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Chester sends Pisha into retirement with luncheon

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. – The town of Chester honored David Pisha with an open house and luncheon to mark his retirement at the Chester Town Hall Friday, March 6, which was also the final day of his tenure.

Chester residents streamed in throughout the afternoon to enjoy the catered lunch and wish Pisha well. Although there was no formal presentation, there were several gifts on display for Pisha, including a framed Nancy Ball print depicting the town of Chester, several bonsai trees, and a gift certificate.

Asst. Town Manager Julie Hance presents gifts to retiring Town Manager David Pisha, accompanied by wife Cindy.
PHOTO BY SHARON HUNTLEY

Chester Selectboard members Arne Jonynas and Heather Chase are currently in negotiations with Brenda Fox-Howard from Maine as the new town manager. Until negotiations are finalized, Assistant Town Manager Julie Hance is running the office.

Pisha said he had no immediate plans, but his retirement now frees him and wife Cindy to pursue travel.

Yearly organization and summer projects bookend Cavendish meeting

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
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CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Cavendish Selectboard meeting March 9 began with the yearly organizational duties for the board including appointing Chairman Bob Glidden, Vice Chairman Mike Ripley, and clerk Sandra Russo. Stephen Plunkard was welcomed as a new member replacing Stuart Lindberg. They also reaffirmed the Selectboard's meeting date and time as the second Monday on the month at 6:30 p.m., named The Vermont Journal as the newspaper of record, and appointed the open town officer positions.

Town officers named include: Fence Viewer Hollis Quinn Jr.; animal controller remains vacant; Inspector of Lumber, Shingles and Wood Wayne Gilcris; Weigher of Coal Wayne Gilcris; Tree Warden Tim Calabrese; Emergency Management Director Robert C. Glidden; Health Officer Doris Eddy; Town Service Office Brendan McNamara; Regional Planning Commissioner Etienne Ting; Solid Waste District Representative Bruce McEnaney; Select Board Representative to Planning Commission Stephen Plunkard; Town Planning Commissioners Etienne Ting and Dan Churchill; Energy Coordinator Brendan McNamara; Green Up Coordinator Terry O'Brien; Budget Committee positions to be filled later; Representative to Regional Transportation Advisory Committee John Saydek; Water Board Jerry Martel; Animal Pound of Record is Lucy McKenzie and Springfield Humane Society; and Town Representative to Black River Valley Senior Center is Vicky Mastrioni.

Margo Caulfield received permission again for the 10th annual town wide tag sale the last weekend of July.

Also according to Caulfield, Work Camp New England is coming into town from March 13 to 26 to do home repair projects throughout the town including roofing, dry walling, and painting. Caulfield is compiling a list of townspeople who could receive assistance. A group called SERVE is coming in the spring as well as another service group. If anyone needs repairs, contact Margo to see if she can coordinate a match of a service with a need.

Mike Harrington questioned the Selectboard on recent events reported by a news source concerning the Fletcher Library and Cavendish Town Elementary School. His concern was that the library would be moving and the school would fall below the

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Results for the Ludlow Town Meeting Day

LUDLOW, Vt. – The town budget articles were voted on the floor during Town Meeting Monday, March 2. The following are the results of the elections by Australian ballot from Tuesday, March 3.

Martin Nitka was approved to continue as town moderator for one year. Ulla Cook was unopposed for town clerk for three years. Bruce Schmidt was reelected for the three-year Selectman seat. Scott Baitz and Justin Hyjek will fill the two one-year Selectboard seats. Tomieka MacPherson ran unopposed for the three-year lister position. Tyler Billings won the first constable position for one year. Herb Van Guilder will fill the one-year position for the balance of a three-year Trustees of Public Funds. Rosemary Goings will fill a three-year term for Trustee of Public Funds. Robert Brandt ran unopposed for cemetery commissioner for five years.

Dan Buckley ran unopposed to fill two years for the three-year balance of a Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union school director position.

Courtney McGuire of Ludlow, David Venter of Mount Holly, and Sebastian Frank of Mount Holly will all fill three-year terms for the LMHUUSD.

The Ludlow voters also approved the sum of $2,984,585 for River Valley Technical Center and $7,288,496 for the LMHUUSD school budget.

Cavendish Community Fund applications for spring grants –

CAVENDISH, Vt. – The Cavendish Community Fund has announced that it is now accepting grant applications for spring 2020 awards. The deadline for applying is April 25. Applications can be made by letter that describes the organization that is applying, the project proposed, and the overall budget, including the amount requested. It is helpful to describe how the project will benefit Cavendish. Applications, including instructions, can be obtained by emailing CavendishCommunityFund@gmail.com.

Applications should be sent to Cavendish Community Fund, P.O. Box 154, Proctorsville, VT 05153, or can be emailed.

Projects, programs, or events must directly benefit the Cavendish community in some way. A panel of local citizens reviews all applications and recommends grant awards based on the quality and feasibility of each proposal. Grants are not expected to exceed $1,000 each and will depend primarily on the number of applications received and the amounts requested.

Past fund grants include Cavendish Streetscapes, Cavendish Elementary School, Stepping Stones Preschool, Proctorsville Fire Department, Cavendish Fletcher Library, Fiber Arts in Vermont, Baptist Church, Community Theater, Episcopal Church, Historical Society, and many more. If you have a project to benefit Cavendish and need financing, contact the fund to discuss your idea.

Cavendish Community Fund is accepting applications for spring 2020 grants.
PHOTO PROVIDED

For further information on applying, eligibility, any other aspect of the grant program, or for help completing an application, please call Peter LaBelle at 802-226-7250 or Douglas McBride at 802-226-7142.

Results for the Chester Town Meeting Day

CHESTER, Vt. – Chester residents approved all budget articles during the Monday, March 2 meeting. The following are results by Australian ballot Tuesday, March 3.

William Dakin Jr. was approved for town moderator. Deborah Aldrich was approved for town clerk and town treasurer. Leigh J. Dakin and Jeffery Holden for two Selectboard seats. Arne Jonynas ran unopposed for his Selectboard seat. Colleen Garvey ran unopposed for Trustee of Public Funds as well as Trustee of Whiting Library where she is joined by Donna Matthews. Rick Alexander and Jeannie Wade will join the Green Mountain Unified School District.

The voters also approved a $157,500 bond to be financed for a term of 10 years for the purchase of a backhoe for the Highway Department by a vote of 498 to 90.

Chester voters also approved the Green Mountain Unified School District budget, 957 to 573.

They also approved the budget of $2,984,585 for River Valley Technical Center, 677 to 206.

CORRECTION

In last week's March 4 edition, the number of votes for the "right to bear arms" resolution in the Town Meeting article was mistakenly misprinted. Reporter Margo Caulfield would like to note there was 64 votes were cast. The result was 31 for the resolution and 33 against, and the resolution did not pass.

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Springfield Medical Care CEO speaks to Rotary

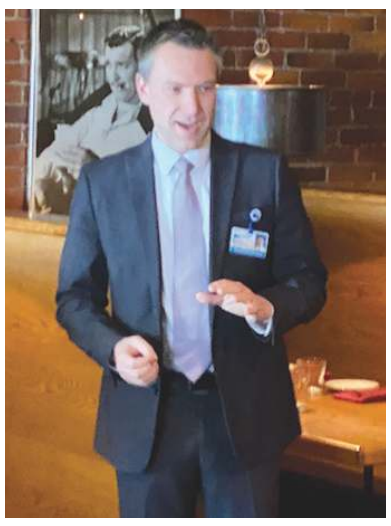
LUDLOW, Vt. – Josh Dufresne, interim CEO of the Springfield Medical Care Systems, was the guest speaker at a recent luncheon meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club.

His comments dealt with the current status of SMCS as well as its relationship to the Springfield Hospital. In noting that both independent units had filed for bankruptcy protection in order to reorganize, he indicated that the two units would probably be filing exit papers from bankruptcy with the courts this spring or summer.

Dufresne was particularly careful to note that the latest financial statement from SMCS was all "in black," denoting that the unit was successfully recovering under Chapter 11 protection.

He stressed the need for the two units to be legally separated so that each might fulfill its respective role in proving necessary services to the area and satisfy federal requirements and regulations.

He specifically cited the current lack of a full-time primary care physician at the Ludlow Health Center as one of the critical areas of concentration for SMCS. Dufresne noted that a national problem existed due to the limited number of primary care physicians in the nation. This problem was very compounded by the fact that graduating primary care physicians historically have a "huge indebtedness," which causes them to seek opportunities in urban areas offering the highest salaries.



Josh Dufresne, interim CEO of Springfield Medical Care Systems.
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Dufresne noted that the Springfield Hospital was currently is discussions with Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center over possible relationships between the two facilities.

LRC meets for lunch normally on the first the Tuesdays of each month. LRC is small and is always looking to welcome new members. If you would like to attend a meeting and learn how you may serve humanity while enjoying the fun and fellowship of others, please contact any Rotarian or drop a note to Ludlow Rotary, P.O. Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149.

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Alternative services for Sunday worship at St. Luke's

CHESTER, Vt. – St. Luke's Episcopal Church at 313 Main Street in Chester invites the public to a journey throughout Lent to Easter and beyond. Efficiently, the church services in winter are held in Willard Hall, whose outdoor entrance is located down the sidewalk and the outside stairs at the rear of the church.

There are two services of the Holy Eucharist on Sundays – one at 8 a.m. without music and the other at 10 a.m. Both services use the Book of Common Prayer and a user-friendly bulletin. The earlier service is more quiet and contemplative with lessons read from the Old Testament and from the New with a Psalm shared in between. After the Gospel reading by the Rev. Heidi Edson, the rector shares her homily, which centers on the message from the readings. A trained parishioner then leads prayers for the world, the community, and for outreach. The shorter, earlier service may be of particular interest to people with busy family, skiing, or travel plans that make the later service difficult.

The 10 a.m. service has music provided by the church musician, who leads a small but mighty choir. What makes the later service additionally special is the fellowship time provided by a coffee hour that follows the service. Here, people catch up with one another and community events and find out who needs help or pastoral care.

All are welcome, including children, to join us during the 40 days of Lent into Holy Week, when worship returns to the beautiful sanctuary. Learn more at the church website at www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org and read the online version of the "Light in the Shadows" newsletter to discover the many special events that are family and community based, as well as the study groups offered and open to the public.

BRSU conducts early childhood screening

REGION – The Bennington Rutland Supervisory Union is conducting early childhood screenings at four locations March 18 and 19. This free service is offered for all children aged 0-5 not currently enrolled in a public education program from the 12 towns of the BRSU: Danby, Dorset, Landgrove, Londonderry, Manchester, Mount Tabor, Pawlet, Peru, Rupert, Sunderland, Weston, and Winhall.

Anyone from the BRSU communities who has a child 0-5 that has not been screened should call to schedule an appointment by Friday, March 13. Start by picking one of the screening locations listed below that is convenient for you. Then, just call the designated phone number for more information on screening and to set up an appointment.

- Manchester Elementary Middle School, March 18, 802-362-1597
- Currier Memorial Elementary, March 19, 802-293-5191
- Flood Brook School, March 19, 802-824-6811
- Mettawee Community School, March 19, 802-645-9009

The goal of an early childhood screening is to assess children's speech and language development, problem-solving skills, fine and gross motor skills, and social development. BRSU early childhood educators will use a play-based format to observe children and provide families with feedback about their child.

Please note that attending this screening does not register your child in any program. If you indicate an interest in joining one of the preschool programs on the intake forms during the screening, you will be contacted about next steps.

Once again, call by Friday, March 13 to make an early childhood screening appointment.

Northshire Bookstore to host roundtable discussion on racism

MANCHESTER, Vt. – On Saturday, March 21 at 6 p.m. at Northshire Bookstore in Manchester Center, the Racial Justice Alliance of Burr & Burton Academy, in conjunction with the Rutland area NAACP, will be hosting a panel discussion on the ongoing rise of white supremacy movements, anti-Semitism, and racism in Vermont.

Multiple hate symbols have been found locally within our community. How is this happening in our state? Why aren't more people aware of the rising movements? What are the driving forces behind the increases in intolerance towards "the other?" What can we as townspeople and neighbors do? What is the responsibility of our educational system and our various levels of government in helping to stem the tide of hate and hate-based crime? Hear from panelists, who are experts on these topics, ask questions, and be part of this important conversation.

Panelists include Rabbi Michael Cohen, rabbi emeritus of Israel Congregation of Manchester; Tabitha Moore, president of the Rutland Area Branch of the NAACP; and Mia Schultz, member of the Vermont Coalition for Ethnic Studies and Social Equity in Schools working group, as well as a fourth panelist who is an expert on Vermont hate groups.

President of the Rutland Area Branch of the NAACP, Tabitha Moore is also a training coordinator at the University of Vermont, a member of the Vermont State Police's Fair and Impartial Policing Committee, and a member of the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council's Fair and Impartial Training Committee.

Mia Schultz' seat on the Vermont Coalition for Ethnic Studies and Social Equity in Schools working group is a result of her activism in her own community in Bennington promoting the rights and voices of people of color in the schools. The Vermont Coalition was formed to advise the Vermont Board of Education in its new mission to adopt ethnic and social equity standards statewide.

Rabbi Cohen is a long-time environmental activist, has written extensively about the Middle East peace process in North American and Middle Eastern publications, and has been a visiting faculty member at Bennington's Center for the Advancement of Public Action since spring 2012, teaching classes on conflict resolution.

Founded in 2019, the Burr and Burton Academy Racial Justice Alliance is a student-run organization that aims to increase racial equity awareness through education and to take action against racism in the school and surrounding community.

After the event, Northshire Bookstore will be offering copies of "How to Be an Antiracist" by Ibram X. Kendi to attendees.

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BRGNS March Volunteer of the Month

LUDLOW, Vt. – Bob Evens' name was misspelled in last week's March 4 edition. Bob Evens is the Black River Good Neighbor Services' March Volunteer of the Month. Bob is "always willing to help a neighbor."

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Proctorsville resident running for cancer research

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – On April 20, Lisa Marks from Proctorsville, Vt., is running to conquer cancer as a member of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team in the 124th Boston Marathon.

Marks, along with more than 500 Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge teammates from across the United States and around the world, will run Massachusetts' historic marathon route from Hopkinton to Boston to raise $6.25 million for cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

This year marks the 31st annual running of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge. One hundred percent of the money raised by the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team goes to Dana-Farber's Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research, which supports promising science research in its earliest stages. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge has raised more than $100 million for the Claudia Adams Barr Program to date.

In 1990, Dana-Farber was among the first charity organizations to be recognized by the Boston Athletic Association, which organizes the Boston Marathon. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team offers its members extensive fundraising support, training guidance from 1976 Boston Marathon men's champion Jack Fultz, and Boston-area training runs, plus volunteer opportunities for non-runners. Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge runners who are not time-qualified for the Boston Marathon receive an invitational entry into the race.

Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge runners include cancer survivors and patients, and family and friends of those who have been affected by cancer. Each team member must fulfill a basic fundraising commitment:

- Invitational runners, runners who receive their entry from Dana-Farber, have a fundraising commitment of $7,500.
- Own entry runners, runners who have joined the DFMC after obtaining their own race entry, have a fundraising commitment of $4,000.

A cornerstone of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge is its Partner Program. Each year, approximately 50 current pediatric cancer patients of Dana-Farber's Jimmy Fund Clinic are paired with DFMC runners as "Patient Partners." For the young patients, their partnerships with the runners provide a unique and friendly focus outside their illnesses. Another two-dozen Partner Program families are paired with runners through the "In-Memory Program" in remembrance of their children.

To contribute to the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge, visit www.RunDFMC.org or contact the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge office at 617-632-1970 or dfmc@dfci.harvard.edu. Follow DFMC on Facebook: www.facebook/marathonchallenge.

Information on COVID-19

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad is closely monitoring information from the CDC and Vermont Department of Health regarding the Coronavirus Disease 2019, COVID-19. More information will be on our Facebook page.

Now that presumed cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Bennington and New Hampshire, it's important to be mindful of the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and to understand what steps to take – and not to take – if you are feeling ill. Individuals with pre-existing medical conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, and lung disease are at higher risk.

What to look for:

- Fever above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit
- New or worsening cough
- Feeling feverish and/or chills
- Typical "cold" symptoms such as runny nose, sore throat, or headache
- Shortness of breath
- Muscle aches
- Less commonly: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain

As well as one of the following:

- Recent international travel from China, Iran, Italy, or South Korea
- Close contact with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19

What to do:

If you are feeling ill, especially with fever and cough, make a phone call to your primary care provider or local health center. The medical staff will work with you over the phone to determine if you need to be seen at a clinic or hospital, or if is best for you to monitor your symptoms at home.

Remember that the symptoms above are familiar to anyone that has had a common cold, so a discussion with your healthcare provider is the best step to determine if you are at risk for COVID-19.

Regardless of if you are feeling ill, please wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, making sure to get in-between your fingers and around your thumbs. Frequent and thorough handwashing is one of the most important things you can do to prevent spread.

What not to do:

If you are feeling ill, especially with fever and cough, please do not go to a clinic or hospital without calling ahead first. As always, call 911 if you have a medical emergency and please inform the 911 operator if you have the symptoms above. For any cases that the Rescue Squad does get called to, we will consult with the hospital to determine if they would like us to transport you or instruct you to remain at home.

United Church says goodbye to Sandra Russo, praises dedication

LUDLOW, Vt. – At a recent reception, the United Church of Ludlow said goodbye to Sandra Russo, their church secretary for the past seven years. Members of the congregation praised Sandra for her dedication and service to the church. Travel is in her plans. She has decided that it is time for her to spend more time with her family and friends, many whom live out of town.

Sandra Russo accepts gifts.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Members of the congregation offered their best wishes to Sandra while welcoming Fred Marin, the new administrative assistant. Fred is available to assist by emailing unitedchurch@tds.net or by calling the church office Fridays from 3-5 p.m. Members of the greater Ludlow community are encouraged to stop by to see Fred or email him if the church can be of assistance or support.

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Vermont educational quality standard as a result.

Board Chair Bob Glidden, who is also on the safety committee, said that those events were falsely reported and that there is no plan to move the library.

According to Peter LaBelle, the building and the land belong to the school district and the contents belong to the Library Board, neither of which concerns the Selectboard.

The board agreed to designate the Zampini parcel as a "preferred site" so they can apply for an application to Vermont Public Utility Commission to install a solar array. Martha Staskus of Norwich Solar Technologies spoke to the board about the 500-kilowatt array, which would include approximately 2,000 solar panels along Route 106 and would require clearing approximately nine acres of the 64-acre parcel for the project.

Both Etienne Ting from the Planning Commission and Peter LaBelle from the Energy Committee endorsed the request.

The board adopted meeting rules of conduct that had been presented at a prior meeting with a few minor changes. Those rules will be printed out and available in future meetings.

Town Manager Brendan McNamara updated the board on upcoming summer projects. Priorities include replacing the Meadow Brook Farm Bridge and paving Cavendish Gulf Road, Stone Way, and Rainie Hill. Wheeler Road, Greven Road, and Bailey Hill would be pushed to next summer when they might be funded by a Class 2 Pavement Grant.

Depot Street Bridge is expected to be open by the middle of May. Route 131 will have culverts and right of ways serviced in 2020 with paving to take place in 2021. Electric Vehicle Charging station RFP will be out soon with an anticipated August installation.

The next Cavendish Selectboard meeting will be Monday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m.

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Tai Chi returns to BRVSC

LUDLOW, Vt. – Tai Chi is coming to the Black River Valley Senior Center for the spring. This beginner level class is based on Dr. Paul Lam's "Balance and Fall Prevention" techniques.

Tai Chi is a steady, rhythmic series of motions that use the whole body. Movements can be modified to meet students' individual needs and chairs are provided for mobility challenged. Anyone with the desire to strengthen body, mind, and spirit may participate. Side effects may include increased energy and inner peace.

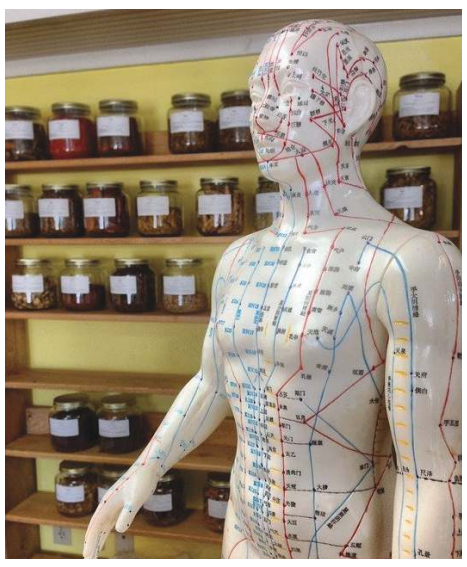
This eight-week class starts Monday, March 30 at 10 a.m. and lasts one hour. Class is free and limited to 10 participants. Registration required at Black River Senior Center, 10 High St., in Ludlow. Call 802-228-7421.

Acupuncture offers great benefits and continues to gain acceptance

BY SHARON HUNTLEY
The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

LUDLOW, Vt. – Acupuncture is an ancient system of healing attributed to the ancient Chinese culture and predating recorded history. The basis of modern acupuncture was established during the Ming Dynasty with the publication of "The Great Compendium of Acupuncture and Moxibustion," but used in the West since the 17th century.

For those not familiar with the practice, acupuncture uses thin needles, placed on the body along what are called meridians, which are pathways that energy travels in the body. This energy, known as 'Chi' or 'Qi,' is considered the essence of all life in Chinese medicine. If Chi is disrupted in some way, either blocked or overactive, the body suffers. The goal of the acupuncturist is to restore healthy flow of the energy, restoring balance to the body and promoting healing and symptom relief. A skilled acupuncturist knows what points along the meridians correspond to organs and systems in the body that need attention and determine where to place the needles.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For practitioners like Ludlow acupuncturist Susan McNulty, who has been practicing for nearly 40 years, part of her skill is as a health investigator; looking for clues, symptoms, and signs objectively and subjectively to determine how best to treat her patient. All patients are a blank canvas according to McNulty, and there are no pat treatments. She takes pulses, looks at tongues, evaluates skin, hair, and nail quality, and asks questions about patterns, habits, and history.

"All the organs work together, and most people have multiple things going on at once. I like a holistic approach…if someone has a headache, it may not be about their head…could be all kinds of things," she said. McNulty has learned over her many years of practice to never underestimate what acupuncture can do for a person. "The body is always looking to find its own homeostasis," she said.

Whatever the body is telling her patients, that helps her to know where the imbalances lie. That's how she decides where to place the needles with a goal of trying to unblock stagnation, strengthen weaknesses, and disperse excesses to return the body to a state of balance, of Yin and Yang; a Chinese concept of relationship, balance, and duality.

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Acupuncture has a well-earned reputation for pain relief, help with addiction, and many other ailments. McNulty has seen many illnesses, conditions, and issues treated over the years. Some results are immediate, and some build over time.

She is happy to finally see acupuncture becoming more available, noting that treatments were now being done at the VA. However, insurance companies still often don't cover treatment.

Thankfully, the medical community is embracing acupuncture more and more. In 1997, the National Institutes of Health, after mounting evidence from clinical trials, formally acknowledged acupuncture for its value in relieving pain, nausea after surgery or chemotherapy, and morning sickness; and effectiveness in treating conditions, such as headaches, asthma, stroke rehabilitation, and fibromyalgia. The NIH also recommended that acupuncture be taught in medical schools.

According to National Center for Biotechnology information website, "Acupuncture occupies a unique place in modern medicine. Research on acupuncture has taken place in many universities and research institutions around the world, increasing our understanding of how the human body works. Knowledge has been greatly increased especially in the areas of physiology, biochemistry, pharmacology, kinesiology, neurology, and neuroanatomy. By integrating Eastern and Western medicines, both disciplines can be complementary to each other for the benefit of patients."

The benefits are nothing new to McNulty. "Nothing makes me happier than to make somebody feel better and help relieve suffering," she said.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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The barbershop

In the 1960s, Chester had two barbers.

Jake Howe

Jake Howe lived in the house next to the People's United Bank. In the front of his house is where Jake cut hair. Jake had a barber pole out front on the porch post. There was one barber's chair with a razor strop attached. I remember watching Jake sharpen his razor with the razor strop. It seemed so effortless.

Jake was an avid fisherman and loved to tell stories. On Saturday mornings, there might be three or four men waiting for a haircut. All were entertained with Jake's stories and often added to the conversation.

Jake had a large brown trout mounted on the wall. Jake claimed he caught it in the Williams River. It was a monster weighing six pounds. In later years, we learned Jake may have caught the trout in Chittenden Dam.

In the 1960s, the Beatles with their long hair made us kids want long hair too. I remember going to Jake's for haircuts at my parents' insistence. I too wanted long hair, but my folks forbid it. Arnold: "As long as you're under my roof."

I remember sitting in the barber chair getting my haircut. Jake was telling me a fishing story in detail as he cut my hair. I was facing the mirror and thought, "My god, he's scalping me." While my hair was already too short, Jake wasn't done telling the story, so he kept clipping.

Tom Hildreth moved to Chester in 1979. It wasn't long before Tom discovered Jake's. Tom told me a story when he went for a haircut. Jake's was an interesting and different atmosphere.

Tom sat waiting his turn, listening to two old men giving each other directions. One described a large tree well off the beaten path deep in the woods. Tom sat and listened to these old men talking about this location that they both knew well. Tom had grown up in the Holyoke area, so this was new to him.

A current photo of Jake's barbershop.
PHOTO BY RON PATCH

Tom couldn't believe two men in their 80s knew this remote location and still hunted. This was Tom's introduction to the Vermont way. It was not lost on Tom.

John the Barber

The other barber was John Emerson. John was a bachelor and had a reputation of being a womanizer. He had other equally fine qualities. He couldn't be considered a good role model, but he was fun. John was younger than Jake, and so more hip. My parents forbid me going to John's. This is where my friends and I liked to get our haircuts.

When you walked into his shop, he would bark some insult. Once you sat down in the chair, John became civil and friendly. It was a fun place to be. He treated us as equals. This was something teenagers seldom encountered.

John was cool. He kept a few girlie magazines in his shop. John, too, was a hunter and fisherman. John had some great stories. John's barbershop was located in the rear of the Henry Office Building.

He lived on High Street in a small cottage next to our house. I would sneak over after dark to see him. John was rude, crude, vulgar, and living life his way.

In the mid-1960s, Vermont had very few moose. If a moose was spotted in Vermont in those days, it was major news. It was about 1965 when hunters found a dead moose in Mount Holly. It had been shot in deer season and left to rot. There was a rumor that John Emerson had shot the moose while deer hunting. This may or may not be true.

Neighborhoods

If you're my age, you grew up in a neighborhood. It doesn't matter if you grew up in Brooklyn or Boston; you had a neighborhood. You had neighborhood stores, delis, butchers, barbers, and you knew your neighbors and other kids. Chester was my neighborhood.

Over the years, I've talked with many transplants from the city. Many of my generation, regardless of where they grew up, have similar childhood memories. I've always been inquisitive about where people come, their background, or what they did for a living.

A while back, I was in the plaza in Springfield. A little old lady was bent over, almost double, pushing her shopping cart. As I overtook her, I said, "I'll race ya." She replied, "Don't bother. You don't stand a chance."

This week's old saying. "If you're giving away an old coat, don't cut the buttons off."

Maple

Double-stack trains in Chester

CHESTER, Vt. – Westbound Pan American Railways detour train photographed as it passed through Chester Depot Sunday, March 1, 2020 at 8:50 a.m. While it is commonplace in other parts of the country, this is the first time double-stack container cars have been carried on the Green Mountain Railroad. These detour trains are coming through Chester because what has been described as a "partial collapse" last month near the west end of the famed Hoosac tunnel near North Adams, Mass.

PHOTO BY TOM HILDRETH

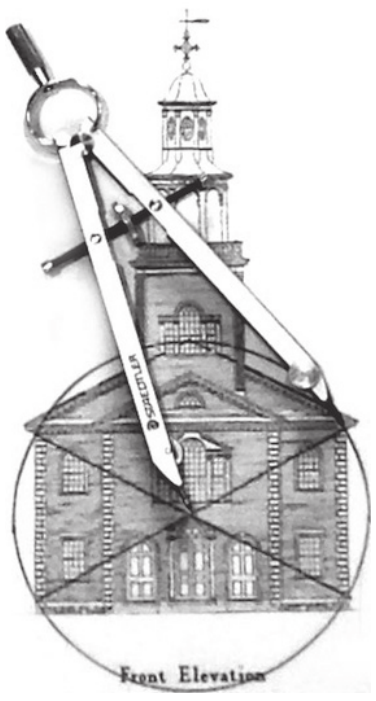
Early American Architecture presentation

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Architectural historian Jane Griswold-Radocchia will present "Early American Architecture" Saturday, March 21 at 2 p.m. at the Springfield Art and Historical Society facility at 65 Route 106 in North Springfield.

How did early Americans build such beautifully proportioned homes and buildings with just dividers and a straight edge? The early schools, meetinghouses, and homes in Springfield were built using geometry. Builders knew it as "practical geometry." With a compass, straightedge, and a scribe, carpenters set out modules, parts, and diameters to plan and measure for construction. This way of designing, known by the Egyptians and Greeks, mentioned in the Bible, discussed by Vitruvius, and understood by Palladio and Christopher Wren, was also used here.

With Springfield's historic homes as examples, Jane Griswold-Radocchia will introduce this geometry and show how it was used for layout and design before dimensions were fixed or standardized – before we needed interchangeable parts and before the Industrial Revolution. She will also touch on Benjamin Asher and his 1797 book "The Country Builder," the first architectural handbook published in America.

This program is free and open to all. For more information, email sahs@vermontel.net or call 802-886-7935. There is no snow date for this program at this time.



Architecture of the Old First Church.
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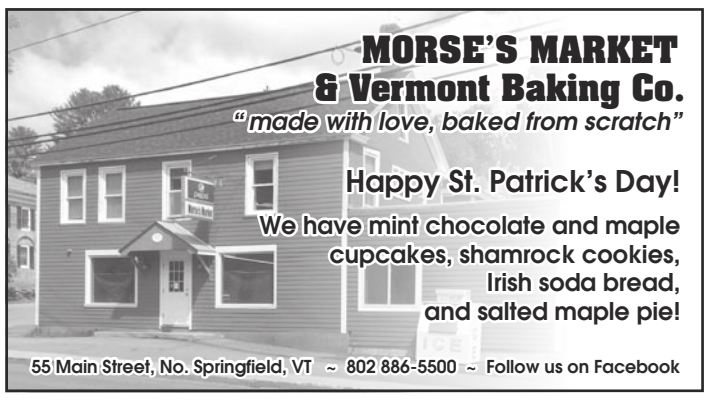

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Chester Lego Contest cancelled

CHESTER, Vt. – The 2020 LEGO Contest, sponsored by St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Chester, Vt., scheduled for March 14 has been cancelled for this year. The corporation that owns the conference center where the contest has been held for many years has closed the building to the public out of concern for COVID-19 and the safety of its corporate employees.

Because of the lateness of the notice and the large size of the event, as well as the fact that health reports, cautions, and instructions change daily with no guaranteed relief in sight, the Chester LEGO Contest is cancelled for 2020.

St. Luke's Church and all the volunteers who work the event apologize for the disappointment and look forward to hosting the event in a healthier March 2021. For questions, please contact Lillian Willis at 802-875-1340.

obituaries

April L. Desoto, 1973-2020

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – April L. Desoto was reunited with her guardian angel, Sandra McKeone, Feb. 29, 2020. April was born in Waukegan, Ill, April 23, 1973, the daughter of Gilbert Desoto and Carol Christenson. April lived in many places, most recently Bellows Falls, but the place she called home was Deland, Fla.

April is remembered for her kind smile, big heart, and willingness to always help. She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandsons, Jayden and Jeremiah Smith. She also enjoyed caring for plants, doing word searches, and spending time at the beach. April left us at the young age of 46, but her love and kindness will keep her memory alive for ages to come.

April is the beloved mother of Jamie Patterson, Anton Lutz, and Tehya and Alana Martin.

There will be a celebration of April's life Saturday, March 14, from 12-5 p.m., at the Potato Barn, Potato Barn Road in Walpole, N.H. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home.

Donations in April's memory may be made to the Bellows Walpole Inn.

Rita L. Parker, 1936-2020

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Rita Lottie Parker, 83, of Green Street, passed away Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at her home. Rita was born in Springfield, Vt., Aug. 31, 1936, the daughter of Leonard and Winifred (Hall) Parker. She loved to spend time with her grandchildren and was a member of the Keene Bowling League. She also enjoyed playing bingo, watching the Cooking Channel, gardening, and four-wheeling. She was proud of getting her first tattoo – at the age of 75.

Surviving are her daughters Rita Fletcher of Bellows Falls and Tammy Gay of Athens, Vt.; her brother Elvin Parker of Westminster; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by her parents and four brothers.

There will be a memorial service Saturday, April 4 at 2 p.m. at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls with burial in the Simonsville Cemetery at a later date.

Georgette Savoy, 1930-2020

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Georgette Savoy, 89, of Atkinson Street, died Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020 at the Springfield Health and Rehab. She was born Oct. 20, 1930, the daughter of Joseph and Emma (Arbere) Noel in New Brunswick, Canada. She attended school in Canada and worked as a nurse for many years. Georgette enjoyed sewing, which included making dolls, for many years. She also enjoyed traveling with her husband and spending time with her grandchildren.

On Nov. 25, 1954, she married her husband of 65 years, David Savoy, who survives. She is also survived by her son Phil Savoy of Westminster, Vt.; her daughter Cathy Savoy of Charlestown, N.H.; her sisters Anita and Emma; her grandchildren Jessica, Lisa, Laura, Katelyn, and Eric; and great-grandson Liam. Georgette was predeceased by her son Roland Savoy.

There are no services planned at this time. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home. Donations in Georgette's name may be made to your area hospice.

Thomas C. Hagan, 1953-2020

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Thomas Charles Hagan, 66, passed away peacefully at home with his family March 6, 2020, after a time of failing health. He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., March 15, 1953. He most recently made his home in Rockingham, Vt., with his life partner of 30 years Mary Fredette.

Thom was a career long haul truck driver and was proud of his 45-year career, logging over a million miles across this country and gathering a network of friends who became extended family. He was an animal lover, never without one or two by his side – all becoming what he termed "last bite Hagans," always sharing the last bite of whatever.

In 2012, he and Mary returned to Vermont where he enjoyed living close to daughter Heather (Fredette) Robertson, her husband Craig, and grandchildren Collin and Joel, all of whom survive. He wore the title of "Pappy" with pride. He is also survived by his beloved dogs Lucy and Romeo, and by so many dear friends near and far.

At Thom's request, there will be no calling hours or service. Memorial contributions to honor Thom may be made directly to The Gathering Place, 30 Terrace St., Brattleboro, VT, 05301, or Saint Joseph Regional School, 92 Wilson St., Keene, NH, 03431.

Roy S. Rabtoy

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. – Roy Stanley "Stan" Rabtoy, 91, passed away March 5, 2020 at Springfield Hospital. He was born in Shrewsbury, Vt., the son of Francis and Nina Agnes (Balch). He and his wife Verna (Blanchard), who passed away in 2002, had been married for 51 years. Stan made his home in Perkinsville for 68 years.

Stan was a jack-of-all-trades, but his legacy was as a dad and a friend to all. He was a family man who earned the respect of his children and grandchildren by his deeds and daily example.

Stan was predeceased by his brothers Chauncey, Babe (Francis), and Leonard; sisters Gertrude (Spaulding) and Joan (Colm). He is survived by his older brother Calvin of Clarendon; children Vernon and wife Sabrina (Morey) of Norfolk, Va., Teena Fuller of Perkinsville, and Rhonda Dean of Springfield; grandchildren and great-grandchildren Sean Rabtoy, Jessica, and sons Isaac and Aiden of Wilder, Christopher Rabtoy of Burlington, Sarah MacDougall, Cedric, and children Hannah and Michael of Essex Jct., Amy Davis and sons Glenn and Garrett Turco of Cavendish, Vt., Jeffrey Davis, Courtney (Millay), and sons Abel and Brody of Cavendish, Nicholas Dean and children Nicholas Jr. and Catherine of West Hartford, Conn., Nathaniel Dean, Miranda (Fedchenko), and sons Elijah and Ethan Stanley of Chester; and friends Lloyd Dean, Gary Lloyd, Fernanda and Maia Burk, Marilyn Rabtoy, and April Lafleur.

The family would like to wholeheartedly thank the nurses and therapists from the VA home-based primary care program; the nurses from the VNA with special thanks to Judy Corliss, his home health aide; Meals On Wheels – the daily interaction with the delivery people was very important. A special thank you to Bonnie Butler, the best neighbor anyone ever had.

Finally, we would like to say that every person at Springfield Hospital who had any interaction with our father in his last days was top notch. Not only were they professional, they were kind, respectful, gentle, and took care of the man, not the illness. They made a very difficult time a little easier.

There will be a get-together at Stan's home in Perkinsville in June for friends and family. Donations may be made to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice, P.O. Box 881 Brattleboro, VT 05302 or Meals On Wheels, 139 Main St., Springfield, VT 05156.

Ronald J. Apuzzo, 1942-2020

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Ronald John Apuzzo, born Dec. 29, 1942 in New Haven, Conn., suddenly passed peacefully in mid-February 2020 of natural causes in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Ron was a photographer, jeweler, welder, and all-around artist. Ron co-owned a pizza shop in Putney, Vt. and was an art teacher at the Putney School. He enjoyed working with youth and teaching his trades. Ron was the heart of the area and has touched many souls. Ron spent the last of his days playing cards at the Flat Iron Exchange. Ron is survived by his close friends Diana Jones of Bellows Falls, Vt. and Isabel Vinson of Brattleboro, Vt.

Ron's memorial services will be held at the Flat Iron Exchange at 51 The Square in Bellows Falls, Vt., Sunday, March 15 at 1 p.m. In Ron's honor, please make a monetary donation in his name to Insight Photography, located at 183 Main Street, in Brattleboro, Vt.

Richard A. Pearce, 1927-2020

WALPOLE, N.H. – Richard A. Pearce, 92, of Walpole, passed away in the comfort of his home March 6, 2020 in the company of his daughter Ellie and his friend Dermot. He was born Dec. 18, 1927 in Chesterfield, N.H., the son of the late Gertie (Mathers) and Edwin Pearce. He attended area schools and graduated from Walpole High School with the Class of 1945.

As an adult, he formally learned how to service Ford automobiles. He was proud of his high score in the Ford course and his mechanical abilities. In the '70s, he took computer classes; although he did not make this a career, he went out of his comfort zone to learn something new in this emerging field.

On Nov. 15, 1957, Richard married Ellen McAfee. They celebrated nearly 55 years of marriage before her passing in July of 2012.

Richard worked at various jobs throughout his life. Farming, car mechanics, building houses, school maintenance, selling Amway, doing odd jobs, and carpentry, electrical, and plumbing work. He was often called upon to "fix" something. In his home, hammers, screwdrivers, and other tools were never very far away.

In his leisure time, he enjoyed listening to fiddle music. If he went on a trip, he took back roads. One of his friends called him Back Roads Pearce. He also enjoyed visiting his wife's family home in New Brunswick, Canada where they traveled back and forth for over 50 years.

He is survived by his daughter Ellen (Ellie) Pearce and her husband Mike Bubnis, nieces Anne Hill and Janet Pearce, nephew Chris Pearce, sister-in law Ruth Grandy, and friend Dermot Murphy.

He was predeceased by his wife Ellen and all of his siblings Edna Koson, Clayton Pearce, Ruth Pearce, Clarence Pearce, Doris Shattuck, and William Pearce.

At his wish, there will be no services. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Thomas A. Thompson, 1985-2020

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Thomas Alan Thompson, 34, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, March 4, 2020. Tommy was born June 8, 1985 to Joy Streeter Fletcher of Springfield, Vt. and Leonard Thompson of Albany, Vt.

Thomas A. Thompson, 1985-2020.
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Tommy is survived by his four children Tucker, Annicka, Chloe, and AJ; his parents Joy and Shannon Fletcher, Leonard and Peg Thompson; his sister Terrisa Clark and brother Anthony Thompson (Rebecca White); stepbrothers Justin, Jimmy, and Brian Naylor; grandparents Lucinda Adams, Jayne Streeter, Leonard Thompson Sr., and Gene Adams; god parents AJ Jackson and Sue Compo; and also by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Tommy's reason for living was his kids; he adored all of them. He will be missed by many. Tommy was kind-hearted, funny, and brutally honest at all times. He was forgiving and gave the best big hugs.

Tommy was naturally good at everything. He loved adventures and could always get himself out of a pickle. He also had an amazing ability to handle and attack any task he started.

There will be an open service at the Assembly of God Church in Springfield Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 11 a.m. Burial will be at a later date in the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vt.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting with arrangements.

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by Linda Thistle

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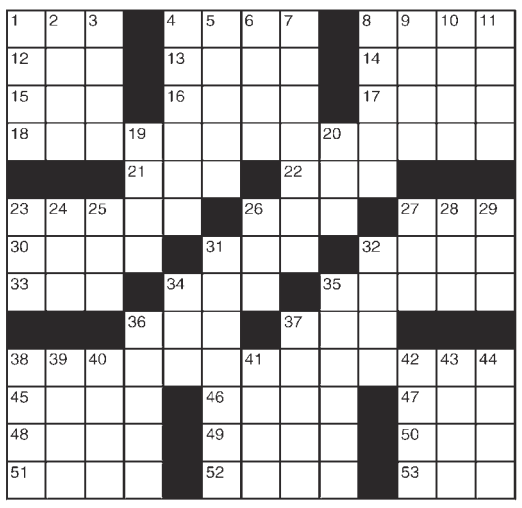

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Calling all baseball fans to the 2020 Dari Joy Baseball Contest! Try your expertise –or possibly luck – against other area enthusiasts in picking standings and winners of the 2020 Major League Baseball season. For yet another season, The Vermont Journal and The Shopper have teamed up with Dari Joy in Bellows Falls to give readers the opportunity to test their prediction skills versus other participants. Eight separate area prognosticators have been crowned the winner over the nine yearly competitions held.

Newport's Danny Budd is the king of kings, having captured two separate titles. The other winners are Tyler Clough, Mike O'Brien, Kathleen Korstange, Joseph Samsell, Ian Clark, Charlie O'Brien, and Evan Haley. Budd won the inaugural contest in 2011 and again brought the magic in 2015.

Is this the year you add your name to the list? There are prizes given to the first six top forecasters in the competition each season.

This contest requires contestants to pick the order of finish in each of baseball's six divisions from top to bottom. Each entry must designate whom the two wild card teams will be in each league and also designate both the winner and the loser of the 2020 World Series. Competitors are vying for prizes, which start at a minimum of $50, $25, and $15 gift certificates to the Dari Joy, as well as three autographed Red Sox baseballs. There is a scenario in which the cash prizes could be doubled!

Dari Joy owner Rich Demuzio and yours truly make predictions as well, and the field of entries competes to find out if they can outperform those in charge of the contest. Winners who earn the cash prizes can have the original monetary amounts listed above doubled if they personally accumulate more points than both of us. Our predictions for 2020 are listed below.

Last year's winners can pick up their prizes beginning April 4 when the Dari Joy opens for the 2020 season. In review, those winners were first place Evan Haley, followed by Jeff Miller, Tim Clark, Robin Haley, Kyle O'Brien, and Ian Clark. Please bring a photo ID to claim your prize. Spring hours for Dari Joy are Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The importance of every selection from first place to fifth in every division was highlighted by the fact last year's contest featured ties for every one of the top six places with the exception of fourth. There was actually a three-way tie for first with Evan Haley, Miller, and Clark all accumulating 18 points. Haley picked five of the six division fifth place finishers correctly to claim the top prize, while Miller only had three of those correctly and Clark two, determining the final order of finish.

Believe it or not, not one of the 100-plus contestants last year chose World Series champion Washington to win it all.

There was also a tie for fifth place. Where three fifth place choices were good enough to decide that position. Although last year's contest saw fifth place choices break every tie, there have been years where tiebreakers were tied after going through fifth place and one year ties were not broken until a progression went all the way up to third place.

How to enter:

To enter this year's contest, either email your selections to bmurphy@vermontjournal.com or mail them to P.O. Box 228, Ludlow, VT 05149, Attention Baseball Contest. All correspondence must be postmarked or emailed by April 1, 2020.

Only one entry is allowed per person. Please include contact information with your selections. A mailing address or an email address, plus a phone number would be helpful.

In making your selections, you should:

1. List the order of finish, top to bottom, in each of baseball's six divisions
2. Note two wild card teams in each league
3. Select an American and National League champion
4. Pick the World Series champion.

How points are awarded:

- 7 points for choosing the World Series champion. You will be awarded 2 points if your champion selection is in the World Series and loses.
- 4 points for choosing the World Series loser. You will be awarded 2 points if this selection is in the World Series and wins.
- 3 points will be awarded for each division champion selected. You will get 1 point if your division champion choice makes the post season as a wild card.
- 1 point for wild card choices who are in the playoffs either as a wild card or as a division winner.

Tiebreakers:

Ties will be broken from last place on up. If you tie for one of the winner's spots, the tie will be broken by how many last place teams each tied participant chooses correctly. If a tie still exists after last place consideration, you move up next to fourth place and continue up the standings ladder as many places as needed until the tie is broken.

Below are Rich Demuzio's and Bill Murphy's picks to study and follow for your own format.

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Boston
Toronto
Baltimore
American League Central
Minnesota
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Cleveland
Detroit
Kansas City
American League West
Houston
Oakland
L.A.
Texas
Seattle
Wild Cards
Tampa Bay
Oakland
National League East
Atlanta
New York
Washington
Philadelphia
Miami
National League Central
St. Louis
Cincinnati
Chicago
Milwaukee
Pittsburgh
National League West
L.A.
Arizona
San Diego
Colorado
San Francisco
Wild Cards
New York
Cincinnati
World Series
L.A. Dodgers over N.Y. Yankees

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San Francisco
Wild Cards
N.Y. Mets
Atlanta
World Series
L.A. Dodgers over Minnesota

Springfield wrestling put forth best effort

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield's varsity wrestlers trekked to Bennington last weekend for the two-day State Championship Varsity Tournament. The seven-man team went in strong and steady with each wrestler putting forth some of his best effort of the season.

David Rigney and Bryan Stafford each placed a solid sixth place, and senior Brandon Bennett nailed a pair of strong wins to place fourth in the state of Vermont at his weight class. Tim Amsden had a nail-biter of a match, prevailing against a long-time foe from Otter Valley. Senior Skylar Wallace wrapped up his varsity career with some excellent matches. Both Logan Webster and Cole Wright each chalked up a win.

Head Coach Don Beebe is extremely proud of all the boys, as are coaches David Wright, John Stafford Jr., and Bradley Bennett. The team wishes to thank all the coaches as well as Manages Tanya Clark and Angela Ferland; the load doesn't lighten as the K-6 team is just getting their tournament season underway and continues until late April.

Sincere thanks also go to the many dedicated parents who support the wrestlers for months on end – special appreciation to Dale Ferland and Chester Clark for recording and assisting in every way possible and to many more who provide rides for wrestlers, food for tournaments, a cheering section for each and every kid on the team, and so much more.

Stay tuned to the wrestling action as the youth team rocks the mats all around the state. Many photos and videos are posted to the team's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SpfldVTWrestling.

OMS students compete at 2020 Burton U.S. Open

LUDLOW, Vt. – Okemo Mountain School and the Okemo Competition Center were well represented in the 2020 Burton U.S. Open, Feb. 24 to 29. Two young riders, Tommy Okesson and Sumner Orr, and one senior athlete, Joey Okesson, traveled to Vail, Colo., to compete in the Junior Jam and Pro Pipe events. Tommy Okesson and Orr competed in the Junior Jam comprised of an invited field of 16 of the world's best up-and-coming halfpipe riders under the age of 15. The pipe build this year varied from the traditional 22-foot construction; it was a modified pipe, which consisted of a 13-foot pipe that rolled into a traditional 22-foot superpipe. The course setup was challenging for some, but both boys adapted quickly during practice and were able to put together some creative lines and tricks on event day. Tommy Okesson ended up in ninth place with some stylish airs, smooth spins, and a mctwist. Orr made an impression with his mctwist – runner-up for Best Trick – and had some of the highest airs and spins of the day.

Joey Okesson, an OMS student-athlete in his senior year, was able to secure a number two alternate spot in the Pro Division. He received a last-minute call from Burton's Head of Events to invite him to compete with the top athletes in the snowboard industry. The Pro semifinals took place under bluebird skies with spring temperatures with a star-studded lineup of the world's best pipe riders that included Scotty James (AUS), Yuto Totsuka (JAP), and Danny Davis (USA). Okesson was one of the first to drop and handled the pipe with ease with one of his stock runs that put him in the middle of the field. He nailed his last run, placed seventh and qualified for the finals!

In the finals, the format switched from a two-run format to a three-run format and Okesson's first two runs were technical and full of big tricks, but he was unable to stand up on his last hit, a frontside 1080. With one run left and immense pressure going into his last and final run, Okesson was able to put down one of the most impressive runs of the day, starting with a skate-influenced upper section in the mini pipe, followed by some of the highest airs of the day with a massive double crippler, followed by a super smooth back nine, and he punctuated the run with a soaring front-side 1080. With a high score of an 84.6, Okesson ultimately placed fifth and was the top American finisher at the event.

Conservation partners host free no-till practices workshop

WALPOLE, N.H. – The Cheshire County Conservation District and the Windham County Natural Resources Conservation District invite the public to a free informative workshop March 17, from 10 a.m.- 12 p.m., at the Westminster Historical Society in Westminster, Vt.

Conservation partners from a range of local groups and organizations will share their knowledge regarding soil health and no-till practices on the farm, review available farm rental equipment in the region, share stories and experiences implementing no-till practices, and discuss a range of cost-share programs available to the public.

This event is free and open to the public. Registration is not required. If you have questions regarding this event, please contact Cory Ross at ross.wcnrcd@gmail.com or call 802-689-3024.

Partners on this project include WCNRCD, CCCD, UVM Extension, Connecticut River Watershed Farmers Alliance, Vermont Agency of Agriculture Food & Markets, and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. The USDA is an equal opportunity employer, provider, and lender. If you need accommodations, please contact Joshua Allen at 802-689-3037 x3022.

Bowling Team Championship

BARRE, Vt. – On March 7, 2020, Twin City Lanes in Barre hosted the Vermont High School Bowling Team Championship. It wasn't hard to find great bowling and unbelievable excitement.

Each match winner was decided by the team winning four out of seven games. Playing into the quarterfinals, No. 9 White River Valley defeated No. 8 Springfield, 4-2; No. 7 Burlington defeated No. 10 Enosburg, 4-0; and No. 11 Hartford defeated No. 6 Brattleboro, 4-1.

In the quarterfinals, No. 1 Windsor defeated No. 9 White River Valley, 4-0; No. 4 South Burlington defeated No. 5 Essex, 4-1; No. 2 Randolph defeated No. 7 Burlington, 4-3; and No. 3 Fair Haven defeated No. 11 Hartford, 4-0.

In the semifinals, No. 4 South Burlington defeated No. 1 Windsor, 4-0, and No. 3 Fair Haven defeated No. 2 Randolph, 4-2.

The final match was No. 4 South Burlington versus No. 3 Fair Haven. After five games into the match, Fair Haven was up at 3-2. Fair Haven attempted to end the match in six games; however, South Burlington proved to be the stronger in this game, forcing a seventh game. In game seven, Fair Haven found the strikes and made the spares to win the game and become the 2019-2020 Vermont High School Bowling Team champions.

Public deer, moose hearings

MONTPELIER, Vt. – Hunters, landowners, and anyone else interested in deer and moose should plan on attending the Vermont Fish and Wildlife public hearings being held in March.

The hearings will include results of Vermont's 2019 deer seasons and prospects for hunting next fall as well as an opportunity for people to provide their observations and opinions regarding deer. The hearings held March 19, 23, and 24 will also include information about the proposed moose hunt to improve the health of moose in Wildlife Management Unit E in the northeastern corner of Vermont.

The hearings are scheduled for 6 to 9 p.m. as follows:

- Thursday, March 19 on deer and moose at St. Johnsbury Academy, Black Box Theater, 1000 Main Street, St. Johnsbury
- Monday, March 23 on deer and moose at Middlebury Union Middle School, 48 Deerfield Ln., Middlebury
- Tuesday, March 24 on deer and moose at Williamstown Middle High School, 120 Hebert Rd., Williamstown
- Thursday, March 26 on deer at Putney Central School, 182 Westminster Rd., Putney

Public meeting on Big Game Management Plan 2020-2030

BETHEL, Vt. – The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is holding a public meeting March 18 in Bethel to answer questions and record public comment on the proposed 2020-2030 Big Game Plan.

The meeting will be at the White River Valley School, 273 Pleasant St., Bethel, Wednesday, March 18, 2020, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. People are urged to review the document prior to attending so they can share their comments to the department.

Vermont's 2020-2030 Big Game Management Plan will guide deer, bear, moose, and wild turkey management over the next decade. The draft plan identifies the issues these species face, such as habitat loss and disease, it establishes sustainable population and management goals, and it prescribes the strategies needed to achieve those goals.

While these strategies act as a road map for regulation development, the 2020-2030 Big Game Plan is not a regulation setting document.

"The 2020-2030 plan is the culmination of two years of public survey data, biological data, public meetings, and department thinking," said Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Louis Porter. "These are four very important species to Vermont, and we welcome comments from all Vermonters prior to finalizing the plan."

The plan is updated every decade and the previous plan is set to expire.

The draft 2020-2030 Big Game Management Plan is available on Fish and Wildlife's website, www.vtfishandwildlife.com, and the department would like to receive comments by Friday, April 3. Comments can be submitted electronically to ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov or by mail to Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, One National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05620.

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Mandalas from nature at Gallery at the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Gallery at the VAULT is excited to bring you a show of mandala creations by photographer Gene Parulis now through April 29.

Gene sees the possibilities in simple nature forms and is able to turn them into magnificent works of art. The longer you look at them, the more you see. Bring the whole family, as all will enjoy looking for all sorts of interesting manifestations.

"Treasures from the Sea" by Gene Parulis. PHOTO PROVIDED

You are invited to the reception Thursday, March 12, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Gene will talk about and show how he evolves a simple photo into a mandala.

Gene has been taking pictures and making images since childhood. He is a professor of comparative religion and mythology and an avid traveler.

Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street in Springfield, is open Wednesday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Monday, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 802-885-7111, email galleryvault@vermontel.net, or visit www.galleryvault.org.

Community band seeks members

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Community Band is seeking new members. The band is a 35-40-piece year-round community-level concert band that presents concerts in and around Springfield, Vt.

All musicians are welcome – those who have had band experience in the past and want to return to playing as well as those who are playing currently. There are no auditions. Clarinets and percussion are especially welcome.

Rehearsals for summer concerts are scheduled for Sunday evenings from 6-8 p.m. beginning April 19 in the Riverside Middle School auditorium. Use the upper Fairground Road entrance. Concerts in Springfield take place Tuesday evenings from late June to mid-August.

The Springfield Community Band is committed to bringing joy to the community with diverse and exciting music and to having fun while doing it. Please join us!

To learn more, visit the band's Facebook page or contact a board member at info@springfieldcommunityband.com.

Fine art ceramics show at Canal Street Art Gallery Night

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – All are invited Friday, March 20, from 5-8 p.m., to view the Canal Street Art Gallery ceramics show, "A Changing Form." Meet the artists and share their creative process and experience.

In this exhibit, nine artists create sculptural and functional artwork using clay as a primary medium. This amazing mash-up of local artists and their 110 rarely seen pieces are on view throughout March. The nine artists are Ernster and Kathie Gatto-Gurney, Deborah Goodwin, Caren Helm, Irene Lederer LaCroix, Carla Liguori, Naomi Lindenfeld, Amanda Ann Palmer, and Alan Steinberg.

Well into a third year of promoting the local creative economy, Canal Street Art Gallery, 23 Canal St. in Bellows Falls, continues to share new art while helping to support the artists who create it. Canal Street Art Gallery offers a sliding commission structure to provide the most revenue possible directly to the artists.

For more information, go to www.canalstreetartgallery.com, call 802-289-0104, or email artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com.

World Under Wonder auditions for "Twisted"

ASCUTNEY, Vt. – World Under Wonder Playhouse is pleased to announce auditions for its upcoming spring production of the musical comedy, "Twisted: The Untold Story of a Royal Vizier" Saturday, March 28 and Sunday, March 29, from 1-3 p.m., at the theater located at 5755 Route 5 in Ascutney.

Auditions are open to adults and older young adults with parent or guardian permission. Please note that "Twisted" contains mature subject matter and risqué humor and is not a show for child actors. Those auditioning will be expected to prepare a three-minute Disney song and bring sheet music. Auditions will also consist of cold readings from the script. Performance dates are to be announced.

"Twisted: The Untold Story of a Royal Vizier" is a musical with music by A.J. Holmes, lyrics by Kaley McMahon, and book by Matt Lang, Nick Lang, and Eric Kahn Gale, all members of the popular theater company Starkid.

The musical parodies the 1992 Disney film "Aladdin," telling the story from the point of view of the villain Jafar, the royal vizier. Long ago in a Magic Kingdom, one misunderstood royal vizier will go on a quest to save his city from its bumbling sultan, an invading prince, and the most notorious thief to ever live. With the help of the kingdom's free-spirited, teenage princess, the vizier must find a magical lamp containing a wish-granting djinn to defeat the city's most-wanted criminal – Aladdin! This musical adventure celebrates and lovingly pokes fun at the animated film. It also includes many nods and homages to the musical "Wicked," which similarly retells a popular story from the villain's point of view.

The production will be directed by Sam Maskell with choreography by Nicholas Bailey. World Under Wonder Playhouse is a 501(c)(3) arts organization that strives to create an all-inclusive artistic community in Vermont and the surrounding area through live productions, classes, workshops, and more. We encourage people of all ages and abilities to participate and experience the personal growth that comes with creative exploration through the performing arts.

For more information, email artdirector@worldunderwonder.org, call 603-381-3344, visit www.worldunderwonder.org, or find World Under Wonder on Facebook.

Author talk on media literacy at the Rockingham Library

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Rockingham Free Public Library will host a presentation by Dr. Nolan Higdon, co-author of "United States of Distraction: Media Manipulation in Post-Truth America (And What We Can Do About It)," Saturday, March 21 at 5 p.m.

The role of news media in a free society is to investigate, inform, and provide a crucial check on political power. However, the explosion of social media and targeted analytics means people are increasingly getting their news from a wide swath of sources, some legitimate, many not.

"We have this conundrum where we have more media consumption than ever before in history, but a society that is unable to sift through it," said Dr. Higdon.

"United States of Distraction," co-authored by Mickey Huff, focuses on how modern politics successfully exploit media vulnerabilities to campaign and govern. It also explores how the electorate gets their news and the need for media literacy training.

"Because we have access to so much information, we are able to customize the media we consume, which sort of sounds great, except that it also means we customize our reality," Higdon said. "We can do this overtly where we can cut out anything we don't want to see or hear, but algorithms are also feeding you things you are more likely to click on. You can create a media environment where you insulate yourself from facts or reason. In addition, we have an education system that doesn't really teach people how democracy works or values critical thinking – so a lot of things politicians, including Trump, do go unquestioned."

With the 2020 Election coming, Higdon and Huff remind readers, "Democracy is a full-time job and not a spectator sport."

Dr. Nolan Higdon is professor of history and communication at California State University, East Bay. His academic work primarily focuses on news media, propaganda, critical media literacy, and social justice pedagogies. He has been a guest commentator for news media outlets such as The New York Times, San Francisco Chronicle, CBS, NBC, ABC, and Fox. He is a board member for the Media Freedom Foundation, frequent contributor to Project Censored's annual "Censored" books series, a co-founder of the Global Critical Media Literacy Project, a program advisor for Sacred Heart University Media Literacy and Digital Culture Graduate Program, a steering committee member for the Union for Democratic Communications, and co-host of the Project Censored radio show and "Along the Line" podcast.

This presentation is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the library at 802-463-4270, programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, or online at www.rockinghamlibrary.org. You can also visit the library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Dan Weber and The Milkhouse Heaters co-headline

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Dan Weber and The Milkhouse Heaters will co-headline Stage 33 Live in Bellows Falls Sunday, March 15 at 7 p.m.

Dan Weber won first place in the 2019 Woody Guthrie songwriting contest and is a rare three-time finalist in Kerrville's New Folk competition. His songs have been described as "reminiscent of early John Prine" and "insightful and awfully funny." His album "What I'm Lookin' For" rose to No. 2 on the folk charts, and he's toured extensively across the country.

The Milkhouse Heaters are beloved in the region for their strong writing and performances, ardent support of local live music, and compassionate living. Refugees of the Boston music scene, they were nominated for a Boston Music Award and have shared stages with The Black Crowes, Corey Glover, Fuel, Feeder, and Hum. Their songs are on compilations with G. Love and Special Sauce, Jack Johnson, Burning Spear, and The Mighty Mighty Bosstones.

Performing as The Milkhouse Heaters, they have closed for Billy Bragg and opened for Fred Eaglesmith. Two of their songs are featured on the "Shoulder to the Plough" CD, and they are repeat invited performers at the Roots on the River Festival.

The performances will be recorded and filmed. Seating is limited to 40. Tickets are available in advance online at www.stage33live.com.

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Jeanne Carbonetti watercolor paintings to be displayed

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Great Hall, at 100 River St. in Springfield, Vt., will host Chester, Vt. artist Jeanne Carbonetti's display of her luminous watercolor paintings. The show, entitled "Beauty and the Soul," will run from March 16 through June 13 and encompasses more than 40 paintings, including several pieces from her "Vivaldi Suite," a group of large paintings based on composer Antonio Vivaldi's Four Seasons Concertos. There will also be a selection from her "Summer Still Life" series, as well as other floral, still life, and landscape paintings.

Ten percent of sales from this show are to be donated to Springfield on the Move, a non-profit organization working to help revitalize Springfield's downtown and the surrounding areas.

While there will not be an opening reception, Carbonetti encourages people to visit the exhibit and to spend time with these works so that they can experience them on a personal level.

Jean Carbonetti painting.

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Her paintings have appeared in the fifth annual Juried Art Auction at the Corcoran Museum in Washington, D.C., and have been exhibited in private galleries in New England, California, Virginia, and New York City. Her art has been purchased by the Art in Embassies Program of the U.S. State Department, and the IBM Corporate Offices Executive Division collection, Washington, D.C. among others. Her work is also held in private collections throughout the United States, England, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, and Canada. By invitation, she displayed her paintings in the Fifth International Biennial of Contemporary Art, Florence, Italy in December of 2005. Her one-person show, "The Power of Beauty," served as the grand opening for the Vermont Institute of Contemporary Art.

Specializing in the power of the creative process, she is the author of "The Tao of Watercolor," "The Zen of Creative Painting," "The Yoga of Drawing," "Making Pearls: Living the Creative Life," "The Heart of Creativity: Imagination, Inspiration and Destiny," and "The Magic Heart: Three Myths to Live By." She is currently preparing a new book, "The Soul of Creativity: A Path for Inspired Living" and a children's book, entitled "The Myth of the Sacred Triangle."

The Great Hall is sponsored by Springfield Regional Development Corporation and is located at 100 River St. in Springfield, Vt.

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"The King and I" featured in Heald Auditorium

"The King and I" to be played in Heald Auditorium.

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LUDLOW, Vt. – On Saturday, March 14 at 7 p.m., FOLA will screen the 2015 Broadway production of Rogers and Hammerstein's "The King and I." As usual, it will be shown in the Heald Auditorium, upstairs in the Ludlow Town Hall. United Church of Ludlow will provide water and Berkshire Bank will provide popcorn.

"The King and I" musical was adapted from Margaret Landon's 1944 novel, "Anna and the King of Siam," which is based on the memoirs of Anna Leonowens, governess to the children of King Mongkut of Siam in the early 1860s. Before Rogers and Hammerstein turned it into a musical, the book became the basis for a 1946 Hollywood film starring Rex Harrison and Irene Dunne. Harrison was Rogers and Hammerstein's first choice for the musical as well, but Harrison was not available, so they settled on TV actor and director Yul Brenner.

At its heart, "The King and I" is about the clash of cultures. It centers on Anna, a genteel British widow, who comes to Siam with her young son Louis to teach the many children of that country's many-wived king. Troubles flare up between the King and the Anna, but also a mutual admiration and attraction as well. This leads to a complicated relationship between the two characters that propels the musical's narrative along.

We will be screening the 2015 Broadway revival starring Kelli O'Hara and Ken Watanabe. This production won a Tony for Best Revival. The screening will run two hours and 39 minutes.

Like many Rogers and Hammerstein productions, "The King and I" is a sumptuous musical filled with pomp and spectacle. Please join us Saturday, March 14 at the Ludlow Town Hall to experience this wonderful production.

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community news

Katrina Taylor named chief medical officer

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Springfield Medical Care Systems is pleased to announce Katrina Taylor, D.O., has been named chief medical officer effective Feb. 12, 2020.

Dr. Taylor completed her internship and residency in internal medicine at Bassett Healthcare in Cooperstown, N.Y.; and earned her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, Maine. She joined SMCS in September 2006, caring for patients at Ridgewood Internal Medicine on River Street in Springfield, Vt. as well as in the hospital. In 2008, she became the first full-time hospitalist at Springfield Hospital.

Katrina Taylor, D.O., has been named chief medical officer.
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Dr. Taylor has held the position of Springfield Hospital medical staff president, medical staff quality officer, and participated on the Credentials, Strategic Planning, and Medical Staff By-laws committees.

Dr. Taylor's work will include clinical oversite of all community health center locations, ensuring best practices are developed and utilized, and FQHC policies and procedures are followed. She will also work with the medical staff and administration on areas such as the electronic health record, provider recruitment and retention, and quality improvement initiatives seeking to maintain the highest level of quality of care and customer service.

Dr. Taylor's office is located at Springfield Health Center, 100 River St., Springfield, Vt. She can be reached at 802-886-8969 or ktaylor@springfieldmed.org.

Next Start Your Own Business workshop March 20

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Vermont Small Business Development Center would like to announce an upcoming workshop for those thinking about starting their own business. This workshop, titled "Starting Your Own Business," is aimed at helping future entrepreneurs turn their passions into a full-fledged business venture. The workshop will be held Friday, March 20 at the Springfield Regional Development Corporation office on Clinton Street in Springfield, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Starting a business can be challenging. The workshop, conducted by an experienced business advisor, is designed as a guide for the first-time business owner. Participants receive a comprehensive start-up workbook, handouts, and resources in marketing, financing, management, and operations. By the end the workshop, they will be well-informed about the tools and resources available to them and the "next steps" involved in launching a successful business. Register online at www.vtsbdc.org under the training tab.

A few workshop highlights include how to: use the "Business Model Canvas" to evaluate whether there is a viable business in their good idea; identify target customers and "unique selling proposition(s)"; register their business and apply for tax numbers; consider start-up costs, sales, expenses and financing options; pitch their idea and develop a business plan; plus much more.

Vermont Small Business Development Center is a nonprofit partnership of government, education, and business, organized to help Vermont small businesses succeed. No-cost, confidential advice is provided to existing business owners and new entrepreneurs throughout the state. The local VTSBDC office is located at Springfield Regional Development Corporation. For more information, visit www.vtsbdc.org or contact Debra Boudrieau at 802-885-2071 or dboudrieau@vtsbdc.org.

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Veterans' group applicants for nurses training scholarships –

REGION – The local chapter of The Forty and Eight, a national veterans' organization, is offering scholarships to qualified undergraduate students enrolled in academic programs of study leading to either associate's or bachelor's degrees in nursing. Although military experience is not required, these scholarships can help veterans in related military occupations prepare for civilian careers in the nursing profession.

The deadline is May 14, 2020 for submitting applications for scholarships to be awarded for the 2020 fall academic semester. Awards to successful applicants will be made by July 1, 2020. At least one stipend of no more than $1,000 will be available.

A national program to help alleviate the shortage of skilled nurses in this country has long been a special interest of La Société des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, the veterans' organization founded in 1920 and also known as "The Forty and Eight."

Since 1955, La Societé has provided over $33,400,450 and assisted more than 54,530 nurses in obtaining nursing degrees. In 2019, over $418,186 were donated with 330 nurses in training and 171 nurses graduated.

For more information about The Forty and Eight, the Nurses Training Program, and the Nurses Training Scholarship and application forms, please call Karlene DeVine at 802-877-6392 or email kdevine@myfairpoint.net.

Isaac Wilkinson second place in Good Citizen program

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Cavendish William French DAR chapter is proud to announce that Isaac Wilkinson of Bellows Falls Union High School has been selected by the Vermont DAR as second place winner in the Good Citizen scholarship program. This is the first year that Vermont DAR has awarded first and second places both in the female and male category.

Isaac and his family are invited to attend the DAR spring meeting to be held May 2, 2020 at the Langevin House in Randolph Center, Vt.

Isaac is the son of Chris and Kim Wilkinson of Bellows Falls, Vt.

Introducing Vermont's new Governor's School

REGION – A Vermont Governor's School is being launched by the Governor's Institutes of Vermont in summer 2020.

Designed to provide academic or artistic alongside leadership training for advanced high school learners, Governor's Schools exist in more than 20 other states. Vermont has had its own nonprofit iteration, the Governor's Institutes, for 38 years. In that time, GIV Institutes have let more than 10,000 students representing every Vermont community shape better futures by diving deep into the topics they care about, such as arts, technology and design, science, math, and engineering, but the new Governor's School will be the first to add a formal experiential leadership piece alongside each students' chosen area of study.

GIV Executive Director Karen Taylor Mitchell explains, "Last year, a statewide survey of rural community leaders including youth leaders revealed a pressing unmet need for youth leadership development. With GIV's statewide reach and accessibility, it was logical for GIV to step in and help fill that void."

"We are delighted that renowned leader and role model Hal Colston has stepped aboard to direct the Institute," continued Taylor Mitchell. Harold "Hal" Colston, a Vermont legislator, Winooski City Council member, and serial social and educational entrepreneur, will lead the eight-day session and help author the leadership curriculum.

"The Governor's Institutes provide unique enrichment activities outside of regular school, which is important for our kids," said Gov. Phil Scott. "This new Governor's School will fill a specific need for our rural communities, offering greater opportunity for Vermont students to learn critical leadership skills."

GIV partners throughout the state with colleges and professional experts to help students envision themselves in potential futures and careers. Students who are currently in ninth, 10th, or 11th grade can apply now at www.giv.org for summer 2020. Like all Governor's Institutes, tuition is sliding scale and designed to be affordable for all Vermonters. For more information, contact 802-865-4448 or apply@giv.org.

Keys to the Valley survey

REGION – Have you or someone you know been affected by the limited supply or high cost of homes in the region? Did you grow up here? Do you have concerns about new housing? Did you move for a job, family, school, or adventure? Are you living with roommates, friends, or other relatives? Are you renting an apartment, telecommuting, looking to move, or happy with your neighborhood? Has it been difficult to find a place to call home? Are you worried about how more development would affect you?

Take the Keys to the Valley public opinion survey and share your story. Your responses to the Keys to the Valley Initiative survey will provide a deeper understanding of what kind of homes are needed for those who want to move here, return here, and stay here. To take the public opinion survey, go to www.keystothevalley.com.

The Keys to the Valley Initiative is a collaboration between the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission, and Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission. The project seeks to better understand the need for homes in our 67-town region and to find solutions to the housing challenges that our communities and residents face.

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CALENDAR

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

MARCH 13 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Hypnosis Certification Course begins March 13 at The Synergy Center in Ludlow. The National Guild of Hypnotists official 100-hour course for certification as a hypnotist will be taught over a few weeks. There is course homework and flexibility built into the schedule to meet the demands of working professionals. More information, including pricing and full schedule, is available at www.synergycentervt.com and www.patientwhisperers.com.

MARCH 15 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – "Breath Portraits: Introduction to Painting as Meditation" Sunday, March 15, from noon-1:30 p.m. Explore the liberated land of creativity as illuminated by the clear and bright heartmind with artist, founder, and abbess of the Art Monastery, Suiko McCall. In this workshop, you will learn to meditate with the paintbrush in hand and play in the spontaneous freedom of gestural abstraction. Held at the UU Meetinghouse, 21 Fairground Rd. in Springfield. No charge, but must contact uuspringfieldvt@gmail.com to reserve a spot.

MARCH 17 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – "Understanding Lyme: Lecture and Book Signing" Tuesday, March 17 at 7 p.m. at Springfield Town Library. Alexis Chesney M.S., N.D., LAc is a naturopathic physician and acupuncturist specializing in Lyme and other tick-borne diseases. Her book is "Preventing Lyme and Other Tick-Borne Diseases."

MARCH 20 –
WESTMINSTER, Vt. – "Native Foods and Seeds" presentation Friday, March 20, from 6:30-8 p.m., at the Congregational Church of Westminster West, 44 Church St. in Westminster West. Roger Longtoe Sheehan of the Abenaki Elnu Tribe will talk about native food plants and medicine plants, Linda Longtoe Sheehan will display and sell her wonderful native-style jewelry, and Toni Kessler from Townshend will tell us about her project West River Seeds. For more information, contact Caitlin Adair at pcadair@sover.net.

THURSDAYS –
CHESTER, Vt. – Six Loose Ladies is offering a separate skill building workshop on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m., geared toward those who want to move on to more challenging projects. Participants must be able to cast-on, knit, and purl confidently. If you're not there, please check into our basic learn to knit class. The skill building workshops are free, but you must reserve a spot by calling the shop at 802-875-7373 or email 6looseladies@gmail.com.

FRIDAYS –
CHESTER, Vt. – International Folk Dancing Classes at the Chester Town Hall on Fridays, from 10:30 a.m. - noon, running through May 29. Beginner to intermediate level. No partner needed. For details, email goodwood@vermontel.net.

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

CLUBS

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

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

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.

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On March 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the VFW on Lovers Lane in Charlestown, N.H., River Valley Animal Protection League will be having a potluck dinner to help support the shelter. There will be raffles, a cake auction, and door prizes. Hope to see you all there to help support our furry friends.

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COMMUNITY MEALS

MARCH 13 –
ROCKINGHAM, Vt. – Bartonsville Grange Dinner Friday, March 13, from 5-7 p.m. Located at 116 Upper Bartonsville Rd. in Rockingham. Menu includes corned beef dinner with all the fixings and a variety of desserts. Children under the age of 5 are free. If you have any questions, please call 802-376-5504.

MARCH 13 –
GRAFTON, Vt. – St. Patrick's Noon Time Supper Sunday, March 15, from noon -3 p.m., at the Grafton Chapel, 3 Main Street in Grafton. Tickets available in advance and at the door. Proceeds to benefit the Grafton Historical Society. For details, email grafhist@vermontel.net.

MARCH 14 –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Corned beef and cabbage dinner with Irish soda bread and homemade desserts! Come join us Saturday, March 14 at the Annunciation Church Parish Hall at 7 Depot St., from 5 p.m. until gone. Take-out available. Come hear the bagpipers!

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The United Methodist Church free second Saturday Supper will be Saturday, March 14 at 5 p.m. at 10 Valley St. in Springfield. This month's Lenten menu is flavorful creamed tuna, salad, rolls, and a delicious dessert. The supper will be served at 5 p.m. and everyone is welcome!

MARCH 18 –
LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Winter Soup Social at Neighborhood Connections Wednesday, March 18 at noon at The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections. Meals are free; donations are welcomed. Residents of all ages are welcome. Any questions, including transportation needs, please call Neighborhood Connections at 802-824-4343.

MARCH 21 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – North Springfield Baptist Church will hold a ham supper Saturday, March 21, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Menu includes ham, raisin sauce, mashed potatoes, carrots, coleslaw, breads and rolls, dessert, and beverage. Children 5 and under are free. Take-out available - call ahead at 802-886-8107 and we'll do our best to have them ready for you. The church is handicapped accessible.

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.

FRIDAYS –
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – Meatless Lenten meals, fully cooked, to go only on Fridays through Friday, April 10 during Lent at the Charlestown Congregational Church in Charlestown. All meals include a side dish and dessert. Pick up times are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., or 4-6 p.m. For cost and menu details and to reserve meals, contact Jo Bacon at 603-826-3969.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – St. Mary's annual Lenten Fish Fry every Friday, now through April 10, featuring fried or baked haddock, from 5-7 p.m., at St. Mary's Nolin-Murray Center in Springfield. Take-out available.

SATURDAYS –
CHESTER, Vt. – Gassetts Grange Community Breakfast is on the second Saturday of the month, from 8-9:30 a.m. Menu includes bacon, sausage, sausage gravy on biscuits, eggs, homefries, pancakes (blueberry and plain), toast, real Vermont syrup, orange juice and tomato juice, coffee, tea, or cocoa. Cost per person.

EVENTS

MARCH 14 –
ASCUTNEY, Vt. – Weathersfield ninth annual Town Trivia Challenge Saturday, March 14 at the Weathersfield School in Ascutney. Representatives from at least nine boards and committees will compete in seven categories: spelling, town history, current events, sports, "Name that Tune," geography, and literature. Prizes for the winning team and the team that shows the most spirit. Door prizes and refreshments. Optional donation at the door and opportunity to sponsor a favorite team. Sponsored by Weathersfield Proctor Library. Call 802-674-6863 for further information.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Join us for a fun evening of games and crafting at the UU Meetinghouse in Springfield Saturday, March 14, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring a craft, knitting, mending project, or coloring. Bring your own game or play one of ours. All welcome!

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Join us Saturday, March 14 at Wunderbar at 22 Rockingham St. in the square in Bellows Falls for our monthly Discoteca Latin Dance Party featuring DJ El Duque. No cover. Nightclub dance party atmosphere in the beautiful spacious restaurant, bar, and biergarden Wunderbar. Bespoke cocktails all made in-house all night.

MARCH 19 –
WESTON, Vt. – Londonderry Conservation Commission presents a showing of the film "The Pollinators" Thursday, March 19 at 7 p.m. at the Walker Farm in Weston. For details, email andi.fusco@gmail.com.

MARCH 21 –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Wundergroove Dance Party at Wunderbar in Bellows Falls Saturday, March 21, from 9:30 p.m. - 1 a.m. No cover. DJ D.V.A. will be spinning a diverse mix of funky dance tunes through the ages. Nightclub dance party atmosphere, loud music, flashing lights, and great bespoke cocktails and mocktails all made in-house. Inclusive happy vibe, all welcome, come dance with us!

KIDS' CORNER

MONDAYS –
CHESTER, Vt. – Community Art Garden is having Family Art Class for babies, toddlers, and siblings every Monday from Feb. 24 through March 30, from 10-11 a.m. This is a class for babies, toddlers, and their caregivers. Older siblings welcome as well. This is a time to bond with your young children in a safe, fun environment with other families. Sensory art stations, messy art play, child led process art, take home projects.

TUESDAYS –
CHESTER, Vt. – Tuesday Tinkers at Community Art Garden Tuesdays now through March 31, from 3-4:30 p.m. Loose parts art exploration geared towards artists who like to tinker and construct. First project will be to build a robot that really moves. Each participant will purchase a tinker kit, which includes a DC hobby motor and two AA batteries to get their robot moving.

LIBRARIES

MARCH 12 –
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – "Planning Your Vegetable Garden" at Springfield Town Library Thursday, March 12, from 6-7 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. All attendees will receive free seeds; a handout listing the dates for starting, sowing, and transplanting seedlings in our region; and a bottle of Dr. Bronner's soap for washing up after gardening. The Free Seed Library is a project of VINE Sanctuary in coordination with the Springfield Town Library.

MARCH 14 –
LONDONDERRY, Vt. – The South Londonderry Free Library is celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a special program for kids Saturday, March 14 at 10:30 a.m. Casey Junker Bailey, who has traveled to Ireland and is somewhat of an expert on fairies, will share stories and help children make their own leprechauns and fairy folk. Please join us for the fun. The program is free of charge and appropriate for kids of all ages. For more information, contact the library at 802-824-3371.

THURSDAYS –
PUTNEY, Vt. – Join the Westminster West Public Library for Community Board Game Night on the first Thursday of the month through May 7. Teens and adults are invited to join their fellow board gamers for a fun night of strategy and community! Bring your own favorite game or play one of ours. Multiple game tables will be available.

MEETINGS

WEDNESDAYS –
LUDLOW, Vt. – Black River Area Community Coalition meets third Wednesdays in the community room of the Fletcher Memorial Library, Main Street, in Ludlow, starting at 5:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.braccvt.org.

MUSIC & THEATER

FEB. 26 – MARCH 15 –
WHITE RIVER JCT, Vt. – Northern Stage presents "Citrus" from Feb. 26 – March 15 at the Barrette Center for the Arts in White River Jct. A riveting choreopoem, "Citrus" chronicles the struggle and resilience of black women in America from 1840 through the present day with music, dance, and spoken word. For show times and tickets, visit www.northernstage.org.

MARCH 14 –
WESTON, Vt. – Walker Farm Music presents Upstate at Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm Saturday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. Upstate first emerged from New York's Hudson Valley in 2015 with their critically acclaimed debut, "A Remedy." For details, show times, and tickets, visit www.westonplayhouse.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The second-to-last session of the Second-Saturday Synthfest Series at Stage 33 is Saturday, March 14 at 7 p.m. at 33 Bridge St. in Bellows Falls. Live celebrating synthesizer performance, circuit-bending, and sound manipulation. Donation requested. More information at www.stage33live.com.

MARCH 15 –
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – "A Stroll Down Main Street by Slideshow" Sunday, March 15 at 2 p.m. at Charlestown Town Hall. The public is invited to this free program. The Charlestown Heritage and Historic District Commission will present a narrated slideshow of the Main Street National Register District update.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAYS –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Overeaters Anonymous Meeting, from 7-8 p.m., 44 School St., Bellows Falls. Please call 802-376-3507.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – NAMI Vermont Connection Recovery Support Group is a mental illness support group. It provides a forum to share experiences and learn about opportunities and challenges regardless of diagnostics. HCRS, CRT Room, 390 River St. Meets every Monday from 1-2 p.m. For more information, call 800-639-6480 or visit www.namivt.org.

TUESDAYS –
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – TOPS Chapter Vermont 12 meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Social Center, 39 Green St. in Bellows Falls. Come to TOPS, a nonprofit, noncommercial, weight loss support group that really works. Every week there are interesting programs that touch on topics that help us in our quest for weight loss. We share healthy recipes for main meals and snacks. Your first meeting is free. Bring a friend; you won't be disappointed. Visit our website www.tops.org for more information.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Weight Loss Support Group meets every Tuesday, from 10:30 a.m. – noon at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Rd., in Townshend. Instructor is Grace Cottage Health coach Liz Harrison. Call 802-365-3766.

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

WEDNESDAYS –
ASCUTNEY, Vt. – Twin State Depression Support Group meets on the third Wednesday at Martin Memorial Hall, Lower Level, 5259 Route 5, Ascutney at 6:30 p.m. Do you know or think you may be depressed? Have a friend or family member who has depression? Then this group is for you! Support, empathy, sharing, education, confidentiality, and peer-led. Contact TwinStateDSG@gmail.com or 641-715-3900, ext. 650055#.

CHESTER, Vt. – Co-Dependents Anonymous meets on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Whiting Library in Chester. Find out more about CoDA at www.coda.org. For more information regarding this meeting, contact Sarah E. at sarahcoda2016@gmail.com.

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Weekly clean and sober 12-Step Meeting. Support group meets at Neighborhood Connections next to the Londonderry Post Office at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Twin State Depression Support Group meets on the fourth Wednesday at Turning Point Recovery Center, 7 Morgan St., Springfield at 6:30 p.m. Do you know or think you may be depressed? Have a friend or family member who has depression? Then this group is for you! Support, empathy, sharing, education, confidentiality, and peer-led. Contact TwinStateDSG@gmail.com or 641-715-3900 ext. 650055#.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. – Living Alone Support Group meets on the third Wednesday of every month, from 10:15-11:45 a.m. at Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Rd., in Townshend. Free. Call 802-365-4115 x108.

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

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

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IMERYS Talc

Imerys Talc, the leader in the talc mining and processing, has openings for an Electrician, Mine Manager, and an Operator C in Ludlow, Vermont. The ideal candidate(s) for these roles will support the locations health, safety, environmental and quality programs (HSEQ).

Electrician - The Electrician performs layouts, installation, repair, programming, maintenance and replacement of electrical, PLC components. Runs wire, cable, and conduit. Position pays at $27.19.

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

Operator B – This position operators plant/packaging equipment and forklift, loader, and manlift. Insures bulk trucks and bulk railcars are loaded properly. Position starts at $20.14 per hour, after successfully completing probationary period wage increases to $22.38.

For more complete information and to apply go to www.indeed.com and search under Imerys - Ludlow, Vermont.

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Chester-Andover Elementary School
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Chester-Andover Elementary School has begun the process of registration for children who will be eligible for Kindergarten for the 2020/2021 school year. Children must be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2020.

Please stop by or call the office at (802) 875-6832 to let us know that your child will be attending.

TOWN OF CHESTER
OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY

The Town of Chester would like to extend an invitation to get involved in your community. There are volunteer positions that are open for reappointment. These are great opportunities to serve your community and get involved.

Planning Commission Member – 3 year term
Development Review Board Member – 3 year term

All interested parties should send their ***letter of interest no later than 3:00 p.m. on March 12, 2020*** to the Town Manager's Office at the Chester Town Office, P.O. Box 370, Chester, Vermont, 05143, or contact the Chester Town Office at 875-2173.

Town of Grafton, Vermont
117 Main St., P.O. Box 180, Grafton, VT 05146
Invitation to Bid

The Town of Grafton (herein Town) is seeking sealed proposals for the removal of existing culvert (81"x59"x 50' long) and headwalls and installation of a CONCRETE BOX CULVERT, HINKLEY BROOK ROAD, GRAFTON, VT, TH 6, Culvert #11: Labor, material and equipment to remove existing culvert and supply and install a concrete box culvert 50 feet long x 12' wide x 7' high width and height are inside dimensions, with 6-inch high bed retention sills in the bottom, includes headwalls, cutoff walls, wingwalls, 'V' shaped bottom, E2 stone for infill, 24" embedment. 50 ft. of guardrail is to be installed. Culvert should allow for guard rail attachment on both ends. Bid shall be condition on and shall include a maximum road closure not to exceed 10 working days (2 weeks) from beginning to end, and, work to be initiated and concluded during 2020 construction period ending Oct 15, 2020. Certificate of Insurance must accompany bid. Site visit Mon. 3-3-2020 @ 10 AM. Sealed bids in plainly marked envelope "HB Road Culvert #11 Bid" brought or sent to address above on or before 4 PM Thursday, 4-16-2020 for opening at Selectboard meeting 4-20-2020 6 PM at Town Garage. For details of bid process and requirements, see https://graftonvt.org/?page_id=2509 or call or email Town Administrator 802 843 2552 townadmin@graftonvt.org.