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Grafton and Windham reject wind power project

BY LOHR MCKINSTRY

The Shopper

WINDHAM, Vt. - After voters in Windham and Grafton both rejected a large-scale wind power project in their towns, the company says it will pull out.

In Grafton, the wind project died by a vote of 235 to 158, and in Windham, voters passed on the project 181 to 101.

The Spanish energy company Iberdrola Renewables had sought to build Vermont's largest wind project, 24 turbines, in Windham and Grafton.

Iberdrola Renewables will honor the votes and "cease development of the Stiles Brook Wind Project unless the communities reconsider their decision," spokesman Paul Copleman said.

Two grass-roots organizations, Grafton Woodlands Group and

Friends of Windham, formed to oppose the project.

The Grafton group issued a statement after the vote: "(We will) fight to the end to preserve our ridgelines in Vermont. We will seek energy solutions that make less of a footprint while respecting Grafton's own unique environment and character."

The opposition groups said the project the turbines could have negative impacts on aesthetics, property values, the environment and human health. Iberdrola countered that the turbines would not harm neighbors' health.

Meadowsend Timberlands Ltd., the property owner, supported the project, saying the Stiles Brook turbines would be a source of renewable energy and would deter the effects of climate change.

Although that poll was non-binding, second-homeowners in Grafton were also opposed, 152 to 35, with

14 undecided. In Windham, 171 out of 190 nonresident property owners who voted in that poll opposed the wind project.

Iberdrola was criticized for offering a community-benefit package for the two towns of \$1.5 million annually. That included partnership payments of \$565,000 annually to residents of Windham and Grafton if the wind project was built.

The towns, under state law, don't have veto power over the project, but Iberdrola said it would abide by the results of the referendums.

"We are confident that the project would be a valuable and significant benefit to the local communities of Grafton and Windham, while also making an impact towards energy independence and climate change," Copleman said.

Quilt display shows vibrant art

BY MARY ELLEN CANNON

The Shopper

ALSTEAD, N.H. - Peek in on bursts of vibrant color and shapes in



Butterfly quilt by Susan Robbins.
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art quilts at the Shedd Porter Library this fall.

This November the library hosts art quilts, with an exhibit of 10-foot-by-7-foot quilts showcasing the talents of 50 different artists who work in fabric.

The Studio Arts Quilt Associates Inc. traveling Trunk Show is now at the Shedd Porter Library. The show is named for its compactness — it fits into a trunk for its journey.

This exhibit started in 2014 in Kentucky and has been across the U.S. and shown in other countries.

The Shedd Porter Library is its last stop this year.

The Studio Art Quilts Associates Inc. solicited new creations this month from members for their 2017 Trunk Show.

Quilters can find more information on the association's web site: www.saqa.com.

Shedd Porter Library itself is worth a visit simply for

its beauty and the friendliness of staff.

The library is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the New Hampshire Register of Historic Places.

The library is Beaux-Arts style, the English equivalent of fine arts, an ornate classical revival style named Beaux Arts because it was taught at L'Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris in the 19th century. An 1893 exposition in Chicago popularized the style.

The library was the gift of John Graves Shedd and Mary Roenna Porter Shedd.

The ornate dome inside the library makes this a stand out among the several beautiful libraries in New Hampshire that were designed by Boston architects William H. McLean and Albert H. Wright.

Stopping in the library, Jim Rid-enour, a visitor from Albany, N.Y., offered his view.

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Revitalize Springfield with a river walk, roundabout, and parking garage

BY BRANDY TODT

The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Main Street Meet up at The Tavern of the Hartness House Inn was recently packed with people that seem to genuinely care about Springfield's future.

A variety of age groups came to give ideas, ask questions and begin the process of making Springfield great once more with a long-range master plan for the community's future.

The Town of Springfield, along with the Towns of Chester and Montpelier, received one of three grants given out each year to Vermont towns. The grants are funded through the Strong Communities, Better Connections program of the Vermont Agency of Transportation and Agency of Commerce and Community Development.

The \$67,000 grant given to Springfield is to create a master plan that will help direct and guide the town in revitalization. A master plan will also position Springfield to be able to apply for future grants.

Carolyn Radisch, senior project manager at Grenman-Pedersen, Inc., the company working with the Town of Springfield on writing the master plan, gave a small speech.



Top image of current Clinton Street, bottom image with new proposed Clinton street.
PHOTO BY BRANDY TODT

"Things can change for the better," she said. "The plan is looking to improve public places, make the downtown more attractive and increase pedestrian friendliness, and allow for people to engage with the Black River."

The river was previously seen and utilized for manufacturing but now it can be a source of creating a better quality of life. A River Walk, beginning at 100 River St. near the Springfield Health Center and continuing downstream until the Senior Center, will lure more people downtown for an experience they will not

forget, she said. She said the falls are beautiful, but not seen or able to be enjoyed.

Imagine sitting on a bench, eating a sandwich and listening to the roar of the falls; this is possible with a River Walk, Radisch said.

The Hanley Building is being considered for dining, a brewery, offices, or public art space. Big department stores are out; small local businesses are in.

Springfield does not have enough traffic volume to need the four lanes

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Stearns' position abruptly comes to an end

BY JOEL SLUTSKY

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The employment of Bellows Falls/Rockingham Municipal Manager Willis "Chip" Stearns II has abruptly ended over the Bartonville Bridge debris controversy.

A departure agreement was signed between Stearns, the Rockingham Town Selectboard and Bellows Falls Village Board of Trustees at a recent joint board meeting.

Stearns had been criticized for disposing of the covered bridge remains without notifying elected officials or the public, and giving some of it to his brother-in-law.

The debris belonged to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, which held the insurance policy on the bridge that was destroyed by Tropical Storm Irene in 2011. The league had asked Stearns to dispose of the debris.

At an executive session of the Bellows Falls Village Trustees meeting that followed, a motion was passed that the trustees enter into an interim municipal manager contract with Shane O'Keefe for six months, and authorized the village president to negotiate the contract agreement with counsel review.

O'Keefe resigned his position as municipal manager in Bellows Falls/Rockingham in 2006.

The agreement with Stearns came on the heels of a Nov. 1 Selectboard meeting where a statement read by Town Counsel Steven Ankuda concerning the transport of the remains of the Bartonville Bridge explained Stearns' involvement.

The reality of the agreement sent shock waves to many in attendance. The absence of Stearns was felt at a trustees meeting that immediately followed his separation, as agenda items including updates on the water and wastewater projects, could not be discussed.

Katie Dearborn, whose children attend school in Bellows Falls, stated that the Bartonville Bridge debris issue was the reason that led to Stearns feeling that he had to leave.

"This is a huge loss to the town," Dearborn said.



An empty seat behind former municipal manager's nametag.
PHOTO BY JOEL SLUTSKY

Dearborn noted that Stearns is of a caliber that the board will not find again, from managing the community, to finances, to doing the municipal computer network work.

She requested that the board reflect on themselves, and noted that when it comes time for people to vote for them they may not find themselves in office.

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Lions Club invites community to make a difference

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Lions Club is seeking civic-minded men and women to join them in making a difference in the community. The club is hosting an informational evening on Tuesday, November 22 for people who want to learn more about the club and its work.

"Our club gives members an opportunity to advance worthy causes,

serve with friends, and become leaders in the community. This club means a lot to our Lions, but it means so much more to the people we serve," said Julie Beauchain, club president.

The information session will be held at the Springfield VFW starting at 5:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. District Governor Joe Wilson, also a member of the Springfield Li-

ons Club will speak on what it means to be a Lion. Ms Beauchain and the entire Springfield club encourage the public to come out and learn more about the club's work.

"We want to share the great things we're doing in the community, and let others know how they can help," said President Beauchain.

The Lions' motto is "We Serve," and the Springfield Lions Club has lived

up to it. For almost 80 years, the club has raised money in various ways to support their projects. A couple of these events are their Christmas tree sales in the Springfield Plaza and their annual children's fishing derby held each summer. With these and other fundraising projects, they have provided many services including eyeglasses to hundreds of individuals in the Springfield area. Their newest

service project is the use of a vision-screening camera that detects various irregularities in the eye. They have gone to several area schools and, with Lion volunteers screen students then provided a detailed report to both the school nurse and the parent with recommendations for further testing by a professional if warranted.

It is important to note here that every dollar donated to Lions Clubs In-

ternational and the individual clubs go back out to serve their communities wherever the need may arise. To learn more about the information session, the Springfield Lions Club or its service projects, contact Lion Richard Fellenz, Membership Chair at 802-885-8130.

For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit lionsclubs.org.

Everyone can sing

BY MARY ELLEN CANNON
The Shopper

KEENE, N.H. - That all of us are born to sing is what Nancy Salwen believes, and she hopes her just-published book will help everyone get there.

"The Fear of Singing Breakthrough Program - Learn to Sing Even if You

think You Can't Carry a Tune" hit local bookstores and Amazon.com this fall.

Singers should take note, too, as the exercises and anecdotes Salwen shares could alter encounters with non-singers. Salwen includes a website with videos to accompany text in the book.

Nancy Salwen lives and works in Keene, NH, and is a graphic artist and

Music Together early childhood music educator.

She teaches group and private singing lessons. As a child she sang to comfort herself in the bustle of New York City, her hometown.

Her own journey to giving singing lessons and writing her book begins with joy in singing and stage fright.

Salwen explains she turned to visual arts rather than music as a career due to fear of public performances. She never lost her love of singing. She jammed with friends and joined a women's chorus.

Her skills as a graphic artist shine in the set-up of the book.

Quotes on music and life add to the book's lessons and diagrams on vocal-

ization. Lao Tzu, father of Taoism, and Billy Joel are quoted.

"Music in the soul can be heard by the universe," she said "I think music itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity."

Salwen credits a Village Harmony singing camp as turning point for her. Inspired, she took harmony-singing lessons, developed song leading skills, and took courses to become certified Music Together early childhood educator.

She designed and ran her first Fear of Singing workshop in 2010. She uses her bouts with stage fright to help her empathize with students.

She's moved on, she said, and they can too.

Students share stories of the moment someone told them to not sing, she said.

The myth on singing, that "either you have it or you don't," drives her crazy, she said.

Non-singers can grow into singing, lose fear and play with rhythm and songs, Salwen believes.

Losing fear of singing creates other changes in life, she said.

"When someone tells me that after a lifetime of considering themselves a non-singer they have joined a community chorus," Salwen said. "I know I'm doing the work I'm meant for. This is my love and joy."

Village Square Bookstore in Bellows Falls, Vt, will host Salwen on Satur-



Nancy Salwen with a student. PHOTO PROVIDED

day, Dec. 10 at 11 a.m.

Salwen offers, in her home at 42 Douglas St., Keene, drum/percussion circle and music improvisation the first Thursday of the month for free.

For details and information on programs, call 603-721-1492, or email her at: nancy@salwen.net

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currently on Clinton Street, Radisch said. Another part of the plan is to convert this road from four lanes to three lanes, with two single direction lanes and a middle turning lane.

This controversial proposal would rebalance the excessive space being taken up by the extra lanes and reconfigure that for bikers and pedes-

trians, Radisch said. Trees would be planted along Clinton to create visual appeal for travelers coming into Springfield.

A single roundabout was proposed at the intersection of Clinton, Mineral, Main and South streets. This feature would slow down and steady the traffic allowing for better pedestrian crossing, Radisch said.

A simple public space improvement is the cinema plaza, where visibility is a problem. Remove the shrubs, put in some benches and create a focal point with a sculpture, Radisch said.

She said Springfield is already on its way with creative expression but the plan would emphasize more public art that strengthens Springfield's identity.

Kathleen Marshall, who moved to Springfield in 2000, would like to see better curb appeal with the shops on Main Street, along with a candy shop, bakery and a higher-end clothing boutique.

Springfield doesn't own many municipal parking spaces, which is another issue the master plan would resolve.

Building a downtown parking garage was received well many of those in attendance.

"The townspeople want Springfield to change," resident David Hienckley said. "Many may not know, but Springfield has one of the fastest Internet speeds, (and) this is a big asset to the town, but it's not being utilized. An asset like that would draw the remote workers, entrepreneurs, and programmers.

"Springfield was never a tourist town, it was manufacturing and it can still be, but in high tech manufacturing such as 3D printing," he continued. "The structures are here waiting to be revived."

Springfield Town Manager Tom Yenerell encouraged everyone to go to their website and give ideas, ask questions.

"We want to build something that the community is looking for," he said. "Please provide your input."

The website is www.springfieldmp.wixsite.com

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QUILTS

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"Really gorgeous library and the quilts, very cool," he said. "I can see the waves and the rocks in this blue and green piece. Very nice."

The art quilts span a wide range of colors, textures, and fabrics plus non-fabric adornments. Pieces are hand sewn and machine sewn.

Some pieces tell straight forward stories, the blue and green waves and rocks, earth and water theme quilt or the woman reaching arms outstretched to sky for joy quilt. Other more abstract quilts strike the viewer based on colors and geometry.

The quilting itself is the main art in some pieces, while more background on others. An exhibit guide frames questions for visitors to consider and suggests viewing all the quilts before reading the artists' stories that accompany the quilts.

The Shedd Porter Library is free and open to the public. Hours are Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closing at 3 p.m. on Thanksgiving eve), Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (closed Thanksgiving), Fridays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon.

Westminster celebrates oldest residents

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Westminster Cares and town residents celebrated Westminster's 90-plus-year-old citizens during Westminster Cares' annual meeting at the Westminster Fire House.

Westminster has fourteen residents who are 90 years of age or older. Nine still live independently in the area and seven attended the event: Judith Berkley, Charlotte Kurkul, Frank Cuomo, Phyllis Anderson, Bob Gay, Dot Perry and

Artie Aiken—who is 103 years old. Of the fourteen, one is 90, two are 91, two are 92, three are 93, three are 94, two are 95 and one is 103.

Pete Harrison, vice president, and Don Dawson, board member, gave a video presentation featuring our honored guests. The presentation included photos of wedding days, houses, family members, college years, baby pictures and several others.

Westminster Cares next board

meeting is at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 7 at the Westminster Institute. Everyone is invited to attend. Consider volunteering for this local organization, a nonprofit organization that works with seniors and disabled adults in Westminster, to help them remain healthy and independent in the community.

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Saxtons River luncheon, Brattleboro Area Hospice

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - Brattleboro Area Hospice (BAH) is now reaching out to better serve the communities of Saxtons River, Bellows Falls, Grafton, Townshend and Westminster as well as the greater Brattleboro Area. On Friday, Nov. 18, at the Saxtons River Cares senior lunch, Kathy Leo, Hospice Care Coordinator for the northern region, will share information

about the many free programs BAH offers the community.

Saxtons River Cares, a program of Saxtons River Community Building, hosts senior lunches once a month at noon in the dining room of Christ's Church at 24 Main Street in Saxtons River. For information or to make a lunch reservation, contact Donna at dandr.anderson@gmail or 869-3582.

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Dearborn stated that she felt it is an embarrassment to the community to lose someone with Stearns's ability.

Villager Doug MacPhee said he was 100 percent in support of Stearns.

"He has been one of the best managers we have had," MacPhee said.

Villager Tom MacPhee stated that the board has made a big mistake.

Trustees Chair Myles Mickle stated that this was a mutual agreement, but Tom MacPhee responded that he did not believe it was as mutual as they said.

Many board members took turns to praise the efforts of Stearns, but to many their comments were considered ironic and disingenuous.

Rockingham Selectboard Chair Lamont Barnett stated that he did not work with Stearns very long, but thought that everyone appreciated the tremendous skill set that Stearns brought to the table and, going forward, if he chooses to remain in municipal government, any municipality will be greatly improved by his presence.

lectboard and Stearns was not to Stearns's advantage and wished him luck.

Golec also stated that he believed they are going to have a big hole to fill and it was going to cost the community in tax money and severe ramifications down the road.

"It is a sad commentary that we hire people here and once they are hired the board finds a way to dispose of them," Golec said. "My term is up in March; at that point I am done, I've had it."

Selectboard member Ann DiBernardo, who was at odds with Stearns during the Bartonville debris situation, simply said, "This did not have to happen."

Among the accolades in the agreement of Stearns service to the community included:

Beginning in April, 2013 Stearns was appointed as acting municipal manager, in addition to finance director, and has served in both capacities until the present, saving substantial expense.

Stearns oversaw completion of the Rockingham Free Public Library renovation project, oversaw collection of losses from parties involved in that

construction project and developed a process to resolve the cash deficit between the town and the Library Board of Trustees. Stearns's financial oversight and management resulted in clean financial audits for fiscal years 2011-2015.

After the board's comments, Villager Nancy Kovaleff stated that she would like to go back to the glowing recommendations in the agreement and that the board came into this meeting stating they were not prepared for the outcome, but the board had a choice, to accept the agreement or not, and would like to know the reasons why the board chose to accept the agreement.

Mickle stated that his understanding was that Stearns was unwilling to continue, and that he wanted to part ways immediately.

Kovaleff said that the Selectboard owed the town an explanation as to how things got to this point and believes it needs to come out.

Barnett responded that the agreement that the board just signed prohibits them from saying anything more other than what has already been said, and what has already been

Imber's Left Hand—

WALPOLE, N.H. - Join us at Hastings Parish House at the Walpole Unitarian Church for a special showing and discussion of the movie "Imber's Left Hand," Friday, Nov. 18, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The movie documents an artist's courageous and sometimes darkly humorous response to a death sentence, a diagnosis of ALS. The film traces his life, his career, and his adaptations, switching from paint-

ing from his right hand to his left, and then to both hands held at his waist as the degenerative condition progresses.

Adversity only makes him more determined to paint, and paint he does: more than 100 portraits in a four-month span! Rev. Kitsy Winthrop will lead the discussion following the showing, and we'll all share popcorn and refreshments! No charge just spread the word and invites your friends!

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Mickle noted that he also is new to the board, but that this was a mutual agreement.

Trustee Evelyn Weeks said that she also was in support of Stearns, and felt that this is a big loss for the village, but noted that Stearns asked the board to sign the agreement, and they have.

Trustee Steven Adams noted that he has had limited experience on the board, but his interactions with Stearns were professional. He felt it was unfortunate not to be able to work with him in the future and wished him the best in his endeavors.

Trustee Colin James stated that from the beginning he was against the decision to release Stearns, and felt that Stearns had gone above and beyond any other manager. James also noted that the separation agreement was brought to the joint board by Stearns.

Selectman Peter Golec stated that he regretfully signed the agreement only because it benefits Stearns. He noted that the relationship between the Se-

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Fraud is rampant in the Twin State Valley region —

BY MARILYN LEDOUX

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

REGION — The telephone rings and a pleasant voice tells you that you have won a lottery.

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All you have to do is mail or wire part of that money to someone who handled the transaction.

If you fall for this ploy, you will lose your money.

The one many older people fall for is the telephone call that your grandchild is in trouble. It may be sickness, an accident, or he/she is being evicted. He/she needs \$3,000 to help with expenses, get out of jail, or pay back rent.

Call the child's parents first, see if

they know anything about this.

Call the local police in the town where the accident happened. If it did happen, they will know.

This type of call is something most grandparents would have a hard time refusing.

Single women in the area may meet a man online on a social network. He falls madly in love with you, can't wait to see you, but he needs money for the plane ticket.

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the person, who is now joint on the account, could be the owner of all their money.

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If you do have a family member or trusted friend on your account, watch your statement carefully each month.

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If you have any questions, call the Vermont Attorney General's Office at 802-828-3171.

In New Hampshire, call the New Hampshire Attorney General at 603-271-3658.

You may also call: Vermont Adult Protective Services at 1-800-564-1612, or the Customer Financial Protection Bureau at 1-855-411-2372.

(The above warning is from a speech given by Paul Lassen, vice president for compliance and risk management at Heritage Family Credit Union in Ludlow, Vt.)

The Other Side of Cannabis —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Greater Falls Connections will be showing the documentary film *The Other Side Of Cannabis* on Thursday, November 17 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Rockingham Free Public Library. The film viewing will be followed by a rich discussion. The showing is free and open to the public.

Marijuana today is stronger than in the past, and growing evidence shows that THC use comes with risks for youth. This is an independent film created by ordinary citizens interested in bringing attention to the negative effects of marijuana on our youth--adolescents, teenagers and young adults whose brains are still forming.

The film reaches out to our youth, as well as educators, medical and health profession-

The Other Side of Cannabis

Negative Effects of Marijuana on Mental Health
A DOCUMENTARY

"The Other Side of Cannabis," a film on the negative effects of marijuana.

PHOTO PROVIDED

als, researchers, and media, in addition to recovery and treatment center programs, behavioral health departments, law enforcement, and others who influence our youth. In order to make an informed deci-

sion to use marijuana, it is important to know the potential risks.

The film is neither about legalization nor medicinal treatments. A trailer for the film may be viewed at www.thersideofcannabis.com.

Arts & Crafts Expo needs more vendors! —

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - REMINDER there are spaces still available for crafters & artists at the annual Arts & Crafts Expo, Charlestown Town Hall, Sat. 12/3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is a fee per set-up. Coffee, donuts and hot lunch provided to registrants. To reserve your space contact Judi at 826-9943.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

Ron Patch is a Chester native, Chester Historical Society president, Historian at Olive Branch Lodge #64 and a lifelong antiques dealer. He can be reached at 802-374-0119 or email knotz69@gmail.com

Iry's idea of heaven

Peter Farrar supplied the story that was written by Lucile Richardson about an event that happened in West.

"From the kitchen window I watched this strange little man trudge up the hill to our farmhouse. Pa and my husband were in the yard sawing wood with the gasoline engine and showed no surprise at his appearance. They paused a moment to exchange greetings, and presently the newcomer shed his old coat and began to help handle the wood.

"Better put on another plate on the table," said Ma, "that's Iry."

The year was 1934, we were living on the old family farm in Vermont and that was my introduction to Ira Borden. Iry, as he was called, was a homeless wanderer who travelled the roads of this part of Vermont, going at will from farm to farm and stopping a spell wherever he was sure his offer to "help out awhile" would be accepted. He came unannounced and stayed as long as he wished. He worked without pay – just his meals and tobacco were all he asked. Iry lacked education, but we suspected he well knew on just which farms he would find the best cooks.

But at this time Iry was growing old, and since he never was a robust man, he seemed to shrink in size and less and less able to really be of much help. Nevertheless, my folks welcomed him when he came and made him comfortable while he stayed. Pa never asked him to do much, just let him do what he felt like.

Iry liked Pa, and always when he arrived he would announce, "This time he was going to stay – he liked Mr. Rich-son," as he called our name.

The folks took this statement with a grain of salt, for as surely as the sun rose, Iry

would be seen some morning on his way in from the barn with his head up, scanning the sky as if searching for some sign, and shortly thereafter Iry would disappear as he had come, without warning.

This had been Iry's life for years. He never talked much about his personal affairs, and nobody knew where he had come from or where he went. It was thought he had folks "over the mountain", but we never knew for sure.

If it was summer when he arrived at our place, he would be ragged and dirty, and if it was wintertime, he would be wet and cold too. Ma would make him take off all his dirty clothes and take a bath. Then she would outfit him with some of Pa's clothes while she washed and mended his. Pa's clothes didn't always fit Iry too well, but they were clean and whole even if well patched.

However, Iry's footwear was always too far-gone to mend, so Ma would give him a new pair of Rockford socks, and in cold weather, also a pair of long woolen stockings. In a short time, Iry, clean from inside out, would be sitting beside the kitchen range smoking his pipe and visiting with the menfolk. Then Ma would go make up the bed in the little room over the kitchen, the one with the feather bed mattress and extra quilts so she knew he would be warm and comfortable.

It was during his last visit with us, on one midwinter day too cold and snowy to work outside, that Iry was sitting close to the kitchen stove in his clean mended clothes thoughtfully smoking his pipe. The men were still in the barn and Ma was bustling around the kitchen getting dinner. Maybe it was the cheery home atmosphere, or perhaps the delectable odors wafting about the room that set Iry to dreaming, for all at once he spoke up and in his drawling voice said,

"You know, Mis Rich-son, I'd like to find a place where folks would be good to me, there'd be plenty of good victuals, and a GOL-DURNED good bed to sleep in."

"Well Iry," Ma answered, "that's about all any of us get in life, isn't it?"

Iry had no answer for that. He just kept rocking and dreaming.

That was the last time we saw Iry at our place. He stayed just a day or two after that. Nobody saw him leave; he just wasn't there at dinnertime.

Later on we heard in a roundabout-way, that Iry was in a home over West River Valley way. To this day, we still wonder if he ever found that place he dreamed of 'where folks were good to him, he would have plenty of good victuals, and that GOL-DURNED GOOD BED to sleep in."

This week's old saying is from Ted Nugent. "My idea of fast food is a mallard."



1934 Paul Richardson (left) with Mr. Richardson (right) with one-lunger machinery used to cut firewood. PHOTO PROVIDED BY CARLA WESTINE

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REGION - The holiday season represents the perfect opportunity for anyone who's been thinking of taking a deep dive into their family history.

All those grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins gathering to feast on turkey or exchange gifts possess a treasure trove of genealogical information and family stories.

All you need to do is ask – and perhaps turn on a recording device – and soon you may be learning about great-great grandfather's treacherous journey across the Atlantic or Uncle Phil's courageous actions during World War II.

"Interviewing family members is one of the best places to start when you want to learn about or write about your family's story," says Ceil Lucas, a sociolinguist, amateur genealogist and author of *How I Got Here: A Memoir*.

"Older relatives especially may have wonderful tales from decades ago involving people you never heard about. If you're lucky, you may even learn that they have stashed away somewhere letters, diaries or photographs that belonged to those long dead ancestors."

But be warned, Lucas says. While people dream about learning they descended from royalty or happen to be distantly related to Benjamin Franklin, genealogical research is just as likely to turn up horse thieves, drifters and scandals of every sort.

"You're going to find stuff you might not want to know," Lucas says. "But who knows, those might be your most fascinating finds."

Lucas began working on her family history three decades ago, about the same time she began making notes on what would become a memoir of her childhood in Guatemala City and Rome, Italy. This upbringing left her with a sense of "I'm not from here" – "here" being the U.S., where she was born.

But her genealogical research, which revealed her first ancestors coming to the U.S. from Scotland in 1654 and England in 1679, showed her just how "from here" she is. Lucas realized that the stories of her ancestors needed to be included in her memoir and the result was a genealogical memoir.

"The thing is, once the genealogical story is learned, it simply can't be unlearned," she says.

Interviewing relatives between sips of eggnog is just the beginning. Lucas has other suggestions for those who want to explore their family histories:

- Check census records. Every 10 years since 1790 the census has taken a snapshot of who's living in the United States. Valuable information can be found in census records, and you might even discover relatives you never heard about.
- Sign up for a genealogy class. Many community colleges offer non-credit courses in genealogy that will help you understand how to research your family and interpret what you find.
- Consider DNA testing. People often think they know their ethnic lineage, but discover surprises when they have a DNA test. Lucas' DNA test revealed that she is descended not only from people who hailed from England and Scotland, but also the Iberian Peninsula. "It also probably doesn't hurt if you are a nerd about these things like me," Lucas says. "I found an ancestor who was involved in the Oklahoma Land Rush, so I researched that and found newspaper articles about the land rush. I think it's important to put your family story in the historical context, especially if you plan to write a memoir."

About Ceil Lucas:
Ceil Lucas, author of *How I Got Here: A Memoir*, is a sociolinguist. She holds a bachelor's degree in French and Art History, a master's degree in French and Italian, and a doctorate in Linguistics. She spent 40 years as a university professor and researcher. She began teaching Italian in 1973 and continues to do so. She is the editor and co-author of 22 books.



Holidays are an opportunity to learn your family history. PHOTO PROVIDED BY PIXABY

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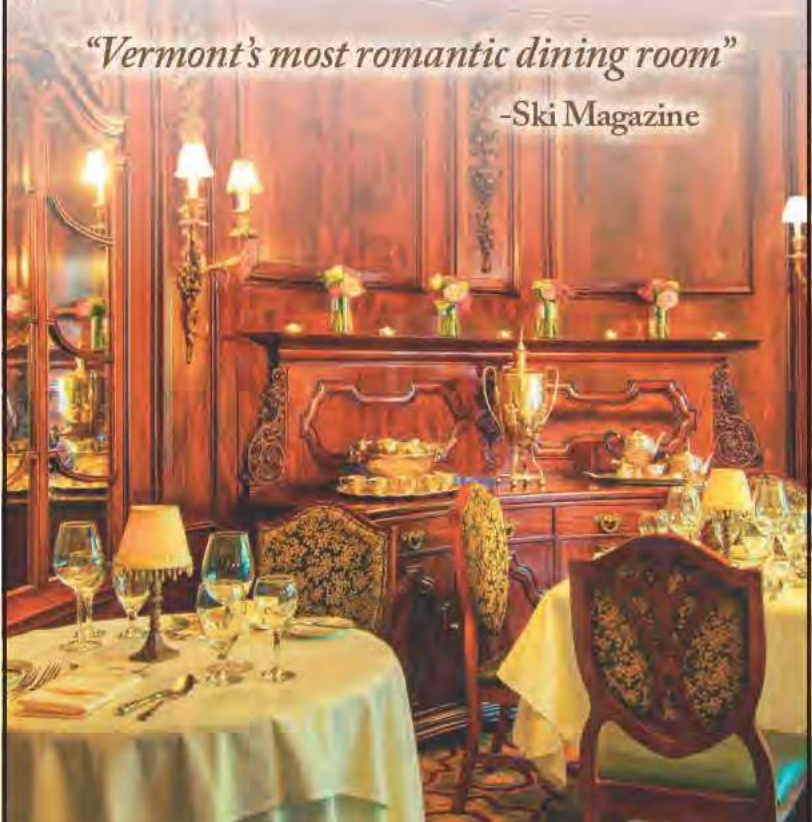
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wind power project
fight might not be over

With the sound defeat of the wind power project proposed for Windham and Grafton ridgelines, you might think the fight is over.

But you'd be wrong.

It seems that the timber company that owns the land, Meadowsend Timberlands Ltd., says it might just look for another wind developer.

And Iberdrola Renewables, the Spanish developer who promised to walk away from its project if people voted against it, says it may sell its research to another wind company.

Guess the fight is never over.

Who knows if any other developer would be interested, after all the opposition, but it could happen.

People will need to be vigilant if they don't want another developer to suddenly blow in.

Stiles Brook Forest could still be the site of wind turbines that most residents don't want.

Iberdrola and Meadowsend spent four years developing the Stiles Brook Wind Project, so they have lots of reports and surveys that could be sold to the next developer as a package. Initially proposed at 28 turbines and later downsized to 24, the 5,000-acre Stiles Brook Forest site would have been Vermont's largest wind power undertaking.

Even with Iberdrola offering \$1.5 million in annual payments to the two towns, with some of that money going directly to residents, it couldn't get enough support to pass the project in a public referendum.

That isn't stopping Meadowsend, whose Managing Forester Jeremy Turner said "any and all reasonable opportunities for progressive land management are an option from our standpoint."

Turner said Meadowsend would be "all ears" if another developer wanted to pick up the wind power project. He did add that none have contacted them at this point.

Windham Selectboard Chairman Frank Seawright believes it's unlikely another wind developer will step in, at least not for awhile, considering the overwhelming opposition that was shown.

Maybe Meadowsend could consider selling its property for logging, a renewable resource, which is what it was originally used for and why Meadowsend had it in the first place.

Our hope, and that of the residents of Windham and Grafton, is that the big wind industry will look elsewhere for its projects after this.

The people have spoken and they should hear them.

—BM—



Op-Ed: How arts and crafts can help heal veterans in your community

StatePoint - When people hear there might be a bomb nearby, most will try to get as far away as fast as possible. U.S. Army Specialist Brandon Sanford and his bomb-sniffing dog Rexo, however, were not as lucky.

Sanford and Rexo were part of the Army's bomb detection unit, tasked with finding life-threatening explosive devices. "I was nervous on the first patrol missions since our duty was to find explosives designed to kill American soldiers," said Sanford.

When a roadside bomb exploded near his vehicle in 2008, Sanford suffered a traumatic brain injury (TBI), among other wounds. Because of his injuries, Sanford suffers from seizures as well as problems with balance, fine motor skills and more. Basic tasks like buttoning a shirt are now daunting endeavors for him. And so the long, arduous process of healing began. Along with surgery and physical therapy, craft therapy became part of Sanford's treatment

plan.

When men and women return from war or other military postings, they often bring home more than their duffel bags. That is why Help Heal Veterans (Heal Vets), a non-profit founded during the Vietnam War, operates on the knowledge that not all medicine comes in a bottle. As America's largest supplier of therapeutic arts and crafts resources, Heal Vets has distributed more than 29 million kits since 1971, averaging 43,000 kits per month. The kits consist of hundreds of craft categories like woodworking, leather, models and a variety of needlecrafts.

Many doctors and occupational therapists prescribe arts and crafts as an important component of a treatment plan. Such an approach provides tremendous therapeutic and rehabilitative benefits, including improving fine motor skills, cognitive functioning, memory and dexterity. Crafts can also help alleviate anger

issues and the severity of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and TBI triggers, such as anxiety, memories, sadness and frustration.

In some cases, the benefits are physical as well. For example, stringing together a leather craft might help with hand-eye coordination and dexterity. Painting or model building can ease symptoms of PTSD or depression. Sanford said that working with small pieces has helped him with his hand-eye coordination. He also suffers from short-term memory problems associated with his TBI, so working on the kits helps train his focus and concentration skills.

Since World War I, craft kits have consistently proven effective tools for veterans' rehabilitation and healing. According to a Health Care Data Inc. study, 89.6 percent of patients surveyed felt Heal Vets craft therapy helped maintain or improve their physical capabilities. Furthermore, craft projects help build family bonds

when completed with loved ones, improve self-esteem and surface previously untapped artistic talent.

As Americans pay their respects this month to those who have served, Heal Vets encourages you to think about ways you can help enrich the lives of the 22 million U.S. veterans and military personnel. Heal Vets relies solely on charitable donations to produce its craft kits. For more information about the program or to donate art supplies, journals and other tools that spark creativity to a veterans' organization near you, visit HealVets.org.

"Today, one of every three Iraq and Afghanistan veterans suffers from PTSD and/or TBI. Even more, the suicide rate for U.S. military members continues to rise. Reawakening veterans' enthusiasm for life, therefore, remains an utmost priority," said Captain Joe McClain, a U.S. Navy veteran and current Heal Vets CEO.



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

To the taxpayers of Rockingham and Bellows Falls,

We are writing to express our concern regarding the actions taken this past week by our Select Board and Village Trustees. They voted unanimously to enter into a Separation Agreement with our Manager, Chip Stearns. This resulted in his immediate departure as our Manager and Finance Director and a Separation Package of six months salary plus benefits. In our opinion this created two major problems.

First, the Town and Village lose the services of an outstanding manager and finance director. Second, we are wasting taxpayer money as we not only will pay our former manager but we will have to pay for a new

manager and finance person. Keep in mind Bellows Falls residents get to pay twice.

In our opinion what has happened is a personal vendetta by a majority of the Rockingham Select Board to get rid of our Manager. They used as the straw man the debris from the Bartonville Bridge. We don't think the debris from the bridge is on most residents top ten concerns regarding the future of Rockingham or Bellows Falls. Putting a personal vendetta ahead of the best interests of the taxpayers of Rockingham and Bellows Falls is a serious breach of trust by these Board members.

When they ran for office they

asked the voters to place their trust in them and now they have violated that pledge. Furthermore by wasting taxpayers money, paying twice for the services of a manager and finance director we feel they have breached their fiduciary duties to taxpayers. By taking their oath of office they assume a fiduciary duty that has been compromised.

So what we can we do about it? Obviously we can't change what has been done, but we can certainly consider the following:

1. Ask the Select Board and Village Trustees to review their respective 2016-2017 Budget to assure taxpayers that they will operate within

that budget. If it appears that a deficit is on the horizon, provide a plan to cut expenses for the remainder of the year.

2. Ask the members of the two Boards to resign from their positions and apologize to the taxpayers for their breach of trust and failure of financial oversight.

We urge residents of Rockingham and Bellows Falls who have talents to share, to run for a seat on these Boards. We need people that put the interests of our taxpayers above their personal interests.

Sincerely yours,
Nancy and Jim (Jiggs) McAuliffe

Dear Editor,

We have to support Donald Trump so he can hopefully perform well as President. He won the election, and a large segment of the U.S. population has spoken. I agree with many of the policies he wants to implement, and I believe he will stop the nasty rhetoric that he used in the primaries and the general election. I am convinced his rhetoric was contrived to draw attention to himself and away from other candidates. Every time he said something controversial he received extensive and free media coverage and he was in the spotlight. He played the media very well.

The next step is for President-Elect Trump to fill Cabinet and advisory positions. Due to his lack of political, government and military experience the appointment of highly qualified people to key positions will be critical in determining the success of his Presidency. Early information on his possible appointees indicates he will surround himself with qualified and competent people. Rudy Giuliani, Newt Gingrich, Chris Christie, and others being mentioned are potential viable candidates.

One person mentioned for the position of Secretary of Defense, former LT. GEN. Michael Flynn

(Ret.), should not be considered for any position. Flynn might be a Jew Hater, or at the very least be biased against Jews. In a CNN report that Clinton's campaign blamed Russia for leaking DNC emails Flynn tweeted the following: "Not anymore, Jews. Not anymore." Flynn is a Trump advisor, and it is amazing to me that Trump has kept Flynn around. What is incredible is a bigot like Flynn could make it to the highest levels of our Army. I was enlisted and an officer in the Navy, and I never encountered a high-ranking officer with biased views like Flynn.

In addition to his personal bias

against Jews, I don't see how Flynn as Secretary of Defense could interact with Israel. Israel is a key ally in the Middle East who we need to help us contain and thwart the radical Islamic terrorism prevalent in Middle East countries. If Israel goes down, Europe could be next, and then they will come at us.

Haters should not be included in the Trump administration. I look forward to a successful Trump Presidency that embodies the unbiased spirit of the American people.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry, N.H.

Dear Editor,

We won the Vermont House Seat for Windsor-2 in Weathersfield and Cavendish, and I thank all of you, Democrats and Republicans alike. It was a strong team effort.

I am grateful and humbled by all your support and hope to earn your trust when I go to Montpelier in January. I will represent everyone in both towns whether you voted for me or not. We are all in this together.

I especially am grateful to my fantastic kitchen cabinet who had my back all the way. I am also grateful to all the people who gave me their front yards, contributions, kind words and the time to talk when I went door to door. Vermont is very different when you talk to every constituent in their homes and realize the diversity of opinions and challenges. But yet we all have a deep love for Vermont and

we work together to solve problems. I will take your voices with me to Montpelier.

I also want to thank my opponent, Stu Lindberg, for waging a good campaign. His children should be proud of him for standing for what he believes in.

Now, we need to get to work. I hope any divisiveness between neighbors and friends are put aside and we can be a community once again. We need to find that common ground, whether it is in our community or across the legislative aisle.

I am here for all of you and never hesitate to contact me with your concerns.

Thank you,
Annmarie Christensen
Perkinsville

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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

What a difference a year makes. At least for the coach of the Bellows Falls Terriers Field Hockey team Bethany Coursen.

One year ago, her team was chasing that elusive first title under her leadership. The Terrier stickers had landed on the scene as a perennial contender a few years before, and were knocking at the door loudly but someone named Stowe or Missisquoi kept shutting the door in their face. The Terriers were ready but they kept being denied.

Fall of 2015 they shed any frustration that had been collected over the years, as the Purple and White put Stowe to rest with a victory to claim the Vermont Division III State Field Hockey Championship. In the Fall of 2016, Coursen and her team entered the tournament, not only as the defending champions but also the undefeated number one seed and the overwhelming favorite to win the whole thing.

"It was nerve wracking being in that position," Coursen told us minutes following her end of season sports award night. "I have gone about things differently for awhile now. It's like we were expected to win, so unlike other years, I didn't dare let down on them at any point. In past years, during the last practices, we did fun things. We played a field hockey version of baseball or we played volleyball and just some fun silly things."

This years team didn't get such a luxury, instead they did get something no team before them had done, a back-to-back state championship.

Coursen went on saying, "We didn't know that much about some of this years' teams. (Mainly St. Johnsbury and Missisquoi) but we knew Missisquoi had beaten us a number of times in the past and so looking at all that, at no point did I feel that I could let down on them and just relax, because there was so much riding on it for them and for me. I didn't want to look back and say, if we would have gone over that drill one more time, then we could have won the game."

It wasn't just at the end that Coursen put the petal to the medal. She pushes her team all season. It was just this time; they didn't get rewarded in practice. All that reward came in their preparedness for the title game. This year's team had four captains. Leia Robinson, Murphy Hicks, Fallon Vancor and Ali Bashaw served in that capacity. They were quick to notice that their conditioning level placed them apart from many a team on the field.

Bashaw noted, "We were always stronger in the second half because of our conditioning. We say we hate it, but, it definitely works."

Robinson says, "Conditioning has always been our secret weapon. I really think we all agree that running is a huge part of our success."

Vancor is quick to quote her coach and remind the others that coach says, "Hard work beats talent, when talent doesn't work hard."

As far as the seasons' most influential games, which propelled the Terriers to their eventual position at the head of the class, coach and captains were in agreement. The overtime victories came first (Otter Valley and Hartford), then the other win over Otter Valley and the Woodstock win was up there also. Coursen noticed a trend in their two nail biting overtime triumphs. "Both times Macie (Madison Streeter) scored the goal and Brigid (Hodsdon) made amazing kick out saves. It took the whole team of course, both those plays stood out in those games." Coach, what about the absolute best game you played? "That would have to be the 4-0 Otter Valley win at home. We played lights out."

A non-descript game on their schedule turned out in the end to be possibly the most unique. Springfield is a rival in every sport to the Purple and White, but regardless of what anyone says, their recent encounters have been nothing more than a one sided competition. When this years' game proved to be a real challenge, it was surprising to players, coaches and fans alike. The 1-0 BF win was one more fine defensive effort for the winning team and a "we really didn't play very well. We were off," mention from Coursen.

Weeks later, when the Cosmos captured the Division II state crown, everyone was looking back at that encounter a little differently, especially since the Terriers now know that the Cosmos used their strong effort against BF, as a rallying cry, to match that effort, every time they play, to reach their potential.

"I consider that as a showing of respect," Vancor said, "it also gives us respect for them."

Bashaw remembers, "You could really tell they wanted it that day. They really played well."

Hicks went on to say, "It's actually a good feeling to know they respect us like that and it makes us look at them that way even more." On the subject of rivalries, Hicks also duly noted an additional one in Field Hockey. "Many of us think Hartford is the biggest game on our schedule. We have a rivalry with them because they are a strong Division I team and because Heath (Haskell) their coach is from here. When our last game of the season against them was rained out, it left me feeling incomplete. I know it meant we had an undefeated season, but it made something feel incomplete."

Over the next three games, BF made everything complete by outscoring three tournament teams 21-0 to complete an astonishing season in which they scored 70 goals versus the opponents 6. The seniors left a legacy that when they were in the program, BF Field Hockey was 58-5-3. 58 wins 5 losses and 3 ties. INCREDIBLE!

Championships are won from the goal out and this team was strong in net with two sophomores, Hodsdon and Emma Lober manning the position. Hicks, Bashaw and junior Paxton Santorelli were the halfbacks. Coursen said, "The goalies did their job well and Murphy, Pax and Ali all meshed right in and all three of them just created a wall and very few shots went by them."

Junior Faith Byfield and senior Dakota Carter provided relief at the halfback spot.

The links, just like the goalies and halfbacks, rarely score goals but they are the key to moving the ball into scoring position. Vancor was joined by sophomores Streeter, Michelle Marchica and Alice Salter-Roy for playing time at the position.

The forward line lit up the scoreboard all season. Sophomore Abbe Cravinho led the group with 18 goals with classmate Molly Kelly and junior Reaghan Baldasaro next in line with 13. Robinson tallied 8 goals with junior Dani Marchica and sophomore Sophie Hyslop adding 7 with Streeter the link having 3, including the two overtime beauties and half-back Santorelli had 1. There is no official assist count because sometimes on road games, they do not get all the tallies, thus no official numbers were kept. Coursen believes Cravinho, Kelly and Streeter were the team leaders in assists. "I get all kinds of recognition from coaches and officials about our passing and our scoring, which makes me look good, but all our forwards and links work hard to be successful. All our players want to work hard."

In summary, Coursen said, "The whole thing is pretty amazing. Our team is still very young with a corps of sophomores and we had contributions from everyone, showing the team was pretty even and versatile and just incredible. Again, the whole thing is pretty amazing."



TERRIER CAPTAINS (L-R) MURPHY HICKS, FALLON VANCOR, LEIA ROBINSON, and ALY BASHAW with their medal.

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BF #6 MOLLY KELLY & BF #2 REAGHAN BALDASARO.

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BF #1 ABBE CRAVINHO.

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BF #9 MICHELLE MARCHICA.

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BF #22 PAXTON SANTORELLI.

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BF #4 DANI MARCHICA.

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BF #11 MADISON STREETER & BF #88 EMMA LOBER.

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BF Football Terriers

Congratulations to the Bellows Falls Terriers Football Team becoming our Fourth area State Championship Team in the fall of 2016.

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Preview of coming attractions

We will have salutes to the following title winners in upcoming issues:

November 23rd- Springfield Field Hockey

November 30th- Fall Mountain Girls Soccer

December 7th- Bellows Falls Football



BR Fall Sports Banquet

Some of our winners from our Fall Sports Banquet. From Left to Right: Jack Boyle, Josh Noble, Dayne Greineder, Alice Faenza, and Morgan Barton. Not pictured: Paige Kelley, Ayiana Fortin, Natasha Fortin, and Chelsea Taylor.

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Thanksgiving is

The true spirit of Thanksgiving

BY PADRAIC SCANLON
The Vermont Journal and The Shopper

On the fourth Thursday of every November, families around the United States gather in their dining rooms, around mounds of food, surrounded by love ones, to celebrate Thanksgiving. While most celebrate

this holiday, most also don't know the origins of it, either. Thanksgiving's origins are commonly traced to the 1621 celebration at the Plymouth Plantation, where about 50 Pilgrims, settlers from the Mayflower, joined in with around 90 Native Americans, to celebrate their first harvest.

The Pilgrims held a true Thanksgiving celebration two years later in 1623, following a 14-day rain, which resulted in a larger than expected harvest. The celebration was more significant because of the civil authority's order to recognize it as the first recognition of Thanksgiving in New England.

The holiday has been celebrated on and off nationally since 1789, after a proclamation from George Washington, but wasn't an official federal holiday until 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed during the Civil War that it would be

a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens," and was to be celebrated on the last Thursday of November, becoming part of the broader holiday season along with Christmas and New Years. Nowadays, the president of the United States is presented with a turkey by the National Turkey Federation, only for the president to pardon the turkey. John F. Kennedy, was the first president to save the turkey presented to him, while Ronald Reagan was the first to give the turkey an actual "pardon." George H.W. Bush made the pardoning of the turkey an annual tradition for the president after assuming the presidency in 1989 after serving as Reagan's vice president. Another annual Thanksgiving Day event coincides with the next big holiday, Christmas. Since 1932 Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, has become the beginning



Thanksgiving dinner.

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of the Christmas shopping season. With Many stores opening at midnight on Black Friday, and some stores even opening late Thanksgiving night. Traditionally, families load up their tables with turkey, stuffing, gravy, potatoes, cranberry sauce, and numerous other delicious meals, but charitable organizations such as the Salvation Army make it possible for everyone to get in on the celebrations with their annual Thanksgiving dinners put on by volunteers in different communities. Thanksgiving is also the time of the year for charitable food drives, to help the less fortunate put on dinners for their families in the comfort of their own homes. Along with the thankful and family-oriented feelings that come along with the holiday, some consider Thanksgiving a national day of mourning, feeling deep down the holiday celebrates the conquest and cultural genocide of Native

Americans by colonists. Others feel Thanksgiving carries a distance resonance for Native Americans, who feel the holiday embellishes the story of Pilgrims and Natives looking past their differences to break bread. Over the years the perception of Thanksgiving among Native Americans has changed, most notably with members of the Oneida Indian Nation marching in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade with a float called "The True Spirit of Thanksgiving." Regardless of how the past is looked at, Thanksgiving has given people a chance to come together with family and loved ones to celebrate love and thanks for all the blessings life offers. From sitting around the table with family, friends, and loved ones, enjoying wonderful turkey dinners, to watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade on TV with the children, or watching the annual NFL Thanksgiving Day football games. Thanksgiving is truly a holiday for family, giving thanks for what you have, and lots of leftover turkey.

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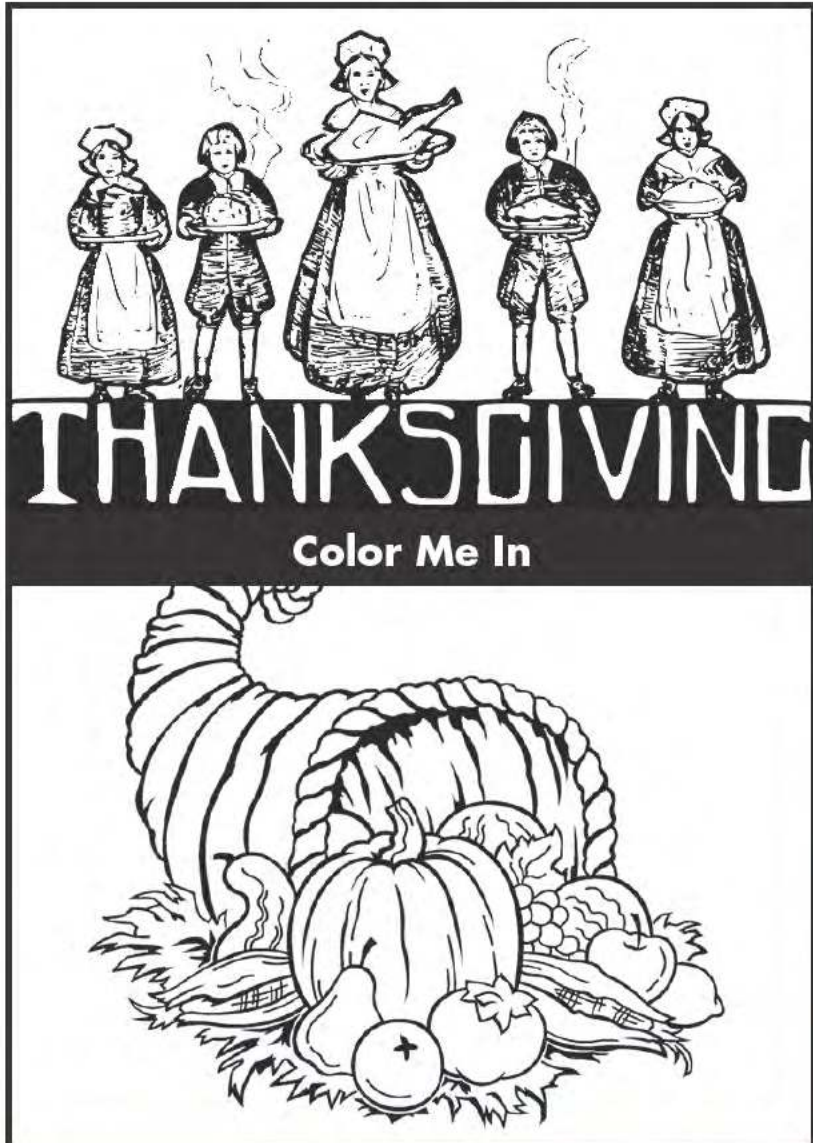
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a time to give thanks

Thanksgiving program for children

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. - The South Londonderry Free Library is celebrating Thanksgiving with a special program for children on Saturday, November 19 at 10:30 a.m. Art teacher Casey Junker Bailey will present harvest crafts and

decorations for the Thanksgiving table. All materials will be provided. The program is free of charge and appropriate for children of all ages. For more information, contact the Library at 824-3371.



The Great American Smokeout

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt - Life is short, and for those who smoke, quitting returns precious years and vitality. That's why Springfield Medical Care Systems and Greater Falls Connections are

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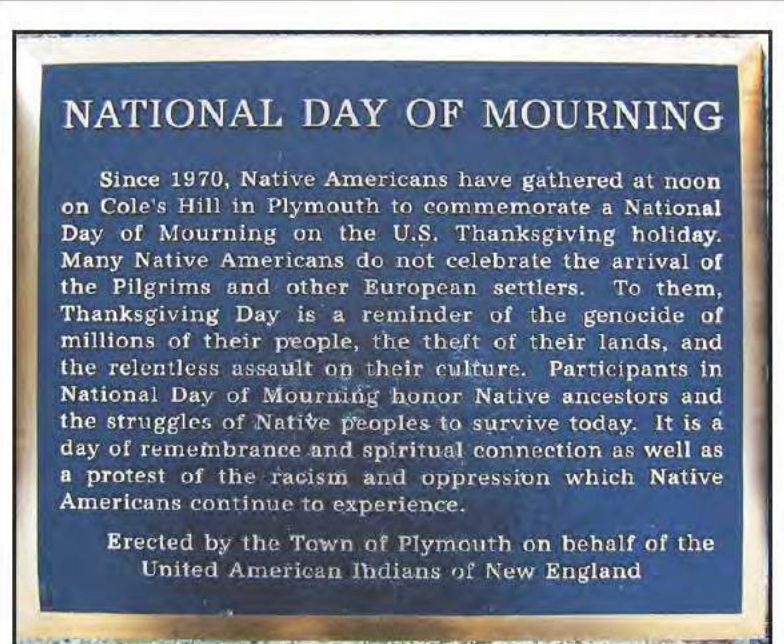
Springfield Medical Care Systems is donating a Turkey Dinner

basket to be raffled off to a lucky winner who is ready to quit smoking. To be part of the drawing, sign up for a group quit class by Dec. 16, just in time for the Christmas holiday.

Group quit classes and individual tobacco cessation counseling are now available at Rockingham Medical Group and at the Springfield Health Center. In the Bellows Falls area, simply contact Scott Belt

at 802-463-9000 ext 2724 or sbelt@springfieldmed.org to sign up. In the Springfield area, simply contact Sarah Doyle at 802-886-8946 or sdoyle@springfieldmed.org to sign up.

The quit classes are free, and you could also receive free or reduced nicotine patches, gum, and lozenges.



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Check out the grounded4life-vt.org website.



Join Dominick Cox on Friday, Nov. 18.

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Competitive karaoke event

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - For three years, the International Moose Convention has hosted a karaoke contest featuring the top 12 finalists nationwide who have competed at local lodges across the country. In order to have the opportunity to be one of those finalists in 2017 and perhaps win

the top prize of \$5000, contestants must begin by competing at a Moose Lodge.

The Moose Lodge located at 59 Westminster Street, Bellows Falls, Vermont will hold the first of three practice rounds on November 19. Subsequent rounds will be held on December 17 and January 14.

Decisions about who will compete in the regional competition in March will be made on February 11. Based upon this performance, judges will determine which finalists will move on to compete against other lodges.

Audience members will have the chance to offer written feedback after each of the practice rounds, which

will be useful information to contestants as they prepare for the February 11 elimination round.

Contestant pre-registration is not required for preliminary rounds and these events are free and open to the public. Food and beverages will be available. For more information, contact Susan MacNeil at 603.313.0052.

Grafton Historical Society to honor Florence Karpin

GRAFTON, Vt. - The Grafton Historical Society will honor noted local artist and author Florence Karpin on Nov. 20 with the dedication of the Florence Baker Karpin Memorial Library at its museum in Grafton, Vt.

The dedication service will take place at 4 p.m. at the museum, on Main St. Refreshments will be served, and the public is invited to attend.

Karpin was a long time resident of Grafton, where she moved with her husband and children in 1958. During these years she was

a prolific artist and author. She both authored and illustrated children's stories and books, short stories and poetry. As an artist she painted both portrait and landscapes, which crossed all media from oils to pen and ink.

As a result of her dual talents she was accepted into the Southern Vermont branch of the National League of American Pen Women as both author and a visual artist, and she served at branch president for many years. Her original artwork and hand lettering still graces many Grafton locations, where she designed the

community's signs and logos.

As her eyesight diminished in her eighties her creative spirit did not. She managed to write and publish three well-received poetry collections. These published works along with her other books and short stories will be part of the Karpin Memorial Library in the museum along with other authors' books that where published during their residency in Grafton.

For further information about the event contact the Grafton Historical Society at 802.843.2584 or grafthist@vermontel.net



Florence Karpin.

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Thomas Christopher Greene final author Vermont Voices series

CHESTER, Vt. - This Sunday, November 20, Thomas Christopher

Greene will return to Phoenix Books Misty Valley - he has been both a Vermont Voice and a New Voice at Misty Valley author events - to talk about his fifth novel, If I Forget You, in which, twenty-one years after they were driven apart by circumstances beyond their control, two former lovers have a chance encounter on a Manhattan street. What follows is a tense, suspenseful exploration of the many facets of enduring

love.

A discussion and book signing



Tom Greene.

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will follow the event, which is at the Bookstore on the Green in Chester next to the Fullerton Inn and is free. For more information call Phoenix Books Misty Valley at (802) 875-3400 or visit www.phoenixbooks.biz

Coffee house with Vinnie DiBernardo

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The November Coffee House will take place Saturday November 19 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Vinnie delighted us all with his songs last year and we are thrilled to have him back again. Here's hoping everyone can make it to this special coffee house. Please come and enjoy the music and the delightful refreshments. Held at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Springfield, 21 Fairground Road. All Welcome. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. This is a family-friendly evening of music and fun. You will be able to purchase delicious snacks and beverages.



Vinnie DiBernardo.

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Making fabric pottery class at the VAULT

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Calling all people who like to work with fabric. Elizabeth Ezold makes amazing fabric pottery and will be sharing her expertise at Gallery at the VAULT.

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Students should bring a portable sewing machine and have some basic sewing ability. A full materials list will be provided at registration. Make a great gift for yourself or another.

With Elizabeth teaching, this will be a fun class. For more information please call or come into Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street, Springfield. We are open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Contact: 802-885-7111, galleryvault@vermontel.net or visit our web page: www.galleryvault.org

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CLASSES/
WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY, NOV. 26- SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Make a Snow Globe – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Create your own special world inside a jar using small figures and found objects. For children and an adult partner. Call for fee price. Preregistration is necessary by calling 885-7111 or stop in at VAULT, located on 68 Main St. in Springfield and open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Scholarships are available.

SATURDAY, DEC. 3 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - FREE Make a Holiday Lantern to brighten winter nights! For children of any age (with an adult)- Drop by

Dec. 3 anytime between 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Preregistration not required for this one. We'll also make cards and gift tags. More info call: 885-7111 or stop in at VAULT, located on 68 Main St. in Springfield and open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MONDAYS– WINDSOR, Vt. – Spanish Conversation Class meets most Mondays, 1 -2:30 p.m. at the Windsor Library, 43 State St. Windsor, Vt. All levels. FREE. Times are subject to change, due to instructor's schedule. Please call to confirm. Paula Dart. Phone: 802-674-5812.

TUESDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - River Voices Poetry meets every

**CLUBS/
ORGANIZATIONS**

MONDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Community Chorus rehearsals are on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church on 21 Fairground Rd. Ken Olsson is the director. For any questions, contact Terri, manager of the chorus, at springfieldcommunitychorus@gmail.com or call Barbara at 802-886-1777. The concerts will be Dec. 3 and 4. For more information about the chorus and the 50th year celebration, go to the web site: www.springfieldcommunitychorus.org. Consider making a donation for the cost of a greater year of music.

TUESDAYS - WOODSTOCK, Vt. – The Freelance Family Singers of Woodstock will begin practicing for their Dec. 3

Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Flat Iron Exchange Building on the Square in Bellows Falls, Vt. All poets welcome. Poet to the left of the poet reads poem first, then the poet will read their poem. Discussion of all aspects of the poem, poet may take suggestions or ignore them. Then we move to the next poet. 802-463-22074 (leave message).

TUESDAYS AND SATURDAYS – WESTON, Vt. - Residents of Mount Holly are invited to the community yoga classes held at the Weston Priory by Amanda Merk a 200-hour Yoga Alliance certified instructor. Vinyasa flow yoga classes will be in the visitor's center at the Priory on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. There is no fee for the yoga classes at the Priory. Donations are gratefully accepted. Please reach out to Amanda Merk if you have any questions about the library or yoga at amandasmerk@gmail.com.

and 4 holiday concerts. The weekly Tuesday rehearsals are held at Woodstock's First Congregational Church, 36 Elm St., from 7 to 9 p.m. All ages may participate and there are no auditions. There is a small participation fee, with scholarships available. Directed by Ellen Satterthwaite.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Ludlow Rotary club meets every Tuesday and is hosted by DJ's Restaurant, 146 Main Street in Ludlow, from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Enter via side door opposite bank drive through. Chartered in 1927, the club is active locally and internationally. New members are welcome please contact any Rotarian for details. Visit our web at www.ludlowrotary.com or contact club President, Tesha Buss at teshabuss@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@concast.net

RUTLAND, Vt. – Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club meets from 7-10:30 p.m. at The Godnick Center in Rutland, Vt.

Snacks provided. Come join for a fun evening. Norma Jakomin, manager. 802-228-6276.

SATURDAYS – MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – The Mount Holly Artists Group meets at 10:30 a.m. in the community center room (under library) and set up a still life. We draw in whatever medium pleases us and get helpful hints from each other. The sessions are open to all and completely FREE of charge. All that is needed is pen and paper.

COMMUNITY
MEALS

THURSDAY, NOV. 17- LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Flood Brook School will host a Harvest Luncheon for local senior citizens at 12:30 p.m., in the school gymnasium. Middle school students will serve lunch while students in grades K-2 will perform festive songs, and students in grades 3-5 will contribute artwork for table decor. The menu will include turkey potpie, mashed potatoes (made from student grown and harvested potatoes from the Flood Brook Community

garden) and vegetables. Dessert and coffee will be served as well. All local seniors are invited to attend! Parking will be available close to the building, on the east side of the gymnasium.

MONDAY, NOV. 21. – CHESTER, Vt. - Please join the Chester Senior Citizens Club for their monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Chester Congregational Church on Main Street. A Sing-A-Long of old favorites is planned. Please bring your place setting, if possible a dish to share, and a friend. If you need a ride, just call Georgia (875-6242). Hope to see you there.

EVERY THIRD SATURDAY – NORTH SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - We will have started our third Saturday of the Month Ham Suppers, the next one is October 15, at the North Springfield Baptist Church, 69 Main Street, please join us for a great meal, from 4 to 7 p.m. Ham, Raisin Sauce, Mashed Potato, carrots, and Coleslaw, dessert and beverage. Handicapped accessible. There is a fee for the meal. Children five and under free. Call 802-886-8107 for more information.

NOTICE OF TAX SALE

TAX SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Town of Cavendish, Vermont

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgages of lands in the Town of Cavendish in the county of Windsor are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by such town for the year 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described lands in such town, to wit, a parcel of land, parcel #1R06-147, conveyed to Steven Eszenyi recorded in Volume 75, Pages 251 in Cavendish Land Records.

Reference may be had to said deed for a more particular description of said lands and premises, as the same appears in the Land Records of the Town of Cavendish. And so much of the lands will be sold at public auction at the Office of the Town Tax Collector, located at the Cavendish Town Office Building, 37 High St., Cavendish, Vermont, on November 29, 2016 at 10:00 o'clock in the a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge said taxes together with costs and other fees allowed by law, unless the same be previously paid.

Dated at Cavendish, Vermont this 26th day of October 2016.

Richard F. Svec
Delinquent Tax Collector
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Reference may be had to said deed for a more particular description of said lands and premises, as the same appears in the Land Records of the Town of Cavendish. And so much of the lands will be sold at public auction at the Office of the Town Tax Collector, located at the Cavendish Town Office Building, 37 High St., Cavendish, Vermont, on November 29, 2016 at 10:00 o'clock in the a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge said taxes together with costs and other fees allowed by law, unless the same be previously paid.

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TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM
PLANNING COMMISSION
AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD
POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Selectboard of the Town of Rockingham, Vermont, hereby gives notice that positions for the Planning Commission and Development Review Board are being solicited.

In Rockingham there is one Board presently responsible for town planning and development review. The Selectboard proposes to divide that work in half by creating two boards with separate responsibilities.

(1) The Planning Commission will develop the Town Plan and write land use regulations.

(2) The Development Review Board will review development and land subdivision proposals for permitting.

Any Rockingham resident interested in serving must forward a letter of interest and resume to Charles Wise, Planning & Zoning Administrator, P.O. Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT 05101, or planning@rockbf.org, no later than November 23, 2016. Please indicate if you wish to serve on the Planning Commission or the Development Review Board.

The Rockingham Selectboard shall consider applications and appoint new members to serve on these committees at its meetings in December and January. It is anticipated these new Boards will start in Winter/Spring 2017.

Town of Londonderry
Request for Proposals

Plowing and Sanding Services
at the Londonderry Transfer Station

The Town of Londonderry is seeking bids for contracted on demand plowing and sanding services at the Londonderry Transfer Station. The contract period will run from December 1, 2016 to the end of April, 2017.

Proposals should be submitted to:
Town of Londonderry
Transfer Station Plowing
100 Old School Street
South Londonderry, VT 05155

Proposals will be accept by mail, in person or by email to townadmin@londonderryvt.org. Proposals will be accepted until noon on Monday November 21st, 2016.

For additional information or questions on the specifications of the project, please contact Stephanie Thompson at town-admin@londonderryvt.org or at (802) 824-3356.

Town of Londonderry
Part-Time Zoning Administrator

The Town of Londonderry, Vermont, is seeking applicants for the part-time position of Zoning Administrator (Administrative Officer). The ZA administers the Londonderry Zoning Bylaws, works with the Development Review Board, acts as Floodplain Administrator and reports to the Select Board. The opening is immediate and entails approximately 8-10 hours per week.

Please contact Town Administrator Stephanie Thompson at 802-824-3356 or townadmin@londonderryvt.org. for the job description and more information.

The deadline for applications is November 28th. Please note, Nearby towns are also searching for a ZA. It is possible that an applicant could be a candidate for multiple positions.

Town Of Londonderry

100 Old School Street

South Londonderry VT 05155

Town office 802-824-3356

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL:
ROADSIDE MOWING SEALED BID

The Town of Londonderry is seeking bids for Roadside Mowing for the 2017 season. The Town of Londonderry has 52.2 miles of road, approximately 22 miles of blacktop and 30.2 miles of graveled roads.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Roadside mowing will consist of a minimum of 10 feet from edge of road, and 15 feet where possible.
- A mid mount boom mower
- Signage & Traffic safety will be in conformance with the operating standards of the Vermont Agency of Transportation.
- Insurance: Contractors shall provide a copy of Liability Insurance and Workers Compensation when submitting the bid.

Questions may be directed to Steve Prouty-Road Commissioner 802-824-3458 or 802-342-6789.

Bids are due by 12pm on November 21st, 2016, they should be mailed to:
Town of Londonderry
100 Old School Street
South Londonderry Vt 05155

Bids should be labeled Roadside Mowing

The Town of Londonderry, through its Select board, reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to accept any bid deemed by them to be in the best interest of the Town of Londonderry.

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE

Estate of Robert E. Pelkey

Parcel #565050

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes and water/sewer fees assessed by the Town for the years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Edward P. Pelkey (now deceased), Hazel S. Pelkey (now deceased) and Robert E. Pelkey (now deceased) by Warranty Deed of Edward P. Pelkey and Hazel S. Pelkey dated September 14, 1999 and Recorded in Book 84, Page 239 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 14th day of December, 2016, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 10th day of November, 2016.

Attest: _____
David Pisha
Collector of Town and
Delinquent Tax Collector

STATE OF VERMONT
WINDSOR COUNTY, SS.

NOTICE OF SALE

Dylan J. Graves

Parcel # 262037.300

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town for the years 2015 and 2016 remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in Town to wit:

Being all and the same lands and premises conveyed to Dylan J. Graves by Warranty Deed of Jean-Pierre Poncelet and Yvette Poncelet dated June 20, 2014 and Recorded in Book 154, Page 198 of the Town of Chester Land Records.

and so much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Chester, Vermont, a public place in said Town, on the 14th day of December, 2016, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs, unless previously paid.

Dated at Chester, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont, this 10th day of November, 2016.

Attest: _____
David Pisha
Collector of Town and
Town School District Taxes

SPECIAL
EVENTS

THURSDAY, NOV. 17, SATURDAY, NOV. 19, SUNDAY, NOV. 20- BRATTLEBORO, VT--The feature film "Here and There" will be screened at the Latchis Theatre on 50 Main St., on November 16 at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Q & A with the Ecuadorian filmmakers, Gabriel Páez and Isabel Rodas, who train local youth to serve as their crew. The film is in Spanish with English sub-titles and is suitable for all ages. Other showing will take place November 17 at 6:30 p.m., November 19 and November 20 at 4 p.m. There is an admittance fee. The protagonist Ismael is desperate to follow his parents who have emigrated from Ecuador to the US. While deciding the best course of action he meets characters who raise troubling questions and illuminate all that he will leave behind.

FRIDAY, NOV. 18 & SATURDAY, NOV. 19- RAWSONVILLE, Vt. - November 19 will mark the sixth anniversary for Meulemans' Craft Draughts. To celebrate the occasion they will be hosting a tasting of craft beers both November 18 and 19 from 3 – 6 p.m. The events are free for those 21+ and the perfect opportunity to taste what all the hype is about. In addition Meulemans' are collaborating with the Jamaica Wardsboro Community Food Pantry and giving away some fun beer paraphernalia to those that bring in food donations for the Thanksgiving holiday. People can drop off items from 12 – 7 p.m. both Nov. 18 and 19 at the shop at 8814 VT Rt 30, Rawsonville.

LEGAL NOTICES

SPECIAL EVENTS CONT.

SATURDAY, NOV. 19 – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - A combination yard sale and holiday craft fair will be held on Saturday, November 19 at the Moose Lodge, 59 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls, Vermont from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Set-up for all vendors is Friday night, November 18 from 6 – 8 p.m. The craft fair will be held in the lower level, and the yard sale will be held upstairs. All items are encouraged! Food and beverages will be available to the public on November 19. For more information, contact Diana Spaulding at 802-376-5292 or Ed Thomas at 802-463-4054

CAVENDISH, Vt. - Winter Berries and Holiday Sale on Saturday, November 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Holy Name of Mary Church Hall - 803 Main Street. For sale will be bunches of berries, hand made items, books, Xmas decorations and gifts, baked goods, jams, and much more. For more information call 1-802-226-7842.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - The Charlestown Congregational Church, 71 Main Street, will hold its 25th annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 19, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Food Table will have tasty gifts throughout the day. Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. will feature homemade soups, chili, and hotdogs. The Craft & Artisans Market of wonderful gifts and holiday décor. Holiday Raffles. Come visit our Up-Attic Thrift Shop and our Bookstore with gently used pages for all ages. For more information call (603) 826-3335.

CLAREMONT, N.H. – St. Mary’s Annual Holiday Craft Fair 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Located at the St. Mary’s Gym on Main Street. Featuring: area crafters, food concession, cookie sale and more! Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters & Knights of Columbus!

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Community Hope & Action will host a FREE chili cook-off and performance by The Barnstormers (featuring Ned Phoenix and Marvin Bentley). Chili tasting/dinner will be from 6 – 7 p.m. at the Townshend Town Hall; music and dancing will follow upstairs from 7 – 9 p.m. Please contact Community Hope & Action at communityhopeandaction@gmail.com or 802-365-4700 if you’d like to bring a crock of chili. This event will also feature a silent auction to benefit Community Hope & Action as well as L’After, the after school program in the Windham Central Supervisory Union. This event is substance free and is open to people of all ages, from all towns.

WALPOLE, N.H. – The First Congregational Church on the Common is having their annual Mistletoe Mart from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. We offer coffee, donuts and a delicious luncheon will be served from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. An array of craft items, plants, a pet table, candy, baked goods, pickles, jams and jellies. We have a wide selection of aprons, pot holders, table runners, doll clothes, hats and mittens.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23- WINDSOR, Vt. - The Mt. Ascutney Hospital Auxiliary is having a Thanksgiving Bake Sale held at the American Legion Hall on State Street in Windsor, Vt. from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 26- WESTMINSTER, Vt. - The First Congregational Church of Westminster Women’s Fellowship will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. The Christmas Shop will be open all day and will include crafts, candles, gifts, handmade items, collectibles, and homemade baked goods. At 11:00 a.m. Santa will visit! Children of all ages are invited to do a craft project and take a photos with Santa. Also on the same day The Christmas Café will be open from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Coffee, tea and treats will be available in the morning and soup, chili, sandwiches, chips, and beverages for lunch.

CHESTERFIELD, N.H. - Come out from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. for the

annual Holiday Craft Fair at the Town Hall. Here you’ll find a little bit of everything crafted and prepared by talented local artisans, crafters and cooks! A portion of the day’s proceeds will also benefit ‘Operation Christmas,’ a local mission project of Asbury United Methodist Church. Stop by the ‘Christmas Cafe’ in the annex and sample some delicious food prepared and served by the women’s fellowship of the church! New this year, try one of our festive specialty holiday beverages to warm you up from head to toe! The Chesterfield Town Hall is located across from the Post Office on Route 63 (off of Route 9) between Keene and Brattleboro.

HEALTH

MONDAYS – BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Overeaters Anonymous Meeting from 7 - 8 p.m., 44 School Street, Bellows Falls 05101 Please call 802-376-3507.

TUESDAYS – PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - 9:30- 11am Kundalini Yoga series by Liza Eaton. Part 1: November 22, 29 Part 2: December 6, 13, 20, 27. Help yourself get through the holiday season with radiance and peace. Sign up in person or online at www.buddhafulyoga.com/events. Sign up by November 29 for Part 2 Location: 73 Depot Street, Proctorsville, Vt. Above Crow’s

Corner Cafe and Bakery, second floor. For more information contact Liza Eaton at (802) 875 2868, eaton.liza@gmail.com, www.buddhafulyoga.com This is a gentle, beginners course. No previous yoga experience necessary.

THURSDAYS – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Huber Building, 80 Main St. Weigh-in starts at 8 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9 a.m.

LIBRARIES

THURSDAY, NOV. 17- ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - At 6 p.m., join the book discussion of “A Stranger in the Kingdom” by Howard Frank Mosher at the Rockingham Library. This novel tells the unforgettable story of a brutal murder in a small town and the devastating events that follow. Pick up your copy of the book at the Library’s front desk today. This event is free and open to the public. Call (802) 463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, visit rockinghamlibrary.org or stop by the Library at 65 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, VT 05101

SATURDAY, NOV. 19- ROCKINGHAM, VT. – 11 a.m., Megan Applegate will discuss Novel Planning and Outlining at the Rockingham Library. Applegate will give participants an overview of the benefits and various techniques of planning

a story from the roots up. Registration for this workshop is recommended. This workshop is free and open to the public. To register or for more information, call (802) 463-4270, go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls.

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - You are invited to join in singing HU. All are welcome to a half hour HU Chant at 3:30 p.m. at Brooks Memorial Library, 3rd Floor, 224 Main St., Brattleboro. More info: www.eckankar-vt.org, 800-772-9390.

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - What happens when we die? What can near-death or out-of-the body experiences teach us? Is it possible to gain spiritual guidance during times of grief and experience heaven for yourself? All are welcome to explore these questions at the open discussion Gaining Spiritual Insights on Life after Death on November 19, 6:30 p.m., at the Brooks Memorial Library, 224 Main Street,



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Legal Notice

The Westminster Development Review Board will meet at 7:00 pm on MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016 to consider the following:

Application: 17-17 Julie Messervy and Steve Jonas, property location 1909 Davidson Hill Road, minor subdivision. Application will be reviewed under Section 311 Site Plan Review; Section 442.5 Rural Residential District; and Article VIII Subdivision of Land (Minor) of the 2014 Interim Zoning Bylaws.

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

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

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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1 Wagon

5 Part of MYOBY

9 Young fellow

12 Lotion additive

13 Small plateau

14 Bobby of hockey

15 Very hush-hush

17 Shell-game item

18 "A Streetcar Named Desire" role

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11 "Phooey!"

16 Shade provider

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22 Jockey's handful

23 Help a hood

24 Hee follower

25 Time of your life?

26 Lacking balance

27 Criticism

29 Midafternoon, in a way

30 Fool

35 Pitch

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42 Hammerhead part

43 Sleeping

44 Forbidden (Var.)

45 Soon, to a bard

46 — and file

49 Raw rock

50 Apiece

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A workplace complication that you thought was ironed out develops new wrinkles that need attention. Meanwhile, expect continuing improvement in your home life.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A tense personal problem needs to be talked out before someone decides to walk out. Resist making decisions until full explanations are offered from both sides.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A technological glitch that caused problems recently will soon be repaired, and life can return to normal. A colleague has a surprising message to deliver.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your partner might feel that you haven't been as open with him or her as you should be. Deal with this now, before it turns into something more difficult to handle.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Good news: Many of the stumbling blocks that affected the progress of some of your career projects are fading away. Things also start to look up on the home front.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You'll need that strong Piscean pluck to get through waters that will be turbulent for a while. A more positive aspect soon emerges, along with some welcome news.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are zealous in the pursuit of truth. You would make an excellent research scientist.

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AUTOMOTIVE

SMCS and Springfield Hospital are looking for the next Apple Blossom Cotillion Queen

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - High school senior girls in the communities served by Springfield Hospital and Springfield Medical Care Systems (SMCS) are invited to participate in the 61st annual Apple Blossom Cotillion. One of these senior girls will join the select group of Apple Blossom Queens. This special community event continues to be a unique tradition and a rite of passage for area young people.

Girls are interviewed by a panel of judges, who consider the contestants' overall confidence and poise.

The director of the 2017 Cotillion is Pam Shaughnessy. The master of ceremonies for the 17th consecutive year is Larry Kraft, Director of Development for SMCS.

Proceeds from the event are used to fund the Dr. E. Sher-

burne Lovell Health Career Award and to benefit Springfield Hospital and the community health centers of SMCS.

An orientation for all parents and participants, including elementary school, will be held on Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 1 p.m. in the Dressel Gymnasium at Riverside Middle School, Springfield, Vt.

Weekly rehearsals for high school couples start immediately after that orientation.

Rehearsals for elementary school participants start on Sunday, February 26. It all culminates with performances on Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6, 2017.

Applications are available at

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For information, call Larry Kraft, 885-7644, or lkraft@springfieldmed.org

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LT Package, Sun Roof

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2013 CHEVY 1500 CREW CAB
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outdoor news

More bucks than any other New England state

REGION - “Hunting” in Vermont means deer hunting. Almost all of the state’s 65,000 resident hunters hunt deer at some point during the fall, and more bucks are taken per square mile in Vermont than in any other New England state.

The November is rifle season, which allows a hunter to take one legal buck with at least one antler having two or more points, is Vermont’s basic deer season.



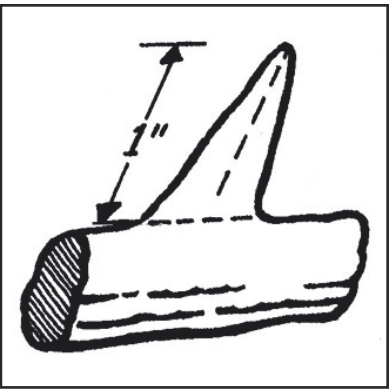
Deer hunting in Vermont. PHOTO PROVIDED

to minimize winter mortality and to improve both herd and forest health. For years “bucks-only” hunting resulted in the herd booming or crashing, depending upon winter severity. Now, regulated antlerless deer hunting through either-sex archery hunting, the youth deer weekend and a controlled permit system during the muzzle-loading season.

Limits:
No more than three deer per year, only two may be legal bucks. Only one legal buck may be taken during each season. No antler restrictions apply for Youth Deer Weekend.

Legal Buck Definition:
A white-tailed deer is considered legal when it has at least one antler having two or more points, or projections of at least one inch from base to tip.

Regulations:
Deer regulations change annually, particularly units open to antlerless



Legal antler point is at least one inch long. PHOTO PROVIDED BY VT FISH & WILDLIFE

archery hunting and muzzleloader antlerless permits.

The deer permit numbers for antlerless deer hunting for each WMU are issued in the late spring or early summer. After public notice and hearings, the Board lists the Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) that are open for antlerless deer hunting during archery season and during muzzleloader season by a lottery for a limited number of permits. Check

the Fish & Wildlife website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com) for these and other new regulations.

Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset.

Deer must be tagged immediately when taken. The tag must be placed on the carcass open to view and remain there until the carcass is cut up for consumption.

A person taking deer shall within 48 hours report the taking and exhibit the carcass to the nearest game warden, official Fish & Wildlife Department Reporting Station, or to a person designated by the commissioner to receive the reports. No deer carcass shall be transported out of state without first being reported.

Deer hunters can contribute valuable information for the management of Vermont’s deer herd by 1) completing the annual rifle season hunter effort surveys should they receive one in the mail, and 2) reporting their deer at select biological check stations during the youth and rifle season weekend. This will enable

Deer Seasons	Dates	Notes
Archery	October 1-28, 2016 December 3-11, 2016	Two deer, only one of which may be a legal buck.
Youth Deer Weekend	November 5-6, 2016	One deer of either sex, no antler restriction
November Rifle	November 12-27, 2016	One legal buck this season
Muzzleloader	December 3-11, 2016	One legal buck unless you have an antlerless permit
Antlerless permit	December 3-11, 2016	Available through lottery

Refer to the Deer Seasons table for times to hunt. TABLE PROVIDED BY VT FISH & WILDLIFE

biologists to record key information such as age, antler characteristics, and health of the harvested deer.

See more regulations at <http://www.eregulations.com/vermont/guide/deer-hunting/>

Rifle Season Deer Hunter Effort Survey:
Each year we randomly select a group of licensed hunters to complete a survey to determine the average number of hours spent hunting, and to gather important wildlife

sighting information during the November rifle season.

If you were selected, you would have received a letter and survey card in the mail. You can complete the survey using the card or by using the online form.

This information was sourced from the Vermont Fish & Wildlife website. For more information on hunting, fishing, and wildlife, visit <http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/>

Late fall bird watching opportunities

REGION - For many Vermonters, late fall means time spent in the woods hunting deer. Yet, while sitting patiently in deer stands, or sneaking silently through the woods, hunters also see plenty of other wildlife, including a variety of birds.

Deer hunters are encouraged to watch for common species such as blue jays or ravens, and for even less common species, such as a northern shrike. Even Vermont’s state bird, the hermit thrush, may still be spotted foraging through the leafless forest in November if snow is late to arrive.

“It takes a lot of patience and perseverance to hunt deer and those quali-

ties lend themselves well to birding. Deer hunters are among the most observant and knowledgeable birders I



Red-breasted nuthatches can still be found in Vermont in November. PHOTO COURTESY OF JIM BLOCK PHOTOGRAPHY

have met,” said John Buck is Vermont Fish & Wildlife’s bird biologist and an avid deer hunter. “Whether it is having a chickadee sit on my shoulder or watching a barred owl take a pass at a red squirrel, some of my most memorable birding experiences have been while sitting quietly in my deer stand.”

According to a recent study from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, people who both hunt and bird watch are more likely to support conservation than any other group, either by donating to conservation organizations or by working to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

This finding doesn’t surprise Buck, who has been working with hunters and birders at various points in his career. “Hunters and birders both possess a deep understanding of the need for habitat for all of the species that inhabit Vermont’s landscape,” said Buck. “This connections is vitally important to our understanding of the natural world and our place within it.”

Buck encourages hunters to note the birds they see while out hunting this fall and to submit these sightings to the Fish & Wildlife Department’s Facebook page, with photos if possible.

Youngsters learn about the wild

GRAFTON, Vt. - The Nature Museum offers the Mighty Acorns Club, a pre-school program designed for young explorers to discover the wonders of nature. This club for budding naturalists aged 3-5 meets on the third Thursday of every month of the school year. An interactive program on winter hibernation will take place on Thursday, November 17 from 10 – 11:30 a.m.

This preschool club meets inside the museum and explores the outdoors on a variety of adventures to field, forest and pond

throughout the 90-minute hands-on program. November’s program will cover hibernation. Children will learn through storytelling, playing games and going on a scavenger hunt. The is a small cost per child however caregivers plus babes in arms are free. Children should bring a snack and clothes for outside. Drops-ins are welcome! Located at 186 Townshend Road. More information can be found on The Nature Museum Facebook page: www.facebook.com/naturemuseumatgraffton and on their website www.nature-museum.org or call 802.843.2111.

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