the seeds needed to grow thousands of fresh produce for the food banks.

As the 2019 Overland Rendezvous wrapped up, some friends stayed for the remainder of the weekend, while a few ventured out to explore the beautiful backroads. Overall, the event was a great success, and we are already looking forward to new adventures in 2020.

The Northeast Flatlanders would like to thank all of the volunteers, Pete's Camp, Duton's Berry Farm, and River Bend Farm Market & Smokehouse.

Written by Jake Kalnieks.

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RVTC leaders speak to Ludlow Rotary

LUDLOW, Vt. – The recent meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club featured leaders of the River Valley Technical Center, located in Springfield, as they discussed the role and objectives of that school.

Both Scott Farr, the superintendent and director of RVTC, and Dave Culver, co-operative education coordinator, explained how the school has created a wide variety of technical subjects aimed at helping its students select a career path or



Barbara Lemire, LRC Rotarian; Mark Huntley, LRC president; and Scott Farr, RVTC.

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enhancing their educational background.

They noted that the school, which serves a number of Windsor County high schools as well as one in New Hampshire, is dedicated to ensuring that attending students gain an in-depth view of selected technical career opportunities so they may opt for those they find rewarding.

The LRC meets Tuesdays at DJ's Restaurant and other select locations for lunch. It always welcomes interested persons to its meetings. For additional information, contact an LRC Rotarian.

Neighborhood Connections seminar on Medicare

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Tara Williams, licensed insurance agent with Heritage Way, will be at Neighborhood Connections Thursday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. to present a seminar on Medicare. The goal of this free, informative seminar is to educate partici-

pants on the basics, including tips for enrollment and options for Medicare Supplement Insurance. This session will review Medicare basics, discuss enrollment periods and penalties, and explore Medicare Supplement Insurance.

Light refreshments and

snacks will be provided. For reservations, please call 802-776-2187 or email taraw@hfcvt.com.

Neighborhood Connections, a nonprofit social services agency, is located at 5700 Mountain Marketplace in Londonderry, next to the Post Office.

Free community meal at Ludlow Baptist Church

LUDLOW, Vt. – On Saturday, Nov. 16 at 5:30 p.m., the Ludlow Baptist Church will host a turkey dinner for all members of the community. It's a great time to sit down, relax, and enjoy a delicious, home-cooked meal, free of

charge.

The event is an outreach program of Black River Good Neighbor Services entitled, "Our Community Cares," established for individuals and families to receive a free, nutritious meal within a warm,

welcoming community setting. Ludlow Baptist Church is located at 99 Main Street in Ludlow.

For more information, contact Krey Kellington, BRGNS Food Program administrator, at 802-228-3663.

BRVSC November events

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Black River Valley Senior Center, 10 High St., will host their

monthly Community Lunch Wednesday, Nov. 20 at noon. The meal includes homemade Goulash and ice cream pie.

Thursday, Nov. 21 is the birthday lunch of roast turkey, all the fixings, and birthday cake. If your birthday is in November, you eat for free.

If you plan to attend either of these events, please call the Se-

nior Center at 802-228-7421 to register or to get a ride.

We have Bone Builders every Monday and Wednesday at 10 a.m., led by RSVP volunteer Kay O'Hare. Now that the cold weather is here, it's time to walk inside at the Ludlow Community Center. The gym is reserved for walking every day from 10-11 a.m.

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Savings Bank of Walpole, Monadnock Broadcasting Good Friends Campaign



Savings Bank of Walpole partnered with Monadnock Broadcasting Group and Douglas Cuddle Toys to raise money for a local nonprofit. PHOTO PROVIDED

WALPOLE, N.H. – Savings Bank of Walpole and the Monadnock Broadcasting Group are once again teaming up with Douglas Cuddle Toys to raise money to benefit a local

nonprofit. This year's nonprofit is Monadnock Understands Childhood Hunger. The campaign kickoff took place Friday, Nov. 8 with KNE-FM broadcasting live at the bank's 84 Marlboro St. branch.

Throughout the holiday season, all SBW branches will serve as point-of-sale locations, selling stuffed animals generously donated by Douglas Cuddle. MUCH receives 100% of the sale proceeds and uses the funds to help the community and those in need. This year's warm and fuzzy fundraising ambassadors include Izzy Owl, Francois Llama, Mama Pig, "Mud Pie" and her baby pig Melvin, and Merry Macaroon the Caticorn.

"The Good Friends campaign is an event that all of us at SBW look forward to each year," says Mark Bodin, president for Savings Bank of Walpole. "Raising money for MUCH is important because the proceeds enable them to provide a number of different services and resources that help children in our community. Of course, the campaign wouldn't be possible without the generous donation of stuffed animals and all the effort of everyone at Douglas Cuddle Toys. We're excited to be teaming up with KNE-FM and the Monadnock Broadcasting Group to help make this year's fundraising initiative a success."

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

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BRGNS holiday basket program

LUDLOW, Vt. – The holiday season is beginning, and most people look forward to family and celebrations. But not all of our neighbors are so lucky and many will struggle to just keep food on the table and heat in the house this winter.

Black River Good Neighbor Services in Ludlow helps those who need a helping hand each year with food and children's toys through the holiday basket program. Each year, the folks at BRGNS reach out to over a hundred local families, delivering all the ingredients for a full holiday meal.

In order to receive a holiday basket, an individual or family must first fill out an application. If you or someone you



The holiday basket program offers baskets to families in need with ingredients to complete a holiday meal.

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know needs assistance this season, please call Krey or Audrey at 802-228-3663. Applications are available at the food shelf and thrift store, 37B Main Street in Ludlow, and online at www.brgn.org.

BRGNS serves people in Ludlow, Cavendish, Proctorsville, Plymouth, Mount Holly, and Belmont. The food shelf is open Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ludlow Rotary Club annual community calendar

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Ludlow Rotary Club is preparing their annual community calendar for 2020. Local businesses and citizens sponsor the community calendar. If you want to share a special date, birthday, anniversary, or event, now is your chance! For a small fee per listing, you can share your event with our community. Complete the Ludlow Rotary form with information including: event

date, event name to be printed, and telephone number in case the LRC needs to contact you. Mail the form and payment for your event to be printed. Community calendars are free to residents and will be available mid-December 2019.

This community calendar has been a tradition of the Ludlow Rotary for over 40 years. Make it a special year by promoting your special day and

also supporting the club. For more information, please contact Sharon Bixby at 802-228-8823.

You can pick up a subscription form directly for the following business locations: Timber Inn, Benson's Chevrolet, or Ludlow Insurance Agency. Please print neatly and make payment to LARCF Inc., P.O. Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149.

Okemo Mountain Resort to host OVRCC Member Mixer

LUDLOW, Vt. – The next Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours Mixer is scheduled for Tuesday evening, Nov. 19, 2019, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Coleman Brook Tavern in the Jackson Gore Inn at Okemo, located at 111 Jackson Gore Rd., in Ludlow. OVRCC members will enjoy complementary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, and the bar will also be open for purchase. In addition, attendees will have a chance to win some fabulous raffle prizes. This is an OVRCC chamber "member-only" event; however, current chamber members are welcome to invite a prospective member as a guest.

low, Vt., offering alpine skiing, snowboarding, a fitness center with indoor pool, an outdoor Adventure Center, mountain biking, snow tubing, golf, cross country skiing, an indoor ice skating rink, and a variety of lodging and dining options.

Chamber Mixer events are an opportunity for current members to showcase to fellow members all their business offerings. It is also an opportunity for the business community to meet in-person, network, and enjoy camaraderie with fellow members. Chamber members are asked to RSVP via their direct email invitation, on the OVRCC website event page, or via the OVRCC Facebook page.

The OVRCC is a not-for-profit, member-driven association and the voice of the business communities in south central Vermont. OVRCC includes the communities of Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish, Chester, Grafton, Londonderry, Ludlow, Mount Holly, Plymouth, Shrewsbury, Weathersfield, and Weston along the Route 100 Byway. OVRCC provides advocacy, support, and unified regional marketing to promote and enhance businesses in the region as well as the four-season economy.

For more information, go to www.yourplaceinvermont.com.

Public hour changes at Cavendish Fletcher Community Library

CAVENDISH, Vt. – In light of recent events, the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library is implementing new security measures. The library will be open exclusively to the school before noon and open for community patron use Monday through Friday, from noon until 7 p.m., and Saturday, from 12-4 p.m. School age students will continue to be welcome in the library after school either as part of a structured program or with parent permission.



The hours have changed for the public access to the Cavendish Fletcher Community Library.

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and implement a plan that gives maximum access to all patrons while trying to ensure the safest possible library environment.

As always, we welcome the input and feedback from our community members, and we look forward to seeing you in the library.

Written by *Kata Welch*, library director, Fletcher Community Library.

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Apple Blossom Cotillion applications due

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – High school senior girls in the communities served by Springfield Medical Care Systems and Springfield Hospital are invited to participate in the 64th annual Apple Blossom Cotillion. One of them will join the select group of Apple Blossom Queens. This special community event continues to be a unique tradition and a rite of passage for area young people. Girls present themselves with and without their escorts and are interviewed by a panel of judges.

We are pleased to welcome Pam Shaughnessy and Carrie Jewell as 2020 Apple Blossom directors. Our master of ceremonies for the 20th consecutive year is Larry Kraft.

Elementary school children

in kindergarten through fourth grade are also invited to participate in the 64th annual Apple Blossom Cotillion. These young performers are always popular. They are introduced in couples, just like the high school girls and escorts, and they perform singing and dancing numbers. Children must apply in couples – a girl and her male escort – just like the high school participants.

Elementary school couples who submit a completed application by the due date of Dec. 2 are eligible to participate unless the number of applicants exceeds the capacity of the production. In that case, a random drawing will be held Dec. 12 to determine the participants.

Proceeds from the event are used for the Dr. E Sherburne Lovell Health Career Award,

Springfield Hospital, and the SMCS community health centers.

An orientation for all parents and participants, including elementary school, is Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020 at 1 p.m. at Dressel Gymnasium at Riverside Middle School. Weekly rehearsals for high school couples start immediately after that orientation. It all culminates with performances Friday and Saturday, May 1-2, 2020.

Applications for both high school and elementary school participants are available at www.springfieldmed.org and at area schools. Applications must be received by Dec. 2. For information, call Sandy Peplau at 802-885-7686 or email speplau@springfieldmed.org.

It's time to get your flu shot —

REGION – With cases already reported in the state, flu season is upon us and Vermont health officials say now is the time for everyone 6 months and older to get their annual flu vaccine. It takes about two weeks for full protection from the vaccine to kick in, making it a just-in-time step as people prepare for holiday travel and family gatherings.

“Getting a flu shot is the best protection we have against the serious risks of flu illness,” said Health Commissioner Mark Levine, M.D. “The vaccine markedly lowers the risk of illness, hospitalizations, and deaths related to the flu. Preventing the flu also means avoiding extra doctor visits and missed days of work and school.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, this year's vaccine looks to be a good match for the expected influenza virus strains. “Vaccine effectiveness can vary from season to season,” said Dr. Levine, “but bottom line, vaccination is your best bet to avoid illness. And if you do get the flu, your symptoms will be less severe.”

Getting the flu vaccine is especially important for people who are at high risk of serious complications from the flu, including adults



Prevent the flu. Get your flu shot now before the holidays.

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age 65 and older, people with a weakened immune system, and those who have certain health conditions like heart disease or asthma. It is also important that people who work or live with those at high risk are vaccinated.

People who are pregnant should get a flu shot to protect themselves and their baby. Getting vaccinated during pregnancy can help protect newborns during their first several months, when they are still too young to get a flu shot themselves.

Dr. Levine said risk of flu will increase for the next several months. “During winter, we spend more time indoors making it easier to spread germs. Now is the time to get your flu shot.”

Vermonters can get their flu

shot at one of more than 300 locations across Vermont, including local pharmacies, supermarkets, and from their health care provider. To find a location near you, go to www.healthvermont.gov/flu.

Tips for preventing flu:

- Get a flu vaccine.
- Stop the spread of germs. Wash your hands often with soap and water. Avoid contact with sick individuals. Stay home if you are sick. Cover your nose when you cough and sneeze.
- Take antiviral medications if your doctor prescribes them. If you get the flu, antiviral drugs can be used to treat your illness.
- Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of fluids.

Learn more about the flu and flu vaccine at www.healthvermont.gov/flu and www.cdc.gov/flu.

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Armchair Journeys Writing Workshop

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Elayne Clift will offer Armchair Journeys Writing Workshop Saturday, Nov. 16, from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Rockingham Library. Clift will offer suggestions and techniques for writing fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction that is derived

from travel and journeys real and imagined. Prompts will bring out the writer in you and will be shared voluntarily. Come prepared to wish, wonder, remember, and write. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch.

Please register early with the library by calling 802-463-4270, emailing programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt. There is a maximum of 12 participants. If fewer than five participants register, the event will be cancelled and participants will be notified.

For questions specifically about the workshop, email eclift@vermontel.net or call 802-869-2686. This event is free and open to the public. The library is located at 65 Westminster St. and is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, or go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

Young Professionals host First Time Home Buyer info session

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Every year the Southern Vermont Young Professionals, a program of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation, hosts an informational session for people who are considering buying their first home. This informational session allows attendees to ask candid and frank questions of experts in the home buying field. This year, we'll be joined by Debbie Timon, a home buyer specialist with Windham-Windsor Housing Trust; Cathy Eakins, a residential lending officer



Learn more about buying your first home.

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with Peoples United Bank; and Tanner Karg, a realtor with Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate-The Masiello Group.

Join us Nov. 21, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at Flat Iron Exchange Cafe in Bellows Falls to get all

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Regional workforce summit in Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Regional Development Corporations of Vermont, in partnership with the Vermont Department of Labor, is hosting 12 regional workforce summits this fall and early winter around the state. These summits are intended to build upon

existing collaborations and will provide actionable solutions for employers as well as better awareness and partnerships among regional and statewide service providers.

Springfield Regional Development Corporation is sponsoring the Windsor Region/Southern Windsor County Workforce Summit Wednesday, Nov. 20 at the River Valley Technical Center in Springfield. This event will bring the county's regional workforce system closer to strong solutions and smoother operation. Employers, the beneficiaries of a good workforce system, and the wide range of providers and trainers who locate, motivate, and prepare workers to be successful will participate.

The state of Vermont recognizes that a robust, well-trained, workforce large enough to supply the increasing needs of employers in our strong economy is critical to the state's ability to meet its obligations and provide a desirable quality of life for all Vermonters.

Output from this event will be used in the region to make the existing systems strong as well as by the State Workforce Development Board as it prepares its 2020 Workforce Strategy.

For more information, please contact SRDC at 802-885-3061 or www.vermontworkforce.com.



LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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

Why we collect

I think most Americans have a need to collect things. What we collect depends on our life experiences, knowledge, and our interests. The photo with this article is of two hand-blown glass eggs in my collection. In the old days, these eggs were common.

Over the years, I have collected things I found interesting. The other day I was sorting some stuff in boxes when I found the two hand-blown glass eggs you see. Glass eggs you say? I stopped to see Mike at Erskine's Feed Store here in Chester to see what was available in this line today and to ask Mike the purpose of these eggs.

Mike showed me some new ceramic eggs that are brown in color. I picked one up and was impressed with the quality, the feel, and color.

Mike explained to me how hens need to be trained as to where to lay their eggs. If you had a dozen chickens, you would have three or four nesting boxes for the chickens to lay their eggs in.

Hens left to wander free in your yard could lay an egg anywhere. I remember back in the 1970s when I owned the brick house on Route 103, I kept a few laying hens. I fixed up one end of the barn for the hens.

They had a place to roost at night but could wander around the yard during the day. I had bought chicks in the spring from Erskine's and by fall these pullets should start laying. Well, I wasn't getting any eggs.

A neighbor, Carroll Fontaine, in lower Bartonsville told me I needed to place one or two of these glass eggs in the nesting boxes so the hens would catch on. Boy it didn't take long for me to get eggs. It was later when I was walking through tall grass that I discovered where the hens had been laying their eggs. I found clusters of three to five



Hand-blown glass eggs from Ron Patch's collection. PHOTO BY RON PATCH

eggs hidden in the tall grass everywhere.

It was my parents' generation who collected antiques in the 1950s and 1960s. Their generation appreciated antiques and the history they held. They became very knowledgeable about antiques. Most of these collectors are now gone. With them went a lot of knowledge.

These eggs are hand-blown and are milk glass. You can see in the end of the eggs where they were broken off the glassmaker's blowpipe, creating a "pontil." Each egg is one of a kind whether it be the pontil or the size and shape of the egg that differs. Being hand-blown, size and shape will vary.

My parents' generation would have six or more of these glass eggs in a small basket or bowl on the table as a centerpiece. Visitors to their home for dinner would sit in antique chairs at the harvest table surrounded by antiques. Someone would always ask about the eggs. The collector knew the history of these glass eggs and was happy to share with the guest.

As these eggs were being explained, the guest fondled the egg, finding it difficult to put down. A glass egg looks and feels remarkably like a real egg. Closer examination reveals swirls in the glass caused by the glassblower turning his blow-

As to how it feels to hold a glass egg: There is an obvious weight. The glass is cool to touch, silky smooth, and feels very much like a real eggshell. It was in the 19th century when these eggs came into wide use. They were used well into the 20th century.

I'm going to buy one or two of the brown ceramic eggs Erskine's have for sale. Then I'll put them in a small bowl with my glass eggs to replicate how the old collectors used to display them. They are very modern in design so they would fit in any home.

Today, young people have no interest in this old stuff so prices have plummeted. It's my opinion that if young people were properly introduced to our history and these artifacts, some would come around to collecting. Collecting is in the DNA of us as Americans.

This week's old saying. One night 40 years ago, I was downstairs of Penelope's in Springfield when I got into a conversation with a salesman from Fellows. We got to discussing ways we could use "egg" in a word. Eggzilarating, eggzceptional, eggasperating, and so on. It was entertaining for a few minutes. I think his name was Dave.

New novel for children on Civil War

GRAFTON, Vt. - A new historical novel for children, "Grafton's Medical Men," has just been published by the Grafton Historical Society and is on sale. This is the third book in author Thomas Fontaine's series on Grafton's volunteers in the Civil War and focuses on two young men, actual residents of Grafton, who faced the challenge of treating the wounded Union Army soldiers and the drama of the ugly side of war. It describes how limited the medical knowledge was

at that time and how the men needed to improvise to help the needy.

In 1862, the Vermont governor called Dr. Castanus Park, already a doctor in the village, to help form the medical unit of Vermont's 16th regiment in Brattleboro. He enlisted the help of 22-year-old Edward Pettengill of Grafton to aid him in this task. The book follows the formation of the 16th regiment through events that led it to the Battle of Gettysburg and Pickett's charge.

Fontaine's book was written for children at the sixth grade reading level to help them understand the history of the Civil War through the lives of actual Grafton citizens and the his-

torical events they experienced. He drew much of his information from diaries and histories written by local residents and photographs from local organizations. Fontaine is a middle school teacher at Kurn Hattin Homes in Westminster, Vt. He has been an educator for 30 years. The Grafton Historical Society has sponsored the publishing of his series of books.

This latest book along with his other two books, "The Messenger Boy of Grafton" and "The Grafton Cavaliers," is available for sale at the historical society's museum on Main Street and at local bookstores. For more information, email grafhist@vermontel.net or call 802-843-2584.

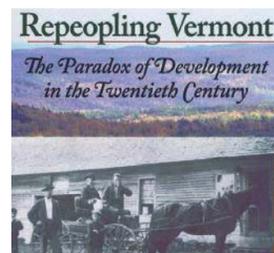
Landgrove Historical Society hosts Paul Searls

LANDGROVE, Vt. - The Landgrove Historical Society and the Landgrove Meeting House will co-sponsor a talk and presentation by Northern Vermont University professor Paul Searls, author of "Repeopling Vermont: The Paradox of Development in the Twentieth Century," Thursday, Nov. 21 at 4 p.m. at the Landgrove Town Hall.

In his book, Searls discusses how different Vermont communities have responded to declining populations and subsequent immigration. Landgrove is one of the communities cited as an example, first by the influx of Swedish farmers at the beginning of the century, and second by the proliferation of second homebuyers.

By the late 1920s, the village of Landgrove was essentially abandoned with only two brothers living in two dilapidated homes. That's when the late Sam Ogden appeared on the scene, buying all the houses and fixing them up for friends from down country.

The presentation is free and open to the public. The Town Hall is located at 88 Landgrove Rd.



"Repeopling Vermont." PHOTO PROVIDED

possible through collaboration between the Vermont Historical Society and the Vermont Department of Libraries, and a contribution by the Friends of the Springfield Town Library. It is free, accessible, and open to the public. The Springfield Town Library is located at 43 Main Street, Springfield, Vt. For more information, contact the library at 802-885-3108 or stlas@vermontel.net.

Springfield conversation to examine Vermont's progress

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - How has Vermont handled questions of development and immigration in the past, and how might we use those lessons to discuss a path forward to the future? Join us at the Springfield Town Library Saturday, Nov. 16 at 11 a.m. for a conversation on the past and future of Vermont communities, and in particular our community. Northern Vermont University professor Paul Searls

will review themes and events featured in his new book, "Repeopling Vermont: The Paradox of Development in the Twentieth Century." In his book, Searls highlights the stories of different communities and their responses to difficult questions as part of his inquiry into how Vermont balanced competing visions for the state in the last century.

Following his presentation, attendees will be invited to share

their own perspectives on their communities. How can we use the lessons of history to frame our planning going forward? What is important to preserve, and when is it important to move forward? How can we balance different interests and create a Vermont that works for everyone? Come hear what others have to say and contribute to the discussion.

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8 oz Charbroiled or On the Rock
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16 oz Charbroiled or On the Rock
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stuffed with shrimp, scallops, and lobster in a light bread stuffing
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Chester Congregational Church, 469 Main St., Rt. 11 West

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LUDLOW, VT.

Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St.

Mass on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. Sundays at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Call 802-228-3451.

Edith R. Barnett, 1926-2019

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Edith R. (Moul) Barnett of Darby Hill Road went home to her heavenly Father Nov. 1, 2019 after being cared for by her loving family in her home following a long illness. She was born Jan. 9, 1926 in Antrim, N.H., the daughter of Edward and Esther (Smart) Moul. She attended schools in Antrim where she met her long-life partner Robert C. Barnett. They were married July 5, 1943 and moved to Rockingham, Vt., managing a farm on Darby Hill and starting a family. Later, they started Barnett Roofing Company of which she was an active part. Edith loved music, singing, and dancing. One of her favorite songs was "Jesus Loves Me" and also "The Old Gray Mare," which she would share with her friends, her doctors, hospice and Bayada caregivers, and anyone who would listen. She also loved working in her flowerbeds. Raising her family of five, her motto was: "You have to have a good sense of humor to survive this world" - and she did for 93 years. She would give you a big wink when she was being silly or up to no good.



Edith R. Barnett, 1926-2019. PHOTO PROVIDED

Edith is predeceased by her husband Robert Barnett, her daughter Roberta Ann Barnett Lakin, her sisters Evelyn Foss and Eleanor Fielders, her brothers Edward, Ernest, Earl, and Everett Moul.

Surviving is her daughter Esther Barnett Johnson of Vernon, Vt., her son Robert C. "Bob" Barnett Jr. and wife Debra of Vernon, Vt., her daughter Linda Barnett Adams and husband Craig of St. Cloud, Fla., and her daughter Phyllis B. Barnett Jones and husband Cecil of Hendersonville, N.C.; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; her sister-in-law Midge and husband Richard Parson; and brother-in-law Carlton Barnett.

There was a funeral service Saturday, Nov. 9 at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt., officiated by Pastor Cecil L. Jones. Burial followed in the Meeting House Cemetery in Rockingham, Vt.

The United Church of Ludlow, 48 Pleasant St.

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

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 90 Park St.

Vespers on Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Liturgy on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 802-885-2615 or go to www.htocvt.org.

North Springfield Baptist Church, 69 Main St.

Sunday service at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join us in worship. Bus transportation is available if needed by calling the church office at 802-886-8107. Email office@nsbcvt.org or go to www.

Arthur E. Benoit, 1956-2019

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Arthur E. Benoit, 63, passed away unexpectedly Sunday evening, Nov. 3, 2019 in Bellows Falls, Vt. He was born May 23, 1956 in Bellows Falls, Vt., the son of Arthur Sr. and Lorraine (Thompson) Benoit.

As a young man, he worked on farms in Westminster and Putney, Vt. He was employed with Lebanon Crushed Stone. He was later employed as a machinist and in maintenance with Hypertherm in Lebanon, N.H. and more recently with NBC Solid Surfaces in Springfield, Vt.

He enjoyed hunting, road trips and driving back roads,

and most of all spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his children Joe Benoit of Lebanon, N.H., Alan Benoit of Claremont, N.H., and Vicki Benoit of North Springfield, Vt.; four grandchildren Kobe Benoit, Bodie Benoit, Deegan Aiken, and Mason Aiken; and two sisters Ann Shaffer of Port St. John, Fla. and Dianne Coulombe of Westminster, Vt.

There will be a celebration of life service at a later date and will be announced at that time. Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. is assisting with arrangements.

Nathan G. Pond, 1932-2019

ANDOVER, Vt. - On Nov. 3, 2019, Nate Pond died peacefully at home. He was born July 21, 1932, to Sebastian and Marguerite (Harkins) Pond. He was raised on a dairy farm in Connecticut and attended Cornell Agricultural College. After graduating, he spent four years in the Air Force and then moved back to the farm with his first wife, where he discovered his father had finished with farming. Instead, Jacques Istel was using the airstrip on the farm for the new sport of skydiving. It became so popular Jacques started looking for a larger airport to start a commercial business. He found it in Orange, Mass., and in 1958, Jacques founded Orange Sport Parachuting Center. For 11 years, Nate was a jump instructor and chief pilot and made several thousand jumps himself.

In 1969, Nate obtained his Airline Transport Rating and started a series of flying jobs out of the Springfield Airport. He flew mail, freight, and finally passengers with Precision Airlines. In 1970, he married Gillian Carey, and they settled permanently in the Springfield

area. For a couple of winters, he flew for Rocky Mountain Airlines in Colorado, which suited his natural ability and skill to fly through adverse conditions.

In 1986, Nate and Jill bought a farm in Andover, where they raised Beefalo, and Nate could fly his plane out of the back field. He always found time to ski. For several winters, he worked for Aspen Highlands Ski Patrol, and for 35 years he was on the Stratton Mountain Ski Patrol.

Nate was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Nancy Booth, and his eldest son Gary. He is survived by his wife, brother Larry, sons Jeffrey and Tim (Julie), daughters Tara Yohan (Buck) and Jenna Pond, daughter-in-law Diane Pond, 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and many dear friends.

Funeral services will be held at the Andover Community Church Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019 at 1 p.m. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Vermont and New Hampshire Nurses and Hospice.

nsbcvt.org for additional information.

Precision Valley Baptist Church, 69 Rt. 106

Adult Bible Study on Sundays from 9 -9:45 a.m. Services start at 10 a.m. Located right next to Cota & Cota.

WINDSOR, VT.

Old South Church, UCC, 146 Main St.

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

Jesse Franklin

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - It is with deep sadness that we share the recent unexpected death of Jesse Franklin, 35. He was cherished and will be missed by his parents Russell and Ginny, sister Mary Lewis and brother-in-law Tim Lewis, aunt and uncle Sally and Phil Kugler, cousins Sam and Matt Kugler, and close friend Tricia Temple. He is also grieved by countless friends and family, near and far.

Jesse began life with a rare heart defect, which required surgery as a baby and again as a young adult. His determined spirit along with love and support helped him through all his challenges.

As he grew up, he developed a love of skiing, golf, anything with a motor, the outdoors, and spending time with family and friends.

Jesse had a kind, gentle spirit with an ever-present sense of humor. He was always willing to lend a helping hand and had a ready smile. His special pres-

ence will be so greatly missed.

There will be a Celebration of Life service Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 at 1 p.m. at Brownsville Community Church in Brownsville, Vt. We are casual people so dress comfortably.

In memory of Jesse's life, we picked a wish list fund at CHAD that provides toys, games, and other items to bring comfort and solace to children in the hospital as we so appreciated all who helped him and us through his journeys.

If you wish to contribute, please contact Jason Naugler at 603-653-0759 for CHAD wish list Fund 2-22576. If you wish to contribute by mail, checks are payable to Dartmouth Hitchcock Health. In memo write: "Jesse, CHAD wish list fund #2-22576" and mail to Office of Development, ATTN: Jason, One Medical Center Drive, Lebanon, N.H. 03756.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt. assisted with arrangements.

Patricia O. Hardy, 1934-2019

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Patricia Olive Hardy, 85, of Charlestown, N.H., died Sunday morning, Nov. 3, 2019 at Westwood Nursing Home in Keene, N.H.

She was born in Bellows Falls, Vt. March 3, 1934, the daughter of Arnold and Rosamond (Pollard) Fish and was a lifelong resident of Charlestown. Pat graduated in the Class of 1952 from Charlestown High School. She married Basil Hardy in Aug. 30, 1958, and he died Feb. 11, 2014. She and Basil owned and operated the Fish Dairy Farm in Charlestown. She also worked for 56 years for Connecticut River Bank, retiring in 2006.

In her spare time, Patricia catered weddings and parties, making all occasion cakes. Christmas cookies were one of her specialties - all hand decorated. Patricia was the secretary and a den mother for the Boy Scouts for over 40 years. She was also a Girl Scout leader and a

long-time member of the South Parish Church in Charlestown.

She is survived by their three children Elizabeth Ann Hardy and her partner Ron LeClair, Paul Hardy, and Peter Hardy all of Charlestown; two grandchildren Ashley Hardy and Ericka Hess of Ohio; three sisters Pauline Mitchell and Prudence Fish of Arizona, Penelope Spaulding of Charlestown; one sister-in-law Beverly Willis and her husband Red of Derby Line, Vt.; and also nephews, nieces, and cousins.

A graveside service will be held in Pine Crest Cemetery in Charlestown Thursday, Nov. 14 at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Boy Scout Troop 31 in Charlestown, N.H.

Arrangements are with Stringer Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 146 Broad St., Claremont, N.H. To view an online memorial or send a private message of condolence, visit www.stringerfh.com.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

And then there was one – area football team left playing that is.

Three area football teams; three strong seasons. Springfield was eliminated first, but I was so impressed with the big step they took this fall. Although things flattened out at the end, each and every Cosmo should realize they have accomplished a lot.

Bellows Falls advanced to the Vermont Division II State title game. If this hadn't been the first year Brattleboro dropped down from Division I, the Terriers likely would be claiming the football title again. If Brattleboro had not dropped, then Burr & Burton might still be Division II, and all they did was capture the Division I crown. I guess it is what it is.

One thing is certain, the Terriers overcame heavy graduation losses to grow as a team during the season and outdistance all their opponents – except the Colonels. For the most part, Saturday was tough sailing, but the Bellows Falls squad played hard to the end in a tough game.

Coach Bob Lockerby saluted his team following the final whistle when he said, "They worked their butts off to get here to this game. We played hard and I'm proud of them. This team nobody gave a chance to be anywhere near here. They are an awesome team. These guys persevered through a lot of things this year. Guys playing positions they never thought they would play, including one who has played quarterback his whole life and he played guard. Not many teams can do that, and this team did. I am real proud of them for that."

Despite sacrifices and hard work, the final tally of 46-7 showed that Brattleboro was the class of the division and the clear 2019 state champions. Bellows Falls moved the ball well on the opening drive, taking over after a short kick at their own 39 and advancing to Brattleboro's 17 before the Colonel defense stiffened, pushing the locals back to the 28, where Bellows Falls had a perfect punt downed at the opponents' 2-yard line. Bellows Falls had them just where they wanted them – or did they?

On Brattleboro's first play from scrimmage, Chris Frost was handed the ball and sprinted 98 yards for the opening score and a 7-0 lead. Obviously, that gave Brattleboro the upper hand in this battle of Windham County.

Unfortunately, the Terriers had a handoff exchange problem on second down, which left the ball on the ground, and Brattleboro recovered on the 50-yard line. Five plays later, Tyler Millerick ran for a touchdown from the 2-yard line and the conversion doubled their lead to 14-0. If Bellows Falls could have shut



Jed Lober broke the tackle in the first drive of the ballgame in the Vermont Division II title game won by Brattleboro 46-7.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Quarterback Griffin Waryas picking up yardage against Brattleboro. Hunter Smith leads the way with his blocking. Both Terriers will play in the North-South All Star game in Middlebury and will be joined by teammates McGregor Vancor and Dylan Clark.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

down the running and passing of Millerick, they might have had a chance.

"There were two guys, Millerick and Frost – we knew that in order to be in this game and have a shot at this game, we were going to have to take something away. Our goal was to take away the run, and you saw we couldn't do it. In the end, we couldn't take the run away. When they went to pass, they passed. They had their way. We made mistakes that you don't make at times like this if you want to compete," Lockerby summed up. "My hat's off to Brattleboro. What else are you going to do? We knew it had to be a close game, and a low scoring game. It got out of hand."

Certainly, 14-0 was close to out of hand, but Bellows Falls pushed through for a score. They began their next possession at the 40 and drove 60 yards in 11 plays to cut the lead in half. Two Griffin Waryas rushes of 7 yards and a Waryas 13-yard pass to Dylan Clark were the big plays in the drive, which was aided by a Colonel 15-yard penalty for a personal foul. Lober covered the final 3 yards to paydirt with 11:13 remaining in the half to cut the deficit to 14-7. Lockerby's team was definitely back in the game, but everyone knew they needed to clamp down soon on the Brattleboro offense.

It took Brattleboro six plays to cover 78 yards for their next score, a Millerick 4-yard run. Bellows Falls had a slight bit of luck when the extra point kick was blocked. However, two fumbles short-circuited the next Terrier possession, which was followed by another long Millerick dash for a score and an already hard to imagine 26-7 deficit that would be too much to overcome. Like Springfield, the Bellows Falls players should realize they accomplished a great deal this fall and should walk away with their heads high, remembering their performance.

Which brings me back to the Fall Mountain football team, whose hard to believe 37-0 victory over Raymond was one for the books. Despite the fact Raymond had easily handled the Wildcats 31-7

back in September, the only thing Raymond had last Saturday that the throng from Langdon didn't have was a McDonald's.

Can you imagine that in seven weeks time, Orion Binney's Wildcats became 61 points better against Raymond? Fall Mountain won 37-0 against the same team that had defeated them by 24 points. How does that happen, Orion?

"We just really improved during this season. When they beat us, the score was misleading. We made some mistakes and we stopped them a lot. They just kept scoring on big play stuff. It wasn't really like what it seemed," Binney offered.

Binney credits his assistant coaches, Rich Boone, Jim Tremblay, and Cole Boone with "really helping improve us throughout the season. Their experience has been so important in getting us where we are."

The semifinal contest was 0-0 at the end of the first quarter, and Binney was confident they could continue to play with their opponent. Then Fall Mountain exploded for 28 second-quarter points. As they say, it was all over, but the shouting. First, 30 seconds into the stanza, Izaak Westover took a pitch for a 5-yard touchdown run for the first score. Then the Wildcat defense took hold, setting up a couple of scores.

A Morgan Wilbur interception with a 40-yard run attached, helped set up another Westover touchdown of 4 yards. Then the pressure of that Wildcats' D unit kept coming allowing Westover to score again on a 28-yard pick six. Quarterback Luke Gay's 21-yard touchdown throw to Alex Flynn completed the first half scoring. The first second half score came on a 15-yard Westover run, and Gay added to the defensive heroics by dropping the Raymond quarterback in his own end zone for a safety.

The Wildcats move on to the title game where they face a Winnisquam team that had dropped them handily 33-14 at the beginning of the season. This Division IV title game is Saturday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. in Laconia's Bank of America Stadium.

Stingrays open for winter swim season

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center invites children ages 6-18 to participate in its community swim team, the Connecticut River Valley Stingrays. The Stingrays coaching staff offers intensive swim training in all four competitive strokes: freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, and butterfly. To be a part of the team, swimmers only need to complete 25 yards of any of the four competitive strokes.



Coach Ann instructing swimmers.

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Head Coach Ann Thompson leads the team of approximately 25 swimmers with the help of Assistant Coach Rick Matthews. "Our team is a place where a child can grow in confidence and ability, in a safe and supportive environment," Coach Thompson says. "We challenge each individual according to their skill level while

developing in each athlete the toughness to compete at their absolute best level of performance."

The team practices at the EMHRC Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons between 4 and 7 p.m. Developmental swimmers practice from 4-5 p.m., junior level members from

5-6:30 p.m., and senior level swimmers from 5-7 p.m. Competitive meets are also part of the swim team experience but not necessary for participation. Many swimmers choose just to practice and add swim meets in as they feel comfortable. The team has swimmers from all over southern Vermont and southwestern New Hampshire. Financial assistance is also available for children and families.

If you are interested, please contact the EMHRC at 802-885-2568 or email info@myreccenter.org or visit www.myreccenter.org.

New Hampshire Special Olympics state bowling games



Jacob Barboza.

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Mariah Pratt and Dalton Hutchinson.

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Sean Anderson.

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LANGDON, N.H. – The Fall Mountain Special Olympic team participated in the New Hampshire State Bowling Games Saturday, Nov. 2 at Yankee Lanes in Keene, N.H. The team brought 14 athletes to partake in the competition. It was a day filled with solid performances from all the athletes.

Special Olympics places athletes into divisions based

on their practice scores. The team practices for 10 weeks and reports their scores. This enables the divisions to be as evenly matched as possible. FMSO had a very successful day with six athletes taking home gold medals in their respective divisions.

These are the results for each individual athlete: Sean Anderson, gold; Jacob Barboza, bronze; Patrick Cannon, gold; Dalton Hutchinson, gold; Sara

Johnson, bronze; Edwin LaFave, gold; Rachel Maxim, bronze; Mark Pebbles, silver; Bonnie Pelton, gold; Mariah Pratt, silver; Russell Putnam, bronze; Olivia Rounds, fourth place; Jonathan Short, silver; and Eric Swain, gold.

FMSO now moves onto their winter season where they will have athletes participate in snowshoe racing, alpine skiing, and snowboarding.

Springfield Elks Lodge 1560 annual Soccer Shoot results

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – This year's annual Springfield Elks Soccer Shoots in Springfield and Chester were a big success! Two participants won at the Vermont Elks State Soccer Shoot and competed at the Area 1 Soccer Shoot in Rhode Island. Area 1 soccer shoot consists of all the state winners from New England and upstate New York. Springfield Elks Soccer Shoot Chairman Victor Baskevich reported there was a record turnout of participants between the two towns.

Local soccer shoot results

are as follows:

- U-8 boys: William Aviles of Springfield, first, and Abe Allen of Springfield, second.
- U-8 girls: Eliza Frank of Springfield, first, and Janey Whipple of Springfield, second.
- U-10 boys: Trace Kline of Chester, first, and Matthew Studin of Chester, second.
- U-10 girls: Harper Palmer of Springfield, first, and Claire Gomez of Springfield, second.
- U-12 boys: Kaiden McCarthy of Chester, first, and Carter LaBarge of Chester, second.

- U-12 girls: Alexis Boissonault of Chester, first, and Lily Parent of Chester, second.

All of the local winners competed at the Vermont Elks Soccer Shoot in St. Albans Sunday, Oct. 13. The two Springfield Elks Lodge 1560 participants who won represented the Elks in Kingston, R.I. Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Area 1 Soccer Shoot.

Like their annual Hoop Shoot program, the Elks hosted all the families for a weekend of fun for the kids with hotel stays, pizza parties, swimming, and a big banquet to end the

weekend festivities.

The Springfield Elks Lodge 1560 would like to extend a hearty thank you to all the participants and their parents for allowing them to compete. Chairman Baskevich hopes to break the 200 count of participants next year. The Elks would also like to thank Andy Bladyka and Matt McCarthy of the Springfield and Chester Recreation Departments for encouraging the participants to sign up for the shoots.



From left to right: Springfield Elks Lodge 1560 Exalted Ruler Jim Morse, U-12 winner Carter LaBarge of Chester, U-10 winner Harper Palmer of Springfield, and Elks Soccer Shoot Chairman Victor Baskevich.

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arts & entertainment

Reverse painting on glass –

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Learn the ancient art of reverse painting with JoAnn Gaffron-Hargrove Saturday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Gallery at the VAULT. JoAnn is an accomplished artist and a wonderful teacher. Experience something new and have fun.

The painting is done on one side of the glass and viewed from the other. You will be painting “behind the glass” with details first and building the painting in layers. Learn techniques for applying paint and using brushes on glass.

Please bring your own assortment of soft brushes, camel hair or sable. All else is provided. All levels welcome.

Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street, 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 visit www.galleryvault.org.

“Art For All” seasonal group show

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Canal Street Art Gallery presents “Art For All,” a seasonal group show that opens Nov. 15 through Jan. 31, 2020. The public is invited to attend the opening reception with the artists Nov. 15, from 5-8 p.m. Enjoy live music with Kenneth Rokicki playing jazz and Latin guitar.

“Art For All” group show is the 13th exhibition to be presented by Canal Street Art Gallery since its opening in November 2017. The artists involved in this group show include: Clare Adams, reverse

oil painting; Susan McNulty, watercolor painting; Charles Norris-Brown, ink wash and drawing; MC Noyes, oil painting; Phyllis Rosser, wood sculpture; Melissa Rubin, solar plate etching; Matthew Saxton, oil painting; Chris Sherwin, blown glass; and Rodrica Tilley, pastel painting.

This holiday season, the gallery is donating 1% of profits to a fund for the maintenance of existing public art in the town of Rockingham.

Canal Street Art Gallery, 23 Canal St., in Bellows Falls, is open Wednesday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Holiday hours include Sundays, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 1, 8, 15, and 22.

Author event on breathing —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – On Saturday, Nov. 16 at 11 a.m., Elizabeth Bunker will present her new book, “Breath Taking, Growing Up Mystic in America & Eleven Breaths for Life” at Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls.

Bunker writes, “At this moment, 70 to 80 trillion cells of your body are waiting for that next breath. How we breathe effects every system of our being – from the heart to digestion to our energy and even to how conscious and alive we feel.

“The breath is much more than oxygen. It is also light. Quantum physics has shown that our cells emit light. We are truly ‘light’ beings. There

is a breathing rhythm, which brings us into balance and health, do you know what it is? After 33 years of sharing yoga, I find that most people have breathing problems – stress and anxiety do that!

“Few people breathe the breath of life, of balance and health. Many are not exhaling completely and that is what leads to a sense of being stuck. Paralysis. An interesting fact is that young children and animals breathe perfectly, a true low belly diaphragmatic breath. Once we allow stress to prevail, the body closes down like a fist.

“Becoming a yoga instructor and learning about the breath was a way of giving back. Years ago, yoga brought me back

from a painful car accident which took away my ability to walk easily. Doctors were afraid to touch my back for fear of making it worse. I had to give up all that I loved to do. And since even gentle yoga was difficult at the time, it was the breath that ignited a healing energy, which began to move throughout me and my spine.

“My book may simply be a way of inviting gatherings where people can experience the breath, ask questions, and learn why the foundation of all psycho-spiritual traditions is the breath!”

Elizabeth Bunker lives in Langdon, N.H. with her husband David, two ponies, St. George the mule, and Kaya the Australian cattle dog.

OLLI presents “The Big Little Cats” —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Kurt Valenta will present the OLLI program “Bobcat and Canadian Lynx: The Big Little Cats” Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center on Pleasant Street in Springfield, Vt.

Valenta, a naturalist and educator, will inform us that these beautiful felines are

cousins, superbly adapted to the demands of their habitats. Shy, reclusive hunters, they are seldom seen as they range their territories in search of food, shelter, and safe haven. He will trace their past, take measure of their current status, and examine future challenges. Join Valenta for a fact-filled presentation on one of nature’s apex predators. This presentation is co-sponsored by Ascutney Mountain Audubon Society.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, affiliated with the University of Vermont, is a local membership program geared towards seniors 50 years and older who want to engage in meaningful learning “just for the fun of it!” 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 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 Dec. 3 when Mark Breen, planetarium director and senior meteorologist of the Fairbanks Museum, returns for the 10th year to present the history and astronomy of “The Star of Bethlehem.”

The complete Springfield and statewide program list is available at www.learn.uvm.edu/olli. For weather-related changes to the schedule, check the above mentioned website or SAPA TV, 802-885-6248, or call 802-885-3094.

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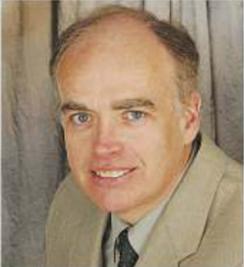
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holiday happenings

“Holiday Inn” ushers in holiday season

LUDLOW, Vt. – FOLA’s November event is the recent Broadway adaptation of the 1942 film “Holiday Inn.” The musical production will be screened Saturday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Heald Auditorium of the Ludlow Town Hall.

The Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire film is a favorite Christmas classic for a great number of people, even though this holiday season film was made in 1942. The film is now dated with its black and white wartime feel, but that 1940s elegance is part of the charm. This Broadway production updates the music and the dances of the 1940s for a contemporary audience, while still delivering old-fashioned, good time entertainment.

The Broadway production opened in 2016 after a premiere at the Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam, Conn. in 2014. It is directed by Gordon

Greenberg and features Bryce Pinkham, Corbin Bleu, Megan Sikora, Lee Wilkof, Morgan Gao, Lora Lee Gayer, and Megan Lawrence.

Jim, played by Bryce Pinkham, settles down in Connecticut after leaving the bustle and bright lights of show business. He meets Linda, played by Lora Lee Gayer, a local schoolteacher who brings back a bit of the show business sparkle to his life. The two of them turn a farmhouse into a fabulous inn where they celebrate each holiday with spirited performances. When Ted, played by Corbin Bleu, tries to lure Linda away to Hollywood, things get interesting.

As befitting a holiday inn, the musical features several songs about holidays, including an Independence Day “Song of Freedom,” which critic Elyse Sommer described as a “show-stopper.” Of course, there are

two renditions of the ever-popular “White Christmas” too.

The original 1942 film provided the inspiration for the name of the Holiday Inn chain of motels and hotels, which first opened in August of 1952, some 10 years after the film was produced.

“Holiday Inn” will be shown on the big screen in the Heald Auditorium, located on the second floor of the Ludlow Town Hall, Saturday, Nov. 16 starting at 7 p.m. The screening will run approximately two hours.

The United Church of Ludlow provides the water and Berkshire Bank provides the popcorn. Admission is free to all. Donations always are welcome and help us to provide quality offerings for the enjoyment of Ludlow-area folks.

Gingerbread House Extravaganza in Grafton

GRAFTON, Vt. – The Grafton Public Library seeks gingerbread house makers, expert and beginner alike, for participation in a Gingerbread House Extravaganza! Whether you are looking for a fun family project or want to show off your culinary skills, the library will be delighted to display your creation.

You may choose to loan your house to the library or donate it to the library for a silent auction to be held during the Extravaganza with proceeds to benefit the Grafton Public Library. For more information about submitting a gingerbread house, check out our website at www.graftonpubliclibrary.org, email us at librarian@graftonpubliclibrary.org, or stop by the library, located at

204 Main Street in historic Grafton. Submission forms are kindly requested by Nov. 20 so we know how many houses to expect.

Join in the holiday fun by making a house, visiting the library to marvel over the gingerbread houses, and perhaps bidding on a donated house.

The creations will be displayed during library hours Dec. 4-6 and Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted. The silent auction will be held during the duration of



Create your own gingerbread house. STOCK PHOTO

the event, culminating at 4 p.m. The Gingerbread House Extravaganza is part of the third annual Christmas in Grafton Festival, a village-wide event.

Garden Club to host 27th annual Festival of Trees

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Garden Club invites the public to attend the 27th annual Festival of Trees fundraiser Friday, Nov. 22, from 6-8 p.m. The Great Hall at 100 River St. will be transformed into a “Winter Wonderland” through the first week of January 2020.

The Friday night kickoff party will again feature holiday music by Gerry Grimo’s East Bay Jazz Ensemble, hors

d’oeuvres, wine, beer from Vermont brewers, 25 beautifully ornamented trees, an outdoor nature tree, wreaths and creations of seasonal greens, a silent auction, and a raffle.

Tickets will be sold at the door. “The festival is the sole means of support for all of the programs the club provides to the community,” stated Sandy MacGillivray, one of the event’s co-chairs.

“The festival would not be possible without generous support from civic-minded businesses and individuals in the local area,” stated President Cheryl Pierce. “We call on businesses which provide varied and interesting items which are combined into gift baskets and put into the raffle drawing. Last year, there were 22 gift baskets raffled off during the night of

the festival.”

Other local businesses have donated larger gifts for the silent auction. “These are things like artwork, jewelry, home heating oil, wood pellets, area rugs, gym memberships, golf discounts, ski lift tickets and more,” stated Carol Eramo, silent auction and raffle co-chair. This year, we have a beautiful necklace from Von Barga Jew-

elers and also a 65-inch handmade quilt from Darlene Laroche of Springfield.

“The club is also fortunate to have corporate sponsors and

civic-minded individuals who donate outright cash gifts in support of the festival,” stated Jean Swanson, an event co-chair.

HOLIDAY BAZAARS AND CRAFT FAIRS

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.

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outdoor news

Vermont's rifle deer season starts Nov. 16

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Hunters are gearing up for the start of Vermont's traditionally popular 16-day rifle deer season that begins Saturday, Nov. 16 and ends Sunday, Dec. 1.

A hunter may take one buck during this season with at least one antler having two or more points one inch or longer. A point must be one inch or longer from base to tip. The main beam counts as a point, regardless of length. Spike-antlered deer, mostly yearlings, are protected during this season.

"The greatest numbers of deer continue to be in the southwestern and northwestern regions of the state," said deer project leader Nick Fortin. "The Green Mountains and Northeast Kingdom offer more of a big woods experience, with fewer, but often larger, deer."

Vermont's regular hunting licenses are available on Fish & Wildlife's website and from license agents statewide. Fish

& Wildlife urges hunters to wear a fluorescent orange hat and vest to help maintain Vermont's very good hunting season safety record. A 2019 Vermont Deer Hunting Guide can be downloaded from the department's website at www.vtfishandwildlife.com. The guide includes a map of the Wildlife Management Units, season dates, regulations, and other helpful information.

Biologists are collecting middle incisor teeth from November



Hunters who get a deer on opening weekend of rifle season can help Vermont's deer management program by reporting their deer at a biological check station.

PHOTO BY JOHN HALL

Okemo's annual Ski & Snowboard Swap returns

LUDLOW, Vt. – The annual Okemo Ski and Snowboard Swap to benefit Okemo Mountain School is scheduled for Nov. 22-24 in a new location at the Jackson Gore Roundhouse. The swap is the place to gear up for the winter with new and used gear at great prices. Skiers and snowboarders will find everything they need to get out on the slopes this season – skis, snowboards, boots, bindings, helmets, goggles, outerwear, and more. Proceeds benefit Okemo Mountain School in Ludlow, Vt. Hours will be Friday, Nov. 22, 4 to 7 p.m.; Sat-

urday, Nov. 23, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 24, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For those interested in selling used gear, consignments will be accepted. Okemo Mountain receives 25% of the selling price and the remainder will be mailed to the seller after the swap. Donated equipment will also be accepted. All donations are tax-deductible. Gear must be dropped off in advance at Okemo's Round House at the Jackson Gore base area.

Equipment donations and consignment sales will only be accepted Saturday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Sunday,

Nov. 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Okemo Mountain School is a nonprofit educational institution dedicated to the academic and athletic development of serious snow sports athletes. Student athletes are given the opportunity to train in alpine ski racing, snowboarding, and freestyle skiing, while pursuing a rigorous course of academic study. Okemo Mountain School relies heavily on fundraisers like the swap to help keep tuition affordable.

For additional information, call 802-228-1514.

Hunters urged to wear orange

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Vermont Fish and Wildlife is reminding hunters to wear fluorescent hunter orange.

"Hunting is one of the safest outdoor activities, and it's getting safer thanks to advances in education as well as science," said Nicole Meier, Vermont Fish and Wildlife information and education specialist. "Our volunteer hunter education instructors stress that wearing orange during hunting season is important, and studies prove that wearing fluorescent hunter orange keeps hunters visible to other people in the woods, but it keeps them relatively invisible to deer."

"Every year we should strive to be the safest we can be by wearing at least a hunter orange hat and vest," she added.

Meier says hunters moving into the line of fire of other hunters and mistaking other hunters for game are com-



Vermont Fish & Wildlife urges wearing a fluorescent "hunter orange" hat and vest while hunting.

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mon causes of the state's accidents. The time that deer are most active, during the dawn and dusk hours, are times of especially low visibility. You can improve your chances of being seen by other hunters by wearing hunter orange, which can be seen even in low-light situations.

"While it isn't recommended to wear orange during waterfowl and turkey seasons, we certainly still recommend hunter orange when you are going to and from your blind, tree stand, or calling spot," said Meier.

While some hunters might be concerned that deer are scared by hunter orange, in fact deer have been shown to be unaffected by the color. A deer's

vision is based on movement, patterns, and color variations. Unlike humans, deer do not have multiple color receptors in their eyes. They can see color, but their spectrum is limited. This means deer must rely heavily on their ability to detect movement over the ability to interpret color variations and patterns.

Hunting in Vermont continues to be a safe recreational pursuit and hunters can help keep it that way by choosing to wear hunter orange. This video shows how much more visible hunters are when wearing orange: www.youtube.com/watch?v=7kjSI79ss9I.

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RUTLAND, Vt. – The dropping temperatures and shorter days of fall bring some of the year's hottest fishing action on Vermont's lakes, ponds, and

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While the hot temperatures of summer can sometimes make fishing slow, the autumn months represent a transition time when fish become more active and easier to catch. This increase in feeding activity can be attributed to fish boosting their reserves of essential nutrients in order to sustain themselves during winter when their metabolism slows and they feed less.

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Hunters who don't make it to a biological reporting station are also asked to provide a tooth from their deer. Obtain a tooth envelope from your regular reporting agent. Remove one of the middle incisor teeth, being careful to include the root. Place the tooth in the envelope and give it to the reporting agent.

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ANSWERS TO TAKE A BREAK!

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Answer

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pet of the week



My name's King, on the left, and I'm a 9-year-old neutered male Shitzu mix. I came to Lucy Mackenzie with my sister and best friend ever Emma, and now we're looking for a new home and family together. I am a playful, if sometimes shy little pup who has lots and lots of love to give! I'm also quite good with other dogs, cats, and older children.

My name's Emma, on the right, and I'm a 9-year-old spayed female Shitzu mix. I came to Lucy Mackenzie with my brother King. Some people say we're inseparable, and I say they're right - King and I just love each other! I'm a very playful little gal who can get a little nervous around people I meet for the first time - or loud noises like thunder for that matter. I'm very good around other dogs, cats, and children as long as they're a little older and are respectful of my space. Why not drop by the shelter today and see just how much we love each other - and quite possibly you, too!

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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

NOV. 14 – GRAFTON, Vt. – The Nature Museum in Grafton explores the “First Peoples in New England” Thursday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. Presented by archaeologist Dr. Nathaniel Kitchel, an anthropologically trained archaeologist whose focus is in the study of the late Pleistocene and early Holocene populations of the Americas with particular interest in New England and the Canadian maritime provinces.

NOV. 17 – CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Charlestown Historical Society is hosting a presentation on Springfield Terminal Railway Sunday, Nov. 17, from 2 – 4 p.m., at the Charlestown Town Hall. Local historian Walter Wallace will provide an overview of the Springfield Terminal Railway and the profound effects on the economic, social, and cultural development of not only Springfield, but also Charlestown, N.H. during the 20th century. All are welcome.

NOV. 19 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Herbal workshop, “Deep Winter Wellness Work: An Herbal Workshop for Nurturing Ourselves in the Dark and Cold,” Tuesday, Nov. 19, from 5-6:30 p.m., at Wild Trails Farm, 174 Ruusunen Rd. in Springfield. In this workshop, facilitators

will discuss herbal and energetic tools to use to encourage rest while supporting taking care of business. Think immunity, energy, and nervous system. Contact Charis Boke with class reservations and questions at charis.boke@gmail.com.

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – “Scams: What is New, What is Old and Now Not to Get Scammed out of Your Hard Earned Money” presentation by Amy Schram from the Boston Better Business Bureau Tuesday, Nov. 19, from 12-2 p.m., at Perkinsville Community Church on Route 106 in Perkinsville. This is a free event. Please join us for a potluck lunch before the talk. Please note that this building is not handicap accessible. For more information, call 802-263-5891.

MONDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center Knit and Stitch group meets Mondays at 9 a.m. They can help you finish a project, repair an item, and even take on special projects. The group is happy to donate Knitted Knockers to breast cancer survivors. Stop by and ask for Betty for more information, 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 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Come try Senior Safe Tai Chi Tuesdays at 11 a.m. in the top floor meeting room of the Rockingham Library. Better balance, mindful movement, and fall prevention are just a few of tai chi’s benefits. This program is free and open to the public. Located at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls and wheelchair accessible. For more information, visit www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

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

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – On Tuesdays, from 4:30-6 p.m., Grace Cottage offers yoga in the Viniyoga tradition with Crystal

Mansfield. Participants build strength, balance, and endurance as they move through basic postures in fluid motion with coordinated breath work. Students of all ability levels are welcome. Mats and blocks provided. Classes are held at Heins Building, 133 Grafton Rd., Townshend. For more information, call 802-365-3649 or go to www.gracecottage.org.

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.

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

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.

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

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

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

THURSDAYS – CHESTER, Vt. – Join the Six Loose Ladies for Knit Kite 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 class in the hatha tradition for anyone looking to build bone density, physical strength, flexibility, and endurance. Come as you are and do what you can. Use a chair, yoga mat, or both! Drop in anytime or purchase a few classes at once. No experience necessary. For details, contact 802-875-2868, eaton.liza@gmail.com, or www.buddhafulyoga.com.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Okemo Valley TV offers “Train the Trainers” workshops on fourth Thursdays at no cost, 6-7 p.m. at the Okemo Valley TV studio, 37C Main St. in Ludlow. Everyone who wants to learn the “ticks and tricks”

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PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – From 7 to 8 p.m. Thursdays, join a Tai Chi beginners’ class at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Proctorsville. This is a soft, grounding practice to improve alignment, balance, and prevent or relieve postural pains, reduce stress, and strengthen legs and core muscles. Available to all levels. There is a monthly tuition cost. To learn more about the classes, please contact Djemila at 802-490-0225 or email djem.translator@gmail.com.

FRIDAYS – 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.

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 Acutey 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.myreccenter.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. 18 – CHESTER, Vt. – Please join the Chester Senior Citizens Club for their monthly luncheon meeting Monday, Nov. 18 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the Chester Congregational Church on Main Street. We will share things for which we are thankful and also a joke or two if we can remember them! Please bring your place setting and a food item to share if you can. If not, come anyway! Hope you can join us. If you need a ride, call Georgia at 802-875-6242.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Grafton New Town Plan 2019-2026 TOWN OF GRAFTON, VERMONT

December 12, 2019 @ 6PM at Grafton Town Garage
220 Bell Road, Grafton, VT

Pursuant to 24 VSA §§ 4384 and 4385, the Grafton Selectboard will hold what it expects to be the Selectboard’s final public hearing on the NEW Grafton Town Plan 2019-2026 on Thursday December 12, 2019 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Grafton Town Garage. **The purpose of this hearing** is to consider the adoption of a new Town Plan after providing opportunity for public comment. Copies of the full text of the proposed NEW 2019-2026 Grafton Town Plan as approved by the Selectboard on November 8, 2019, together with the Planning Commission Report dated January 31, 2019 are available at the Grafton Town Office or at <https://graftonvt.org> on the “Town Plan, Subdivision Regulations, Flood Regulations” page. A new report on this November 8, 2019 version shall be available at the Town Office and the Town web site when received from the Planning Commission prior to Dec 12, 2019.

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

1. Purpose of the Town Plan: This Plan has been prepared by the people of Grafton to set a direction for the Town’s future and to address changing needs through a continuous planning process. The Planning Commission obtained input from the many organizations in Grafton, which provide services to its residents. It has held public meetings on the Plan and has received advice and assistance from the Windham Regional Commission (WRC), Vermont League of Cities & Towns (VLCT), and others.

The plan will serve as the foundation for existing and future by-laws or ordinances, which may be adopted. It is meant to be a guide for the Selectboard, the Planning Commission and other town officials both in their routine business and in their consideration of proposals, which would have an impact on the Town. Under § 6086 (a) (10) of Title 10, Chapter 151 (Act 250), this Plan will serve as a guide for Grafton’s Development Review Board and the District Environmental Commission in reviewing proposals for development and subdivision, which come under its jurisdiction. Under Section 248 Title 30, Chapter 6 (Energy) of this Plan will also serve as a guide during Vermont Public Utility Commission’s proceedings for reviewing the siting of public utilities in the Town of Grafton.

2. Geographic Area Affected by the Plan: The entire Town

3. List of Chapter Headings:

- Introduction
- Chapter 1. Land Use
- Chapter 2. Historic, Cultural and Natural Resources
- Chapter 3. The Economy
- Chapter 4. Roads and Transportation
- Chapter 5. Energy
- Chapter 6. Education
- Chapter 7. Housing
- Chapter 8. Recreation
- Chapter 9. Town Government and Services
- Chapter 10. Flood Resiliency
- Chapter 11. Grafton and Its Neighbors
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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. 16 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Women's Fellowship of the United Church of Bellows Falls will hold a luncheon and sale Saturday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with lunch starting at 11 a.m. Luncheon menu includes a choice of corn chowder or two soups, finger roll sandwiches, chips, apple crisp, and beverages. There is a cost. An a-la-carte menu and take out is available. There is also a baked goods sale, raffle, theme baskets, dried flower arrangements, and costume jewelry. The hall is accessible to all. Please enter from the back of the building.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Ham and Baked Bean Supper Saturday, Nov. 16, from 5 – 7 p.m., at the

Congregational Church on N. Main Street in Charlestown. The menu includes baked ham, homemade baked beans, coleslaw, cornbread, apple crisp, and beverages. There is a fee.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Harvest Dinner at The Fort at No. 4 Saturday, Nov. 16, from 5:30-9:30 p.m. The Fort at No. 4's annual Harvest Dinner is both a year-end celebration as well as a fundraising activity for the museum. This year's activities will begin with a small reception in our Parker House followed by family-style dinner service at 6:30 p.m. Dinner guests will dine by candlelight and be warmed by the fires in our Great Hall and Hastings House. Dinner reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – The Townshend third Saturday community dinner will be a Harvest Potluck Saturday, Nov. 16, from 5-7 p.m., at the Townshend Town Hall. If you wish, bring your favorite potluck dish, appetizer, or dessert to share with your friends and neighbors. Folks are also encouraged to bring and take gently worn winter coats. Sponsored by Community Hope & Action. For more

information, call 802-365-7355.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Free Turkey Dinner at Ludlow Baptist Church Saturday, Nov. 16 at 5:30 p.m. The event is an outreach program of Black River Good Neighbor Services titled "Our Community Cares," established for individuals and families to receive a free, nutritious meal within a warm, welcoming community setting. Ludlow Baptist Church is located at 99 Main Street in Ludlow. For information, contact Krey Kellington, BRGNS food program administrator at 802-228-3663.

NOV. 20 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Free Community Lunch Wednesday, Nov. 20 at First Congregational Church United Church of Christ, 77 Main Street in Springfield, from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Menu includes ham and broccoli casserole with cheese sauce over rice, apple coleslaw, rolls, and assorted cakes. No take out. All are welcome.

TUESDAYS – WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – Monthly potluck, third Tuesdays at noon at the Perkinsville Community Church vestry, located at 33 Church St. Bring a hot

dish, salad, or dessert, and have a nice visit. For more information, contact Lorraine Zigman at 802-263-5245 or email lzigman@comcast.net.

WEDNESDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Free community lunch at the First Congregational Church in Springfield, 77 Main St., on the third Wednesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All are welcome.

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. 15 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Bellows Falls Third Friday is a celebration of Art, Music, Farmers' Market, and Literary Events Friday,

Nov. 15 starting at 4 p.m. Events include Canal Street Art Gallery "Art for All" seasonal group show, from 5 – 8 p.m., with live music with Kenneth Rokicki playing Jazz and Latin guitar; Farmers' Market, from 4 – 7 p.m.; and Wool Black Sheep Radio Silent Auction at 33 Bridge St., 5 – 8 p.m. Check www.facebook.com/BellowsFalls.3rdFriday for details.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls welcomes Vermont photographer and author Jon Meyer Friday, Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. as part of Bellows Falls Third Friday. "Love Poems from Vermont," reflections on an inner and outer state - poems and photos demonstrates the author's love of nature and Vermont travel by pairing new poems with inspired color images taken in Vermont.

NOV. 15 & 16 – WINDSOR, Vt. – Murder mystery dinner theater "Murder in Black & White" Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15 and 16, from 5:30 – 9 p.m.,

at the American Legion, 4 Court St. in Windsor. Performed by Claremont's Off Broad Street Players. Cocktails available for purchase at 5:30 p.m., roast pork dinner at 6 p.m., with show to follow. Ticket includes dinner (salad, balsamic roast pork, rice pilaf, roasted carrots, chocolate lasagna for dessert) and the show. Call Brian at 802-674-9967 for pricing and reservations.

NOV. 16 – BERLIN, Vt. – On Nov. 16, Vermont students in kindergarten through grade 12 are invited to compete in the Berlin Fall Scholastic Chess Tournament at the Berlin Elementary School. For more information, go to www.vtchess.info/Events/17th_Berlin_VT_Fall_Scholastic.htm.

NOV. 18 – LUDLOW, Vt. – American Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, Nov. 18, from 12:30-5:30 p.m., at the Ludlow Community Center. Walk in or by appointment. Visit www.redcrossblood.org/rapidpass to streamline

your visit with Rapid Pass.

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 – PUTNEY, Vt. – Dinner and a movie on the last Thursday of the month, 5:30 p.m. At each event, the chefs at the Gleanery will serve a special menu in time for diners to make

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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.

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Bingo at Compass School on the third Thursday of the month until the end

of the year, then the last Thursday of the month January through June at 6 p.m. at 7892 Route 5 in Westminster. For details, call 802-463-2525 or email info@compass-school.org.

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.



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FRIDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –

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

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

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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!

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