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**The 45th President**

January 20, 2017 was the inauguration of Donald Trump as the 45th President of the United States for his four-year term. Approximately 160,000 people attended the inauguration ceremony at the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. Mike Pence stands by Trump's side as Vice President.

Thank you to Barack and Michelle Obama for their eight-year dedication to our country.

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**Chester Select Board meeting features discussion of economic development**

BY TERRI J. HUCK  
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. - The Chester Select Board's Jan. 18 meeting began briskly enough but soon moved into larger discussions about the town's future and the process for choosing board and commission members.

The meeting opened with a brief discussion and ultimate approval of the Water and Sewer Commissioners' recommended increase from \$46 to \$48 per equivalent unit. Next, board members approved renewing the liquor licenses for Dollar General, Free Range Restaurant, JW Sandri and MacLaomainn's Scottish Pub, which also had its entertainment license renewed.

Then in a lively discussion peppered with Led Zeppelin lyrics, local artist Barre Pinske raised the question of how to help the Master Plan Steering Committee evolve into something more permanent — "a central clearinghouse of ideas" along the lines of an economic development committee or a "special ops economic team."

"It's a different world," Pinske said. "If we want people to live in Chester, Vt., we need to do something to keep it interesting."

He referenced past discussions about potential conflicts of interest if business owners were to serve on an economic development committee and said "more commerce would help everyone."

Selectman John DeBenedetti clarified that those concerns mainly related to not using tax dollars for advertising, while Town Manager David Pisha acknowledged the need to transform excitement into action and said it makes sense to have a formal group that follows up on ideas.

Pinske said the goal should be to create a town that has stability and good property values, "that's cool, and people want to live here." He told the Select Board that with all due respect, "you're not cool," and asked where he should be directing his concerns and ideas.

Selectman Arne Jonynas responded with a smile, saying, "You're right — we're not cool, but we try." He said Pinske's concerns fell within town planning rather than the board's domain.

Local resident Kelly Arrison said success "always depends on public/private cooperation." He shared information about an event on the "Heart and Soul" approach to town planning scheduled for Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the NewsBank Conference Center in Chester. It will feature a video and discussion about successful efforts in the country and specifically in Vermont to maintain thriving communities.

Whalen said that for him, Chester "is family, it's community," and

we all want to "do what's best for the town." He also thanked everyone for the "great, open, honest discussion."

The Select Board then turned to the update to the conflict of interest policy for town employees, which will be combined with the overall personnel policy. Members agreed to move the final approval to March. Next, Pisha reported progress on collecting hundreds of thousands of dollars in delinquent taxes and said the town's solar farm achieved savings of \$5,920 last January to December, as projected.

When the board members turned their attention to the procedure for interviewing candidates for board and commission openings, local resident Claudio Velez asked what the criteria are. A discussion followed about what individual members were looking for and whether to hold "open" interviews with all candidates in the room, which some members felt gave the last interviewee the advantage of having more time to consider his or her responses.

Pinske said, "My primary concern is that appointees have the community's best interests in mind" and urged members to avoid appointing people who have their own agendas.

Although there was some disagreement about which approach to take to filling such positions, board members did agree that the goal is

consistency. Despite the fact that interviews had been scheduled for the following night, the members decided to discuss their options in further depth and decide on a strategy at a future meeting. Town Hall Administrator Julie Hance noted that the process of rescheduling interviews is time-consuming for her and disruptive for candidates' schedules and urged the board to clarify their approach before going any further.

Regarding the Yosemite Fire House, Pisha said town attorney Jim Carroll wants the Chester Historical Society to sign off on any claims they might have to the property. According to Pisha, the society's president, Ron Patch, has agreed, and Carroll is willing to file the necessary quitclaim deed paperwork to remove the society from any future court proceedings. Pisha noted that he was updating the board and that no action was needed on its part. Jonynas pointed out that once the town acquires legal ownership of the building, residents will need to have a discussion about what to do with it.

Near the end of the meeting, the board signed a tax anticipation note (a short-term debt security that is repaid with future tax collections) for \$1.25 million at a 1.65 percent interest, due Dec. 22, 2017.

The meeting was videotaped and is available for viewing on SAPA TV.

**Syrian families seek refuge in Rutland**

BY AIYANA FORTIN  
The Vermont Journal

RUTLAND, Vt. - The first refugee families from the Syrian conflict arrived in Rutland last week.

The Syrian conflict began in March 2011 as a part of the Arab Spring, with peaceful anti-government demonstrations. This escalated when the government responded with violence, and armed opposition groups began fighting back. More than five years later, 470,000 have died and an estimated 11 million people have been displaced from their homes as a result of bombing, fighting, and insufficient resources.

The refugees have fled to neighboring countries, mostly Jordan and Lebanon, but also to northern Iraq, Turkey, and across Europe. Thousands of Syrians are fleeing their home country every day.

In late September 2016, Rutland was designated by the U.S. State Department as a Refugee Settlement Site. The first family arrived last Wednesday, with a second family scheduled for Thursday, the first of up to 25 to 30 families from Syria and Iraq who will join the community by the end of this coming September. The families will be staying with host families for a few days until they can find work and apartments.

Based on his first impressions of the first family, Christopher Louras, mayor of Rutland, said he believes it will go well.

"We have a family that is driven to be part of our community," he said.

Although protecting the identity and privacy of the first family, Louras revealed that the mother has a degree in French literature, speaks fluent French, and is an author of children's books. The father speaks

some rudimentary English, but is reportedly insistent on practicing. Their children will hopefully integrate into public schools in the coming months, the whole family seamlessly becoming a part of the community.

Louras put his position at risk to arrange for these refugees. He said he was motivated to offer a safe haven for families fleeing incredible violence, with the goal of ultimately revitalizing the culture of Rutland, a city of almost 16,000 that continues to shrink and suffers from heroin use.

Opponents to this plan have voiced concerns regarding security, the potential drain on local resources, and the success of this plan, which is run strictly by volunteers.

Other members of the community agree with Louras, however. Carol Tashie, a Rutland city resident and local farmer, voiced her opinion.

"I sincerely believe this is the right thing to do," she said. "On a practical level, I think it will be good for the economy, will bolster the local housing market and our neighborhoods, and will add diversity that is so important for any community that wants to grow and thrive. It is a win-win situation for everyone."

While it is unknown what effect these refugees will have in Rutland and in the surrounding communities, everyone involved has asked that local residents keep an open mind and an accepting attitude towards the refugees, whom they say deserve to build a new life in a safe environment and a chance to rebuild their families, pursue their own dreams, and contribute to communities.

**Permission given to pursue a R.E.D.**

BY BRANDY TODT  
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. - The state's Act 46 legislation intent "is not to close small schools, but rather to ensure school have the opportunity to enjoy the expanded educational opportunities and economies of scale that are available to schools with larger, more flexible governance models."

The Two Rivers Supervisory Union Act 46 Study Committee that was founded a year ago has had the monumental task of finding the best, advisable scenario to present to the state and town voters. The journey has been long, with many options debated and brainstormed along the way.

As the deadline for the decision to be made by the study

committee looms closer every week, more towns' residents show up at each meeting to listen and give public comment to help the committee in its decision. The vote effects each child's education and each taxpayer's wallet.

The Jan. 18 meeting at the Chester-Andover Elementary School started with a review of the proposed Option 2, Scenario C, where the idea was to have one secondary school but with two campuses, one at Green Mountain Union High School and the other at Black River High School.

Under this scenario, the students would be able to participate



ACT 46 Study committee has been working for over a year to come to a decision on the best option to create a unified school district, the task has not been easy. PHOTO BY BRANDY TODT

in activities at each campus, such as joining sports teams, drama club, jazz band, Advanced Placement courses, and School-to-Work options. However, this option still posed transportation issues for students in Mt. Holly, and a few committee members felt that this option was relatively close to what is already in place.

The public urged the committee to think of the students, but also make a decision that will sell to the voters. All agreed the decision is mo-

mentous and not to be taken lightly.

What the committee proposed is for Cavendish, Chester, Andover, and Baltimore to create their own district, and allow Mt. Holly and Ludlow to decide how they want to proceed.

Towards the end of the meeting, a motion was made and approved by the whole study committee to allow the towns of Cavendish, Chester, Andover, and Baltimore to pursue the creation of a Regional Education District and let Mt. Holly and Ludlow decide how they would want to move forward in the best direction for the students and taxpayers.

There will be further meetings for the towns that are determining how to proceed with pursuing a Regional Education District (R.E.D.).



ACT 46 study committee listening to Option 2, Scenario C explained before they deliberate. PHOTO BY BRANDY TODT

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# re.Find returns – A collective boutique

LUDLOW, Vt. - Local fans will recall the thrill of shopping at the previous locations in Springfield and White River Junction, and now, re.Find returns to Ludlow, with the same great apparel we've come to appreciate.

re.Find is a collective boutique offering pre-owned and new women's and men's clothing, shoes, acces-

sories, and jewelry, as well as an ever changing variety of local and handmade products, gifts, and home goods. The new brick and mortar shop is a fresh take on thrift store shopping, in an attractive setting, providing a unique and stylish mix of new and gently used name brand items. You can find everything from one-of-a-kind pieces to current popular brands.

And the best part? All of the items are incredibly affordable! Owner Andrea Carr has a genuine passion for fashion, and those who have shopped at re.Find in the past can attest to her keen eye for special garments and her meticulous attention to detail. With racks of

beautiful, clean and ironed clothing carefully organized by style and size, the browsing experience is truly a joy, and you don't have to look very hard to find some amazing treasures. Each item in the store is from a variety of sources and locations, all procured by Andrea. She is not currently accepting any items on consignment.

The boutique is the result of Andrea's enthusiasm for thrifting that began as a teenager. She got hooked on selling pre-loved clothing online over 15 years ago and enjoys bringing great finds to the local market. The new addition of local products and handmade gifts is icing on the cake! While her vision continues to evolve, Andrea's mission remains the same. re.Find strives to provide quality products at reasonable prices while supporting efforts to reduce, recycle, and reuse. Items are being added to the racks on an almost daily basis, so stop by soon to check it out!

re.Find is located at 46 Depot Street in Ludlow, Vt., open Wednesday - Sunday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Like the Facebook page to keep up with the latest finds: [www.facebook.com/refindcollectiveboutique/](http://www.facebook.com/refindcollectiveboutique/)



re.Find storefront is at 46 Depot Street in Ludlow. PHOTO PROVIDED

# Neighborhood Connections hosts AARP Smart Driver Course

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - On February 8 Neighborhood Connections will host an AARP Smart Driver Course. Why should you take a driver safety class? Because driving has changed since you first got your license. This educational course aims to give you a greater appreciation of the driving challenges you face behind the wheel and a better understanding of how to avoid potential collisions, which could injure your-

self and/or others. The four-hour course begins at 10 a.m., with a lunch break around noon and concludes at 2:30 p.m. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Refreshments will be served.

By taking the Smart Driver class you will learn about the current rules of the road; defensive driving techniques; and how to drive your car in today's challenging environment. In addition, you will learn how to manage and accommodate age-related changes in vision, hearing, reaction time, and valuable lessons on how

to monitor your own and others driving skills and capabilities. Depending upon your insurance company, you may be eligible for an auto discount upon completion on the course.

To register, call Estelle Schwartz at 802-375-4831. The cost is for AARP members and for non-members.

Neighborhood Connections is located in Londonderry's Mountain Marketplace, next to the post office.

# A Solar guy tells all

CHESTER, Vt. - How many solar panels does it take to heat your home? How much does it cost? Can you DIY? Dave Bonta, our local solar guru can tell you. He's been around our area for over 15 years, helping hundreds of folks get into solar.

"If you are not using solar, for at least part of your homes energy, you are losing a lot of money," says Dave; "It's like having the winning Lottery Ticket and never finding out what the numbers were." Between the plunging prices, incentives, financing and impact of efficiency, "It's a no-brainer."

Solar is so cheap now, especially if you want to do it yourself, we can get it for under \$2.00 a watt! That translates to a final cost of about \$2,650.00 after tax credits for an average energy conscious house.

"Add up your electric bills, for say 5 years," declares Dave. "How

much is that going to cost you?"

There is a cost of "doing nothing" and "That cost will be going up-up-up." Once your solar is in, it covers its cost and goes on to make you "Cash Positive" for 20 years.

Meet Dave at the Weatherize UV Kick off in Weathersfield on Saturday, January 28. Don't forget to reserve a spot for a free lunch, "Pizza Pie with a Solar Guy" at the Pizza Stone in Chester. Call 802-226-7194 or email [dave@usasolarstore.com](mailto:dave@usasolarstore.com).

Dave Bonta is owner/President of USA Solar Store and is the author of "New Solar Home" and



Dave Bonta. PHOTO PROVIDED  
"New Green Home Solutions," published by Gibbs Smith.

# Four towns launch a community home weatherize project

ASCUTNEY, Vt. - On Saturday, January 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Weathersfield School in Ascunty, volunteer energy groups from the neighboring towns of Cavendish, Reading, Weathersfield and Windsor will launch a community home Weatherization program. This program begins in January and runs through the end of May 2017.

The four-town energy teams last collaborated in 2015-2016 to bring affordable solar systems to homeowners in the communities. Following on the success of "Solar makes \$en\$e" the energy teams are now hoping to encour-

age homeowners to reduce their need for fossil fuels, realize considerable home heating and energy savings and enjoy a warmer home in winter and cooler in summer.

Vital Communities of the Upper Valley, a non-profit organization based in White River Junction, Vermont, initiated both Solarize and Weatherize. With area volunteer help, Vital Communities is the independent coordinator that provides ideas and possibilities, for local organizations and municipalities to work together on and is geared towards a sustainable future.

The Weathersfield Kick-Off Event at the Weathersfield School on Schoolhouse Road, off Route 5, in

Ascunty will be an opportunity for homeowners to learn about costs, benefits, incentives and how to participate. Meet the volunteer teams and certified partner contractors and lastly, learn about Efficiency Vermont rebates and special low cost financing. Free professional consultations and quotes are being offered to homeowners interested in participating.

Vital Communities is offering great prizes, homeowners who sign up by May 31, 2017 could win up to \$2,500 (in addition to rebates) towards the cost of a project.

Bring your questions and learn more about Weatherize. Refreshments will be provided.

# Ben Worley-Reichman attends Pathways to STEM

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Ben Worley-Reichman, 5th grader at Flood Brook School, attended Envision's National Youth Leadership Forum (NYLF): Pathways to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics); a 6-day residential program at Babson College in Boston, MA.

NYLF Pathways to STEM was created to, "identify young students with academic and leadership potential" and provide opportunities to explore future STEM careers through fun. The leadership curriculum is the cornerstone of the program experience, and students are guided to practice and apply leadership skills in small team settings. The important concepts and skills introduced lay the groundwork for growth and personal development in 5 key leadership areas: Teambuilding, Presentation Skills, Communication, Problem-Solving, and Goal Setting.

The program seeks the most mature and independent students possible within this young age group, and qualified applicants must meet acceptance criteria: Academic Achieve-

ment, 3.0 GPA or greater; Leadership Potential demonstrated by extracurricular activities, and Career Aspirations indicated by 2 short essays about future interests. A student may also gain acceptance into the program if nominated by an educational advisor that believes one can meet the challenge of Envision's academic curriculum and who merits the distinction of a nomination. As was the case for Ben, he thanks Brooke Paxton, Guidance Counselor, for nominating him in 2016.

Prior to meeting in the fall, all campers were advised to complete an essay about a leader who contributed to our understanding of STEM. For many kids, as is for Ben, he remains inspired by Ole Kirk Christiansen, the Danish inventor who in 1949 produced plastic interlocking blocks, Legos, taken from the Danish phrase, "leg godt" which means "play well". While at the NYLF, Ben's hands-on



Ben Worley-Reichman at Pathways to STEM event. PHOTO PROVIDED

activities included: CSI Crime Scene Investigation; Medicine: The Incredible Human Body; and Ben's favorite Engineering: Bot & Bridges.

Ben's parents are Jane Worley, APRN and Jay Reichman, Engineer and Co-founder of Chroma Technology in Rockingham, Vt.

# Information meeting on home schooling

CHESTER, Vt. - Are you looking for a different way to educate your

child? Do you want your child to have a better education than you did? Do

you love learning and want another chance to learn how to think well?

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who want to give their children a classical education. Once a week families meet together with tutors (fellow parents) who teach and review material, facilitate deep discussion, and help parents train their children with the classical tools of learning.

Young children explore science, music, and art; they train their memory, and practice presentation skills.

Young men and women discuss literature, read papers for critique, perform labs, study Latin, and more. All students, ages five through high school seniors, learn joyfully in the classical method.

Classical Conversations tutors are mature homeschoolers whose passion is to mentor students in a love for learning.

Come find out if this is for you on Saturday January 28, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Whiting Library. Contact Ruth Holleran, [classicaltutor@vermontel.net](mailto:classicaltutor@vermontel.net), (802)-875-3021. Get a preview of Classical Conversations at [www.classicalconversations.com](http://www.classicalconversations.com)

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# Blue Mother Healing offering deep healing sessions

CHESTER, Vt. - Cristina Eaton, founder of Blue Mother Healing, of Chester Vermont, is certified as both a Reiki Master Teacher and Shambhala Multidimensional Master Teacher. Cristina has been refining her energy healing technique for 19 years and is now offering healing sessions to the community at large.



Cristina Eaton, founder of Blue Mother Healing.

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edented times, and never before has there been more challenges to face in both daily living and in raising children. As a professional childcare provider for over 20yrs., Cristina can guide you through the many challenges involved in raising calm, cooperative, creative children and teens. Learn how to empower your children to make positive choices and have high self-esteem in our uncertain times. She can help guide the same qualities for you in your own life, and support you to be the most vibrant, calm, creative, and empowered version of yourself.

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Cristina also offers sessions in Spiritual Mentoring, and in Parent Mentoring. We are living in unprec-

# Encouraging commerce to support strong local economy

KILLINGTON, Vt. - The Killington Pico Area Association (KPAA) is motivated to increase communication with the public to promote stronger community participation and involvement. As the New Year moves into full swing, the KPAA has a goal of keeping its message universal, accurate and upbeat.

This year's Vermont Holiday Festival was a massive success. The Killington Grand Resort Hotel ballroom was jam-packed with 85 beautifully decorated trees sponsored by local businesses. Children painted ornaments with Santa's elves and had the chance to meet the "Big Guy" himself. Free sleigh rides left every 15 minutes and Jack Frost's Marketplace was bustling. Musical performances by Killington Pre-K, Killington Elementary, Barstow Elementary and Rutland Youth Theatre filled the ballroom Friday night while MOOSE CROSSING, members of Sonic Malfunction and Oak Totem took the stage on Saturday. The KPAA is proud to announce that a total of 1,497 food items and \$500.00 were donated to the Vermont Foodbank following the festival.

The KPAA strives to provide networking opportunities to our community. Members have the option to host monthly mixers, taking place on the first Tuesday of each month. The first mixer of 2017 was held at the Cortina Inn & Resort on January 3rd. KPAA and community members experienced Cortina's Black Bear Pub for the first time while Patrick Kitchin, General Manager, informed the crowd about the past, present and future of the 96-room resort.

The next monthly mixer will take place on Tuesday, February 7th at the Killington ART Garage from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and all members of the community are invited! The KPAA membership base has seen rapid expansion with the addition of 20 new members since July.

"The KPAA provides my business this valuable tool and presence." Jessica Fuster, owner of Destinations Found Travel, said as a new member, "I could not be happier. The outpouring of support has been amazing. Noellen

is a true asset to the KPAA with her knowledge and willingness to help any way that she can. The team at Boss Office Works, one of the association's many members, has been a wonderful help with creating new marketing materials for my business. I look forward to meeting the other members and further growing my business."

The KPAA Board and staff wish to extend their sincerest gratitude to the following new members for joining in their mission to encourage commerce to support a strong local economy within the greater Killington Region: Mad Hatter's Scoops, Vermont Journal, Hydrate Yoga + SUP, Casey's Caboose, Supercuts, Killington Big

House, Mountain Valley Retreats, Scott Webb Optometry, Core Support LLC, Community Care Network, Billings Woodworking, Sugar & Spice Restaurant, Till I Die LLC, M.E.T. Consulting LLC, Destinations Found Travel, Tazco Inc., Uber Technologies, Sleep Woodstock Motel, Catalyst Physiotherapy and Capriccio Ristorante.

For more information about the newest members, please visit [killingtonpico.org](http://killingtonpico.org). For information about joining the Killington Pico Area Association, please give us a call at (802) 773-4181 or email [Noellen@killingtonpico.org](mailto:Noellen@killingtonpico.org).



## Paige Marie Billings

Judi Freeman of Ludlow, Vt. is proud to announce the birth of her second great-granddaughter, Paige Marie Billings. Paige was born December 30, 2016, in Springfield Hospital to Trevor and Kristen Billings of Proctorsville, Vt. Her grandparents are Edgar and Laure Billings of Proctorsville, Vt. and Albert and the late Suzaane Rocca of Newtown, Ct.

Left to right: Edgar Billings, Judi Freeman, holding Paige Billings, and Trevor Billings.

PHOTO PROVIDED

# Drug awareness presentation

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Black River Area Community Coalition with support from the Ludlow Rotary will be sponsoring a Drug Awareness Presentation and Discussion led by Ludlow Police Department Sergeant Rick King on Tuesday, January 31st at the Ludlow Community Center, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. and childcare will be available.

Businesses, residents and com-

munity members have expressed concern over reports of recent drug fueled burglaries, overdoses, and the use of heroin in our area. Sgt. King who is a certified Drug Recognition Expert will present information on current drug trends, including Heroin, Marijuana Concentrates & Edibles, Prescription Drugs, Fentanyl and more. He will also provide recognizable signs of drug use and paraphernalia associated with these drugs.

Literature and information on additional resources will be available. Please make every effort to attend this informative presentation and discussion. One of the best ways we can combat the rising use of drugs in our community is to first become educated on the signs and symptoms of their use; and how they are administered.

For more information, please call Paul Faenza or Anna McGee Hanson at 802-228-7878 or visit the Facebook page @braccvt.

# Help guide Chester's future

CHESTER, Vt. - On January 30th, at 6:30 p.m. join others from the community for a fast paced, fascinating gnat-tv production featuring Ed McMahon Jr. on the Heart and Soul approach to town planning. McMahon is nationally known for his inspiring and thought-provoking presentations. He is a leading authority on topics such as the links between health and the built environment, sus-

tainable development, smart growth, land conservation and historic preservation and is a trustee of the Orton Family Foundation.

You'll see amazing before-and-after results achieved in communities across the country and in Vermont. This thoughtful approach to economic development will show real world possibilities for making Chester more prosperous by making it a better place to live. Learn how to create and main-

tain a successful, thriving community.

All are welcome to stay for an open discussion following. The event is free. Light refreshments will be served. Event is held at the NewsBank Conference Center, 352 Main Street. For more information contact Kelly Arrison: (802) 345-1326, email: [karrison3@gmail.com](mailto:karrison3@gmail.com). Courtesy of Newsbank Conference Center and brought to you by the Chester Community Alliance.

# Michael Muther on the President's List

BALTIMORE, Vt. - Michael Muther, of Baltimore, has been placed on the President's List in recognition of academic excellence during the fall 2016 semester at New River Community College, located in Dublin, Virginia.

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# Pediatric Play at Mountain CommUnity Yoga

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Michelle Bonang, creator and owner of Pediatric Play is now offering pediatric occupational therapy services at Mountain CommUnity Yoga in the Mountain Marketplace, Londonderry. In addition, she has joined the MCY teaching staff as head instructor for children's yoga programs.

Michelle Bonang, OTR/L, RCYT, SIPT certified, is a spirited OT who has embraced holistic treatment techniques, grown overly passionate about nutrition, and has built an immense love for yoga over the lifetime of her career. She has over 15 years of experience, with more than 13 years specializing in pediatric occupational therapy and sensory integration. Michelle provides evaluations, consultations and treatment for children with fine motor and visual motor delays, neurodevelopmental and handwriting challenges, autism, ADHD, emotional/behavioral needs and sensory in-

tegration dysfunction. Michelle started Pediatric Play in August of 2009, as she saw a significant need for pediatric services in southern and central Vermont. She works closely with families, as parent/caregiver involvement is key for

carry-over and optimal success. Michelle works with the whole child from the inside out treating her clients holistically. She is excited to announce her availability to service the community from her new space in Londonderry. Please contact Michelle directly for referral questions at 802.289.2930 / michelle@pediatric-play.com

Michelle also brings uniqueness to children's yoga at MCY through the eyes of a pediatric therapist. Her extensive knowledge of the neurological system, anatomy and physiology, and overall development allows her to program each session specifically to meet children's needs in a structured yet playful and energetic manner. Please join her Mondays at 10:00 a.m. where children will find their inner self & playful spirit while caregivers are rejuvenated.



Michelle Bonang and pediatric play client.

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# This week's update on I-91 Rockingham bridge construction

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - The following is the anticipated schedule of the construction to take place on the I-91 Rockingham Bridges #24S & 24N over the Williams River.

The left (passing) lane will be open to thru traffic and motorists

should have little to no delays.

The northbound travel lane only (right lane) and the northbound Exit 6 on-ramp are now closed until approximately February 3. Traffic needing to use the Exit 6 on-ramp will be detoured to Route 5 north to I-91 Exit 7 on-ramp.

The Public Relations telephone number to call with any questions or concerns regarding this project is 802-862-6085 or 866-602-6868.

Find updates/changes at: <http://countonitinc.com/rockingham-vt-bridges-91/>

# Try to overcome "roadblocks" to a comfortable retirement

REGION - In your life, you will want to take many journeys. Some are physical - perhaps you'll finally visit the French Riviera or the Caribbean. Others involve personal growth - one day, you'll finally become fluent in that foreign language you've been studying. But of all the destinations you can identify, few will be as important as retirement - specifically, a comfortable retirement. And that's why it's so important to consider the "roadblocks" you might encounter on your road to the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned.

Here are five of the most common obstacles:

- Insufficient investments - Very few of us have ever reported investing "too much" for their retirement. But a great many people regret that they saved and invested too little. Don't make that mistake. Contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, and increase your contributions whenever your salary goes up. Even if you do participate in your retirement plan at work, you may also still be eligible to fund an IRA, so take advantage

of that opportunity, too. And always look for other ways to cut expenses and direct this "found" money toward your retirement.

- Underestimating your longevity - You can't predict how long you'll live, but you can make some reasonable guesses - and you might be surprised at your prospects. According to the Social Security Administration, men reaching age 65 today can expect to live, on average, until age 84.3, while women turning age 65 today can anticipate living, on average, until age 86.6. That's a lot of years - and you'll need to plan for them when you create long-term saving, investing and spending strategies.

- Not establishing a suitable withdrawal rate - Once you are retired, you will likely need to start withdrawing money from your 401(k), IRA and other retirement accounts. It's essential that you don't withdraw too much each year - obviously, you don't want to run the risk of outliving your resources. That's why you need to establish an annual withdrawal rate that's appropriate for your situation, incorporating variables such as your age, the value of your retirement accounts, your estimated

lifestyle expenses, and so on. Calculating such a withdrawal rate can be challenging, so you may want to consult with a professional financial advisor.

- Taking Social Security at the wrong time - You can start taking Social Security as early as age 62, but your checks will be bigger if you wait until your full retirement age, which will probably be 66 or 67, or when your payments "max out" at 70. You might not be able to afford to wait until then, but by postponing the date you begin taking withdrawals, you could help yourself considerably.
- Ignoring inflation - It's been low in recent years, but inflation hasn't disappeared, and it could rise at exactly the wrong time - when you're retired. That's why you'll want your portfolio to include some investments with the potential to outpace inflation, even during your retirement years.

By being aware of these roadblocks, and taking steps to overcome them, you can help smooth your journey toward retirement - and once you get there, you may enjoy it more.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor

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# Student art show at the Gallery at the VAULT through mid-February

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Gallery at the VAULT is delighted to showcase student art January through mid-February. When you enter the Open Wall Room, you'll be greeted by dozens of colorful third grade Selfies by Union St. students, art teacher Lisa Robarts. On either side of the fireplace is work by Riverside students, art teacher Marguerite Janiszyn. There are Radial Name Designs and colorful Prints.

Stop in at Gallery at the VAULT anytime Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. to enjoy the art of Springfield students and the fine art programs in our schools!

See [www.galleryvault.org](http://www.galleryvault.org) and [Facebook.com/GalleryattheVAULT](https://www.facebook.com/GalleryattheVAULT) for info on workshops, Art Camps for kids, exhibits and our unique Open Wall, and share with your friends!

# Village Roots Permaculture will be hosting a course

ALSTEAD, N.H. - Are you wondering how to create positive change and build resilience into your own life, on your own land or within your own community? A Permaculture Design Course (PDC) can help you do just that, by helping you to tap into the design principles that make nature bountiful and regenerative.

Village Roots Permaculture will be hosting a PDC at the Orchard Hill Community in Alstead, NH starting in March of 2017. The course will meet one weekend a month, for five months and will cover 90 hours of coursework, focusing on the ecological design of home, homestead, farm and community. Topics will



Village Roots Permaculture will be hosting a five month Permaculture course. PHOTO PROVIDED

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include forest gardening, water management strategies, natural building, animal foraging, mapping, mushroom cultivation, and much more.

This course is also accessible to self-motivated teens who are concerned about the health of our planet and who wish to take steps towards designing new possibilities for a resilient future. Many colleges recognize the value of a Permaculture Design Certificate and realize that permaculture is rooted in ecology and is devoted to research based real-world solutions.

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Feb. 24th ..... Baked Meatloaf	Mar. 31st ..... Baked Turkey Breast	May 12th..... Baked Pork Chop
Mar. 3rd ..... Baked Haddock	Apr. 7th..... Baked Haddock	May 19th..... Prime Rib*
	Apr. 14th..... Good Friday - NO DINNER	

\*The Prime Rib Dinner is \$13.00. All proceeds go to the American Legion Baseball Team

All dinners are \$11.00, which includes coffee / tea and dessert. Reservations are accepted and held until 6:30 p.m. The Friday Night Dinner Committee wishes to thank all who attend our Friday Night Dinners. See our weekly ad in the Bellows Falls Shopper. Starting Friday, Feb. 3, 2017 one name will be drawn every Friday at 6:15 p.m. for a free dinner for the following week.


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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

## Gordon Gates & Sons Part 2

"After the roofing I got into the regular swing of things + I guess I must have done a right. I worked till the job on Magic was all done. The three partners split up. Phyl Hitchcock one of them started a job up on Straton + I went to work for him. I worked about a year and 1/2 for him and quit. He was the most arrogant, sarcastic big shot I ever worked for.

I got along with him cause he never tried to give me any ----- . When we started building for some people, they were the finest people in the world. By the time we were 1/2 thru they were no good. He just couldnt get along with people.

About the first of December one Friday noon he came in with pay checks + passed them out. I noticed some of the boys got a pink slip also. I noticed Harold Stevens got a pink slip + I asked him about it that afternoon. He said Im laid off and just before Christmas. Later that afternoon I asked Harold how hed like to come to work for me Mon morning? He said yes but you'll be here, you didnt get a slip. I told him to just watch and see if Phyl comes in again Im going to give him a big surprise.

He came in about 4 P.M., and said well I got rid of some help this noon so this job will last us the rest of the winter. Id always called him Phyl but now I was mad. Well Hitchcock maybe a little into the spring because Im all done as of tonight. He says to me you cant quit without giving me a notice. Im giving you a notice, 1/2 hr thats more notice than you gave thoes other fellows.

Harold + I cut balsom brush for Mr. De Cell for three weeks + we made good money. Id cut it before

and new we could do good. Harold never got over that, I know that made him a Merry Christmas + me to.

After Cristmas I done a lot of repair jobs. One big one for Mr. De Cell that lasted me into the spring. In the spring I went to work for Erwin Dostell on his Motell and from there for Clay Curtis next door who was building the Shamwow Motell. From there I went to Danby for Paul Hazenton who had been one of the other partners in Gen. Builders. That sumer Bill Merrill + I road back + forth in my old Jeep over the Mount Tabor rd. We helped build a store for Moris Beldon on the new Rt 7 they were building.

Thats when I got my first experience layin cement blocks. I helped a mason from Rutland + Bill was our tender. (And we kept him buissey).

After Danby job I got a job from Loney Construction they were building the Weston Play House. I guess I had to be OK by then because by the time they were almost thru they needed go to Bennington to start the Paridice Motell. One afternoon Mrs. Loney came up to me + said Harold + I have been talking and we need to take some of the crew along with our two formen to Bennington to work. Harold has left it up to me to do the honers. Im making you our new foreman in charge of this job. You are a good friend of Ray Austin the arcrectect and he said youd make us a good one. You can expect a raise in pay and 10c a mile to and from work. You also will be in touch with us all the time by phone in Brat. if you have any questions. I got along good and all the help done me a good job. Some of them (yes most of them,) had worked for Loney a long time but they didnt resent me being boss. From there I went to Bennington, (with the same pay but didnt have to act the part.) I mostly cut orders out in the yard with a big new De Walt radial arm saw, and checked lumber when it came in. I made good pay on mileage that sumer. I had a Voaxal station wagon and it got wonderfull milage and I was traveling 100 mi a day."



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This photo is part of the front cover of the 1963 Weston Playhouse re-opening after it had burned to the ground in 1962. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

Watch for future installments of this story written by Gordon Gates. I worked for Albert DeCell painting houses when I was just out of high school, when painting slowed in October Albert put me to work cutting Christmas trees instead of laying me off. If you were willing to work Albert would find you work. Thanks Albert. This weeks old saying is from Ben Franklin. "We are all born ignorant, but one has to work hard to remain stupid."

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## WWII Springfield observation posts program

BY RON PATCH  
The Vermont Journal

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - On Saturday, January 21st the Springfield Art & Historical Society held a special program on Springfield's World War II observation posts. Hugh Putnam researched the Springfield Reporters from 1941-1945 and delivered an in depth history of Springfield's posts.

Putnam outlined in a Power-Point program Springfield's known observation posts. The three original observation posts were: the Biben's post on Baltimore Road, the Adams post on Craigue Hill and the Stevens post

alert authorities in Albany, NY. No enemy planes were ever spotted over Springfield.

Every seat was filled for the program with more chairs needed. Several older Springfield residents offered their own memories of the various posts.



WWII Aircraft Warning Pin.

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Army Observer Wings Pin.

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on Skitchewaug Trail. During WWII the machine tool industry in Springfield was the number seven site the Germans would likely bomb to interrupt this country's war supply.

High school students and adults served as airplane spotters at several locations in Springfield from 1941 - 1944. The observation posts were intended to be manned 24 hours a day in three hour shifts.

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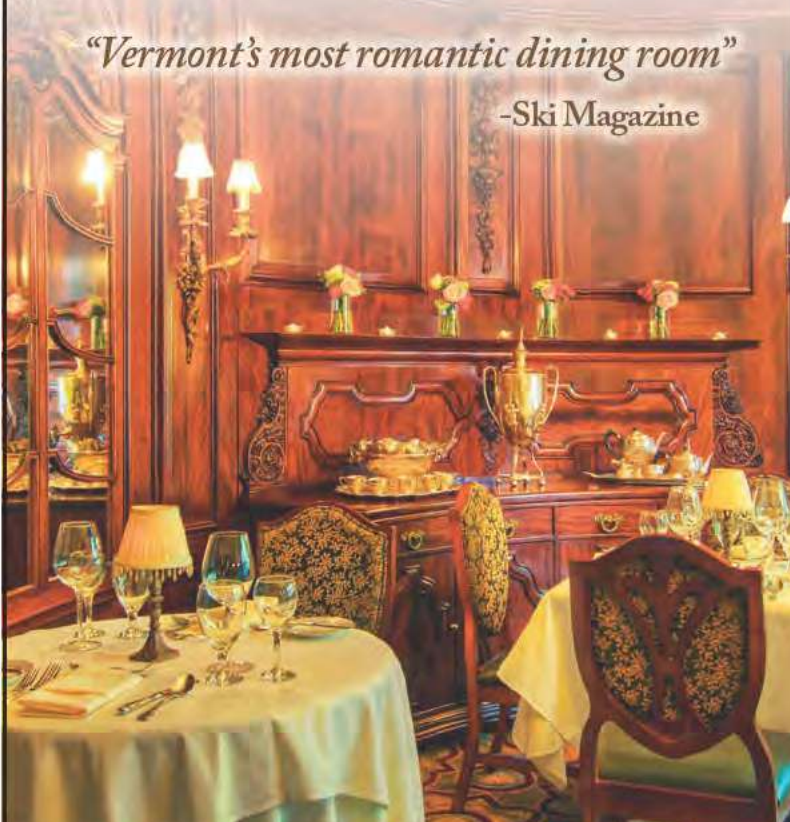
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# editorial

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Women's March went international

One of the state's biggest events ever took place Saturday, when upwards of 20,000 people flooded into Vermont's capital for the Women's March against the policies of President Donald Trump.

Demonstrators actually overwhelmed Montpelier, with all I-89 exits finally broke up. If you watched intently you could sort of figure out what was going on and what speakers were saying. Next time, some pre-planning and testing might be in order.

Even with all those people, no one misbehaved, and pretty much everyone was nice and polite. Police said no one was arrested, and they stood back and watched with everyone else.

People carpooled from all over Vermont. In just about every town and city, there were rides being offered, buses chartered, and plenty of Green Mountain residents waiting to head to Montpelier.

Sanders said he won't let the Trump administration roll back issues like women's rights, immigration, police reform, and racial justice.

"You are not going to divide us up by gender, by race, by who we love," Sanders said. "In fact, your bigotry and your ugliness are going to bring us together in a progressive movement."

Police said the rally was the largest ever seen in the state capital. And it would have been bigger without the traffic jams that kept some away.

Kunin took the podium to offer a message of hope.

"The pendulum has swung so fast from Barack Obama to Donald Trump that we've got whiplash," she said. "I assure you it will swing back again."

Some people think it will swing back pretty quickly once Trump gets rolling, while others say he will do good things for the country and needs to be given a chance to succeed.

Regardless of how you feel about President Trump, his reign will not be dull. We commend everyone who turned out for the march for standing up for their beliefs. It was a wonderful event.

—BM—

### Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



### Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The trusting relationship of mentoring provides guidance, support and encouragement to young people in a one-on-one setting, fostering confidence and competence in the mentee. Youth who are mentored are more likely to stay in school and go to college, engage in extracurricular activities, and participate in community service.

It is believed that substance abuse and violent behaviors can be prevented,

while conflict resolution and communication skills are enhanced. Some of our Vermont governors and legislators, past and present, have benefited from mentors in their childhoods.

As a volunteer mentor for Windsor County Partners (WCP), I am writing in honor of National Mentoring Month. On behalf of WCP, I'd like to thank our Southern Windsor County mentors who have committed to

weekly meetings with a mentee: Deb Ankuda, Polly Blais, Darlene Brown, Kerstin Burlingame, Ed Caron, Christian Craig, Lizzy Craig, Deb Ankuda, Suzanne Farrell, Pat Graves, Bill Morlock, Sara Norcross, Laura Page, Laura Ryan, Bill Sheldon, Barb Slaton, and Jim Stokes.

So, to the above-mentioned mentors, thank you, and to you readers, we hope that you will lend your sup-

port to youth mentoring in Windsor County. Find more information about WCP at [www.wcpartners.org](http://www.wcpartners.org) or by visiting their Facebook page. You can also attend their Open House at 54 Main Street on Saturday, January 28th from 1-3 p.m.

Sincerely,  
Sue Lee  
Weathersfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

To Senator Dick McCormack

I read your recent letter to the editor regarding the Electoral College and within just a few sentences I realized you don't have a clue about the U.S. Constitution nor the purpose of the United States being a Republic versus a Democracy.

I suggest your do some basic research by reading the Federalist Papers and learn why the Framers wrote the constitution as they did.

The popular vote only matters within the state as it decides the electors for the State. They never meant for a National Popular Vote to decide

and that is totally unconstitutional as well as not American. Your proposal steals the Sovereignty from the smaller states and gives it to the larger populated areas, not even the States, but the cities of some states. You are saying that the you want LA, NYC, Chicago and other Urban areas to make the voting decisions for all the rest of us? That is exactly what you have described. You are forfeiting our state sovereignty to the populated cities. Wow! Thank God it takes a Majority Vote by 75% of the existing states to amend the U.S.

Constitution.

May I suggest Proportional Representation versus your idea of Mob Rule? What Proportional Representation is; if the Winner gets 60% of the Votes they get 60% of the Electors for that state, if 2nd place got 30% then 2nd Place gets 30% of the Electors and right down to 3rd place only. Then states like California that has 55 Electors the winner would have received only 33 of the Electors and 2nd Place would have received 17 of the Electors. This way the all the people of the state will be heard

and as in California, the people in the rural areas would have a voice and not be fully controlled by the cities. It seems you don't want fair elections.

Please take the time to research the Constitutions, I find it insulting that someone who has been in Montpelier for as long as you have is so uninformed about our Founding Documents and how they define how our republic should operate.

Craig Averill  
Goshen, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Does President Trump trust Communist Russia, but distrust our intelligence agencies? Will Trump stand up to Russia, an adversary of the US, a country that wants to spread its Communist totalitarianism to Europe, the Middle East and North America?

Trump might be hesitant to admit Russia hacked into Clinton's campaign because he does not want the

public to think he won a tainted election. He won the election because of the ineptitude of Clinton's campaign staff, Clinton's private email server, and the desire for change by a large segment of the electorate in key states unhappy with Obama's policies. Trump should wholeheartedly support the Congressional investigations into the possible hacking by the Russians.

Trump wants to have good relations with Russia so we can work together to jointly solve some of the world's problems, which might be a positive move by the President, and it could make both countries more secure. However, we cannot completely trust Putin and Russia, and we always have to be wary of their motives and be ready to respond to their threatening and hostile ac-

tions. Hopefully, Russia does not have compromising personal and financial information on Trump, which could be used against us.

We must support President Trump, because his success is our success.

Thank you,  
Donald Moskowitz  
Londonderry, N.H.

Dear Editor,

Nitka's notes from the state house

Many state agencies and entities are at the State House these days presenting their wide array of information to relevant committees in the House and Senate. Today the House Energy and Technology Committee, which also has the responsibility for utilities, hosted several telecom companies who provided information to the members. Some present were Fairpoint, Telephone Data Systems (TDS), VTel, Comcast and EC Fiber. They are serving rural communities in an ever-changing environment of communication.

The Vermont Veterans' Home Board and their director gave testimony in the Senate Appropriations Committee of their need for an increase in their budget, one million of it largely due a reclassification of

their nurses' jobs and resultant salary increases. The Vet's Home employees 120 nurses and has 54 slots per day that they have to fill. The nurses are state employees and will receive the increased pay along with other state employed nurses around the state. At this time the Vet's Home is caring for 120 patients and could care for ten additional patients. Our state Health Department also needs a budget increase as they also employ a high number of nurses. Their budget increase request however is much greater in other areas such as for opiate treatment.

The Vermont State College System, which includes Johnson, Lyndon, Castleton, Vermont Tech and the Community College of VT, conferred 2,043 degrees in 2016. Other

news from the "system" is that they are working toward the unification of Johnson and Lyndon as Northern Vermont University and located on the two current campuses.

There are many costs involved in doing this and some of the expenses will be in the state budget and spread over five years. The state colleges are adding new programs to meet our workforce needs such as CCV's Certified Production Technician program and Vermont Tech's software development and engineering programs spanning entry level certificates all the way through a master's degree. There are some very good opportunities for students at these schools.

This week Congressman Peter Welch visited The State House and although there were lots of questions,

a lot of information won't be known until the new administration and appointees take their places. Vermont relies heavily on federal funds from the Military to Education to support our budget.

After Governor Phil Scott presents his Budget Address, the Legislature will work from there on the budget he presents.

Visit the State House, have lunch in the cafeteria and listen to testimony in the committees on many of the bills. Remember, we now have the skating rink on the front lawn. Contact me at home at 802-228-8432 or [anitka@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:anitka@leg.state.vt.us)

Thank you,  
Senator Alice Nitka  
Montpelier, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I would like to announce the beginning of a local Peace Studies Study Group.

We all have to do what we can in this time of economic, environmental, and cultural disaster. My experience is in guiding and facilitating adult study groups, so I would like to establish a Springfield area Peace Studies study group. The curriculum is not new, so there is available a wide choice of resource materials.

Each participant can find a favor-

ite thread and help educate the rest of us about that through discussion. Developing world peace seems like a formidable undertaking, but it is done one step at a time; there are several indications that the time is right and there are already many organizations working on precisely this problem.

Your expression of interest can be sent to Larry at [harrylarryfarry@gmail.com](mailto:harrylarryfarry@gmail.com) or 802 885 5489. If you leave your name and address I will

mail (or e-mail) you some curriculum ideas I have and we can begin to find out where and when we can meet. All are entirely welcome, including interested high school students. A belief in the future is

required, but no experience is necessary.

Thank you,  
Larry Sherk  
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

The Champion Fire Company of South Londonderry wishes to thank the Thrifty Attic for its continued support to improve our firefighting operations. This year's financial assistance is allowing us modify and upgrade our current Self Contained Breathing Appa-

tus compressor to a higher pressure and purchasing four 6000 psi storage bottles. Thank you Thrifty Attic!

Sincerely,  
Jeff Duda, Chief  
South Londonderry, Vt.

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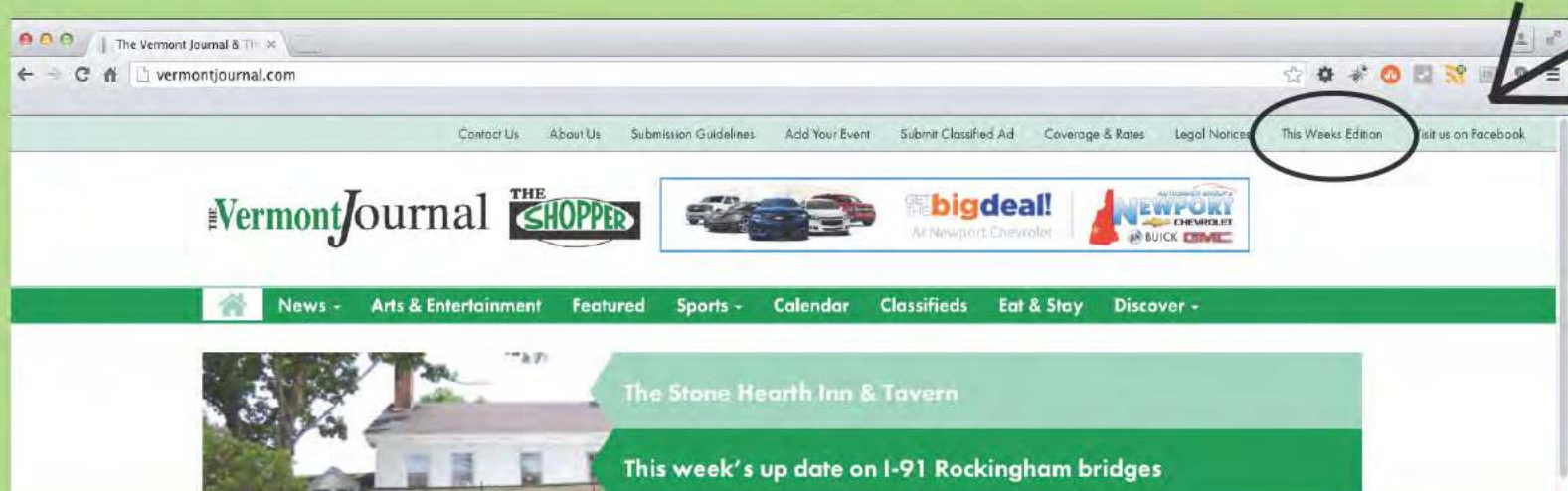
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# sports



## THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

One exciting tidbit about area athletes is every year more and more seem to become college athletes. Coaches and guidance counselors appear to be doing a really good job of finding a place for their graduating seniors. Checking around, we found many athletes we tracked down over the past few days. If we miss your favorite performer who is still lacing their competitive shoes at the next level, e-mail us to bring us into their loop at [bmurphy@vermontjournal.com](mailto:bmurphy@vermontjournal.com) and we will pass their exploits along to our readers in a few weeks.

For the purposes of this little exercise, we will present the athletes alphabetically, first by their local school and then by their last name:

### Bellows Falls Union High School:

**Michael LaBeau-** The senior righty is looking forward to his final season at Castleton State University. LaBeau burst onto the scene at the end of his junior season, when he earned Conference Tournament Most Valuable Player honors and then went on to star for the Keene Swampbats, making the New England Collegiate Baseball League All-Star team last summer.

**Spartan coach Ted Shipley** in his 17th season at Castleton says, "Everything is presently going as positively as expected. He has done well this winter with his cardio and he has built strength. We had a good team last year, but we have to prove it again and it all starts with pitching and Michael is a big part of that."

**Kendrick Mills-** This former Terrier hoop player is a role player this winter on the Lyndon State basketball team. Lyndon is 6-9 overall on the season and 5-5 in the Conference. Mills is averaging 2.3 ppg and plays six minutes a contest. He played much longer against the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, when he got red hot and tallied a career high 11 points.

Mills is a good example of a player who loves the game and hangs on. I saw Kendrick play in person versus UVM back in November and although the Catamounts easily romped over Lyndon 79-20, Kendrick, a junior, was estatic to have competed in the environment of a Division I game at Patrick Gym. At first, Mills had hoped his big game versus MCLA would gain him

some more playing time, but new recruits have joined the team this semester, leaving Mills in a similar role.

**Cassidy Santorelli-** Excitement abounded around the Field Hockey program at Farleigh Dickinson University, College at Florham this fall. The Division III Devils were only the second team in the school's history to earn their way to the Division III NCAA Tournament. They pulled a big upset victory over Utica College in the post season.

Santorelli's coach Jenn Noon says that the former Terrier, who is a sophomore at FDU, "is a huge asset to the program and portrays the true essence of being a Division III student-athlete. Cassidy's work ethic is impeccable and she is always the first out to practice, last in the weight room and spends countless hours in the library. On the field, she is a spitfire relentless aggressor that wants the ball. This season, she was a spark for us off the bench, who created many scoring chances."

**Sarah Wells-** This sophomore Field Hockey forward at Castleton University gets it. Her coach Jessica Kischko calls her "a coaches dream" and goes on to pour on the praise from there. Kischko took over a program sadly in need of a rebuild and for that environment Wells was the perfect fit. The former Terrier started every game, is the teams third best scorer with 8 goals and 4 assists and provided "direction on the field."

Kischko, went on to say that Wells, "brings us energy, is passionate, and is excited to be a part of the rebranding of our culture. Sarah is super mature, understands change doesn't happen overnight and is a strong student, who is becoming a part of our leadership group. We want not only the best players we can find, but the best people who care about one another's well being. Sarah has fit that model well." Kischko is headed to the fourth year of her rebuilding job and has local roots. She graduated from Springfield High School.

### Black River High School:

**Morgan Kathan-** The Lady President graduate is a junior forward, who contributed 8 goals and 5 assists to this past falls Varsity Soccer team at Keene State College. The Owls had a strong season with a 14-6 record and finished 6-1 in Little East Conference play before being upset in the semi-finals of the League Tournament by Western Connecticut State.

Owl assistant coach, Sarah Testo, told us, "Morgan is great finding a way to score big goals for us. Last year, she had an ESPN worthy goal, in which our goalie made a save off from a penalty kick and Morgan was sitting up at midfield and collected it, blew past the opposition and scored. She should be a big performer during her senior year."

### Fall Mountain Regional High School:

**Morgan Ferland-** The former Lady Wildcat three sport star is on the path to success with another Cat family, the Vermont Catamounts track team. Morgan had a strong freshman year, finishing second in the discus in both her closest to home competition, the Dartmouth Invitational and in her America East Conference Championship meet last spring. Her event coach, Greg Wisser, told us "I think Morgan has a bright future for us. I think she should

vie for the top positions in her events in our conference and possibly even on the national stage."

In our conversation, Wisser mentioned something about a "sibling rivalry." For those who don't know, Ferland's older sister, Jocelyn, also competed in weight events at the University of Vermont before Morgan's arrival and stood out. "Morgan has a great attitude," Wisser continued on adding, "obviously she would like to pass her sister's performance and she has those capabilities. Jocelyn was All-conference and All New England, so we'll see."

**Brandon Heath-** The sophomore pitcher was able to get his feet wet last spring with five appearances and had respectable numbers with six hits allowed, a 4.50 ERA, walking two and striking out three, BUT, the truth is, he was waiting his turn. Now, he will be in a battle for more opportunities as a sophomore.

Heath's pitching coach with the Owls, Marty Testo, says he "is a strike thrower and that should help his chances. He isn't the type to throw it by everyone, he is a pitch to contact pitcher, who, when he is at his best, has tremendous tilt to his pitches. He just has to keep working. We expect to use him more this year, and we expect him to push in such a way that he could develop a role as a starter."

**Josie Holt-** The freshman goaltender is a member of the Keene State soccer team and is at an important stage of her career.

She appeared in one game in net for the Owls in the fall of 2016 and is the back-up goaltender behind the graduating All-Little East goalie, who basically saw all the time in net.

Assistant Owls coach Sarah Testo told us, "Josie definitely has the opportunity to win the starting job next year. She was the understudy this year, but she is very raw, but if you watch her, sometimes her feet don't seem to move fast enough, but her hands are incredibly quick and they often act like velcro."

### Springfield High School:

**Sara Locke-** The junior forward from Weathersfield averages 1.55 shots a game and has scored 10 goals and has 6 assists in her career at New England College. She appeared in 20 games for a strong team in Heniker, which reached the North Atlantic Championship Game for the very first time in the school's Women's soccer history.

We were unable to reach her coach Paul Vazquez for a specific comment on Locke's contribution, but she played on a regular basis.

**Chelsea McAllister-** The sophomore 5-7 guard from the village of Baltimore is making a name for herself in another Springfield basketball program. This time around it is Springfield College. The Lady Pride is 12-5 and 7-1 in Conference this winter and McAllister is averaging 7.9 points per game.

Springfield Coach Naomi Graves in her 26th year coaching the hoop game at Springfield says, "we had contacts and we found Chelsea and she has really upped her game for us. She helped as a freshman, but now it is really exciting how she has developed as a player. She is playing 18 minutes a game for us and I am sure you know she can be a scorer, but she has really developed her overall game. She is becoming a better shooter and stepped up her defensive play and she is on track to become an impact player."

## Bellows Falls Basketball stands 14th in Vermont State Division II standings

BY BILL MURPHY

The Shopper

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - Anthony Mueller, #31, seen shooting for the Bellows Falls Terriers is one of the biggest hustling hoop players in the area this winter. The Ever Ready Battery bunny has nothing on Mueller when he heads out on the court.

Bellows Falls is currently 5-4 on the season and stands 14th in the Vermont State Division II standings. In recent games they have defeated Black River 54-21, Springfield 87-54, Poultney 44-26, Long Trail, in a thriller 58-57, Black River a second time 49-38 and then bowed to Wind-

sor 70-59 breaking a five game winning streak.

Mueller in the picture contributes in many ways including scrappy play, and in two games including the second victory over Black River and the one point win over Long Trail, he has scored 9 points to aid the cause.

Coach Ryan Stoodley said just before the Windsor game, "We are starting to click, but we still need to learn how to finish games. BF played Windsor well in the first half, but couldn't finish, bringing to the forefront Stoodley's concern. Stoodley had been concerned earlier with his teams lack of finish versus Arlington, West Rutland and Fall Mountain



BF #31 ANTHONY MUELLER.

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BF #12 SHANE CLARK.

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when the Purple and White lost the opening three games of the season by a total of nine points.

Double figure scorers for the Terriers in the two Black River games were Shane Clark, #12, with 12 and 10 points, Clark had his season high with 25 versus Springfield and he also led the way with 14 against Long Trail.

Cam Joy continues to be a prime scorer for the Falls with a season high 29 in the Springfield contest and he contributed 15 versus Poultney, 11 against Black River and a big 8 in the

Long Trail close one. Jon Skrocki had important 10 point contests in wins over Black River and Springfield and 7 in the Long Trail encounter, while Noah Wilkinson had a big point production game with 12, with every one of them needed versus Long Trail with freshman Ryan Kelly contributing in many ways as a sparkplug in many games and pitching in with double figures with 11 versus Black River the second time and with 10 in the rival Springfield encounter.

## Springfield Humane Society celebrates Hallmark's Kitten Bowl

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - Springfield Humane Society is joining North Shore Animal League America, and more than 100 shelter partners across the country, to celebrate Hallmark Channel's Kitten Bowl IV game with a Kitten Bowl Party event.

The highlight is finding homes for adoptable cats and kittens as well as dogs and puppies. In addition to showing Hallmark Channel's Kitten Bowl IV showdown on February 18th from 12:00 to 4:30 p.m. there will be 50 percent off all cats over the age of 5, and \$20 off all dogs over the age of 5! Refreshments and giveaways too!

Kitten Bowl is the greatest feline football showdown in cable television history and has resulted in over 1,800 adoptions nationwide over the past three years. The competition will be hosted by North Shore Animal League America's Volunteer, Foster mom and National Spokesperson, Beth

Stern, who will be joined by Peabody Award-winning reporter, Mary Carillo, the voice of the New York Yankees John Sterling, and four-time Pro Bowl quarterback and Feline Football League Commissioner (FFL) Boomer Esiason to capture every adorable moment of fleet-footed, fur-flying kitten play-off. Kitten Bowl IV will premiere Su-PURR Bowl Sunday, February 5, at 12 p.m. on Hallmark Channel.

All of the players in the actual Kitten Bowl competition have found loving homes through Hallmark Channel's partnership with North Shore Animal League America - the world's largest no-kill, rescue, and animal adoption organization. However, there are plenty of fabulous felines at your local shelter waiting to find their new, loving homes.

Adoptable cats and kittens are the stars of this event with our equally adorable dogs and puppies cheering them on from the sidelines of Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaug Trail.



Watch the Kitten Bowl, and adopt a kitten!

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SATURDAY, JAN. 28, 5:30 P.M.  
Away - Whitchester

TUESDAY, JAN. 31, 5:30 P.M.  
Away - Proctor  
Coach Larry Kelley

### VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

FRIDAY, JAN. 27, 7:00 P.M.  
Home - Rutland

SATURDAY, JAN. 28, 7:00 P.M.  
Away - Whitchester

TUESDAY, JAN. 31, 7:00 P.M.  
Away - Proctor  
Coach: Donald Richards  
Asst. Coach: Howard Paul

### JV BOYS BASKETBALL

FRIDAY, JAN. 27, 5:30 P.M.  
Home - West Rutland  
Coach: Jake Covell

### BRMS GIRLS BASKETBALL

THURSDAY, FEB. 2, 4:30 P.M.  
Home - Long Trail

### BRHS SNOWBOARD

MONDAY, JAN. 30, 1:00 P.M.  
Mt. Snow - Slopestyle

THURSDAY, FEB. 2, 1:00 P.M.  
Killington - Pipe  
Coach: Bob Fortuna

### BRHS ROCK CLIMBING CLUB

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8, 4:30 P.M.  
GMRC - Rutland  
Coach: Bonnie Allen

# arts & entertainment

## Sweeney Todd cast announced

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The cast has been named and rehearsals are under way for the Main Street Arts production of Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street that will be staged at the Bellows Falls Opera House two weekends in March.

Director David Stern has announced the cast will be led by Michael Wright of Claremont, N.H., in the title role of the barbarous barber in the Tony-award-winning musical thriller set in Victorian England.

"Mike has an extensive theater background as both an actor and director," said Stern. "He is certainly bringing the notable experience and depth he had developed to the role."

Other members of the cast are Libby McCawley of Putney and Jessica Gelter of Brattleboro, sharing the role of Mrs. Lovett, and Aidan Flower of Brattleboro as Sweeney's daughter Johanna.

Liam Johnson of Brattleboro, last seen locally as the lead in MSA's "Bat Boy" production, will play the young Tobias Ragg, unwilling accomplice of Sweeney Todd.

Other cast members include Victor Brandt of Acworth, N.H., as villainous Judge Turpin, Steve Griffiths of Putney as the fawning Beadle Bamford, and Jonathan Reid of Brattleboro as Anthony, Johanna's love interest.

Stern notes that the production team is exceptional and features collaborations with personnel from many neighboring companies, and there has also been "incredible support from Kimball Union Academy



David Stern directs the cast of the Main Street Arts musical Sweeney Todd at the Bellows Falls Opera House.

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and the Town of Rockingham."

Kenneth Olsson is music directing, Sandy Klein, creative director at New England Youth Theatre, is designing costumes, and Shoshana Bass, affiliated with both Sandglass Puppet Theatre and New England Center for Circus Arts, is choreographing the show. Stern has brought Sweeney's razors to life, with the lethal instruments being danced by Bass and Elsie Fleming.

Performances of Sweeney Todd begin Thursday, March 16 with a gala opening and continue Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18 and Thursday, Friday and Saturday,

March 23, 24 and 25 at the historic opera house on the Square in Bellows Falls.

Tickets for the show are available by contacting MSA at (802) 869-2960 or online at [www.mainstreetarts.org](http://www.mainstreetarts.org).

Sponsors of the production are Cota & Cota, Greater Falls Pharmacy, High Meadow Rovers, Springfield Printing, LaValley Building Supply, Allen Brothers, Ruggiero Trash Removal, Kimball Union Academy, Village Square Booksellers and the Rockingham Arts and Museum Project (RAMP).

## Creating a brighter side for your health

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Do you see the glass as half empty or half full? Holistic Nurse Practitioner Joni Foster-Robison, RN MS FNP, will present "Creating a Brighter Side for Your Health" on Saturday, January 28th from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. at the Springfield Town Library.

In this class, Joni, who believes in the importance of promoting health on all levels, will help us learn to see the glass half full and improve our overall health in simple enjoyable ways. Come to this uplifting and relaxing class and let some of Joni's "joie de vivre" spill over on you!

This event is free, accessible to people with disabilities. Please call the Springfield Town Library at 885-3108 for more information.



Joni Foster Robison is a Holistic Nurse Practitioner who believes in improving health on all levels.

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## Community read of Frederick Douglass's famous speech

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - On Monday, February 13 at 6 p.m., take part in a public participatory reading of Frederick Douglass's famous Fourth of July Address at the Rockingham Library's Top Floor Meeting Room.

Forty-four readers are needed in all to read short consecutive sections of Douglass's speech

which challenges the audience, "What have I, or those I represent, to do with your national independence? Are the great principles of political freedom and of natural justice, embodied in that Declaration of Independence, extended to us?" Thirty minutes is all that is needed to read this abridged version of the speech out loud as a

community. Pick up a printed section of the speech at the Rockingham Library's front desk today and then join other community members in a shared reading. This program is free. For more information, call 802-463-4270, email [programming@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org) or go to [www.rockinghamlibrary.org](http://www.rockinghamlibrary.org).

## New books at the Mount Holly Town Library

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - Each month we add new books - many are NYT bestsellers. Come in to find your new favorite read! Here are a few of our most recent additions to the collection:

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ist by Stephanie Meyer (author of NYT bestseller The Host), Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi, Faithful by Alice Hoffman (author of NYT bestseller The Marriage of Opposites).



Check out the new books at the library in Mount Holly.

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## Creative journey at the Mountain Painters & Artisans Gallery

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- 3/14 - Needle felting
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Contact Jane Mackugler for her Art Adventures classes 802-824-5974 / [jmackugler@gmail.com](mailto:jmackugler@gmail.com).

Contact Kim Ray for her Art & Paint Parties at 802-824-6555 / [Kim@kimraymurals.com](mailto:Kim@kimraymurals.com)

Classes will take place at the Mountain Painters & Artisans Gallery at the Mountain Marketplace, 5700 Route 100, Londonderry.

## Next speaker series "12,000 Years in the Granite State"

WALPOLE, N.H. - The Walpole Historical Society's Speaker Series continues on Friday, Feb.10th, at 7:00 P.M. at the Walpole Town Hall.

Anthropologist Dr. Robert Moody will share with the audience how, by the end of the Ice Age, archeological evidence discovered in Keene proves

that people have lived in our region for 12,000 years.

Dr. Moody, who was the director of the Paleoindian Tenant Swamp excavations in Keene, has spent the last 30 years studying Native American archaeological sites in New England. Dr. Moody notes that, "The native Abenaki people played a central role in the history of the Monadnock region, defending it against English settlement and forcing the abandonment of Keene and other Monadnock area towns during the French and Indian Wars. Despite this, little is

known about the Abenaki, and conventional histories often depict the first Europeans entering an untamed, uninhabited wilderness, rather than the homeland of people who had been there for hundreds of generations." He will discuss how the real depth of native history was revealed when an archaeological study, prior to construction of the new Keene Middle School, discovered traces of four structures dating to the end of the Ice Age. Undisturbed for

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# arts & entertainment

## Ski, ride, or snowshoe for fun and for a good cause

PERU, Vt. - The on-snow part of Ski for Heat takes place on Sunday, January 29, and there is something for every winter sports enthusiast, of all ages and abilities. Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing will be at Wild Wings and alpine skiing and snowboarding will be at Bromley, both in Peru, Vt.

Ski for Heat is not a competition or a timed event. Participants can come and go on that Sunday as their

schedules allow.

Make a donation to Ski for Heat (or ask friends and family to "sponsor" you) and the trail fees at Wild Wings will be waived. "Chuck and Tracy Black, owners of Wild Wing generously open their beautiful ski touring center to us, and Chuck and Ian can work grooming magic on the trails," said event founder Martha Robertson.

The Wild Boar Tavern at Bromley

will have a special "Bring on the Heat" spicy chicken wing special on the menu on January 29, featuring Chef Eileen's handmade Bromley Bomb Sauce. Think you can take the heat? Finish your order in 3 minutes and it's on the house.

Clark's Quality Foods in Londonderry is the title sponsor for Ski for Heat. "We are so thrilled and honored to have them with us again this year. They are so community-minded and have been wonderfully supportive of Ski for Heat since it first started," said Robertson.

Mark your calendar now for what has become a popular winter event. For more information, go to [www.SkiForHeat.org](http://www.SkiForHeat.org).

Ski for Heat raises money to help local low-income households with heating and emergency fuel assistance. Proceeds go to the fuel assistance fund at BROCC—Community Action. Ski for Heat is run entirely on volunteered hours—no portion of funds raised goes toward payroll or compensation.



Take part in Ski for Heat on the trails or on the slopes on January 29. It's fun, it's easy, and it's for a good cause. Info at [www.SkiForHeat.org](http://www.SkiForHeat.org). PHOTO PROVIDED

## Take your child to the library day

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Take Your Child to the Library Day is February 4th. Join Springfield Town Library for a wild adventure at sea! Rockin' Ron the Friendly Pirate is sailing into Springfield Town Library at 11 a.m. He will deliver boatloads

of fun, entertaining, and interactive Pirate and nautical related songs for all ages.

Rockin' Ron the Friendly Pirate will put a smile on everyone's face and raise the roof with his exuberance and energy! While at the li-

brary be sure to sign your child up for a library card. Ahoy all daring and adventurous buccaneer's we hope to see you at the library. This program is free. Info at [www.springfieldtownlibrary.org](http://www.springfieldtownlibrary.org) or 885-3108.

## Winter Music Festival at BFUHS

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Bellows Falls Union High School will be the host to nearly two hundred talented young musicians from Southern Vermont High Schools and Middle Schools for the annual District VI Winter Music Festival on Friday January 27th and Saturday, January 28th. The Winter Festival will feature students who auditioned and were selected to represent their district in high school concert choir, high school jazz ensembles and middle school concert band.

Students who participate in Districts have the opportunity to audition at a competitive level and

perform challenging compositions. The young musicians work independently until the larger group comes together for this District Music Festival. Volunteer professional musicians and music educators work with the students rehearsing on Friday and Saturday and culminate the festival with the a public concert held on Saturday, January 28th at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium at the Bellows Falls Union High School. Concert ticket prices are at the door. The Connecticut Valley Music Festival Association, Vermont Music Educators Association are sponsors for the concert. Every

year music educators volunteer to assist with the annual District VI Music Festival.

## SPEAKER

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12,000 years, the site revealed information about the economy, gender roles, and household organization of the Granite State's very first inhabit-

ants, as well as evidence of social networks that extended for hundreds of miles across northern New England.

This is a free event, sponsored by the Walpole Historical Society and supported by the New Hampshire Humanities Council, and the public is invited to attend.

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## Fiddlesticks String Trio to perform in local schools

BELLOWS FALLS / WESTMINSTER, Vt. - The Vermont Symphony Orchestra's "Fiddlesticks!" String Trio will present performances in two Windham County schools on February 10. Rockingham Central School (Bellows Falls) 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Westminster Center School 2:00 p.m.

Members of "Fiddlesticks" are: David Gusakov, of Bristol, violin; Hilary Hatch, of Leicester, violin and viola; and Bonnie Klimowski, of Fairfax, cello. (They also bring "Godzilla," the bass fiddle, with them!) Their dynamic performances are designed to introduce children to the most important members of the symphony orchestra and to make some of the key concepts in classical music making come alive. Longtime members of the VSO, the performers are funny, friendly, interactive—and



The Fiddlesticks.

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wonderful musicians.

These performances are part of the

Vermont Symphony Orchestra's statewide SymphonyKids education program, which reached over 26,000 school-children last year with 278 presentations serving 175 schools in 141 different towns. The VSO's traveling ensembles visit all corners of the state as part of an outreach program known as the Lois H. McClure "Musicians-in-the-Schools" Program. These lively concerts are met with overwhelming enthusiasm, as the musical ambassadors spread the word that classical music can be fun!

The Vermont Symphony Orchestra is the only professional statewide orchestra providing live musical experiences for listeners in Vermont. It is a state-supported non-profit institution founded in 1935 and exists for the purpose of fostering and encouraging the appreciation of music in all its various forms, with emphasis on orchestral, choral and chamber music.

## OLLI: The Secret Life of NH Beryl

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Jim Pecora, will begin the Winter/Spring 2017 OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Series on Tuesday January 31 with the program "The Secret Life of NH Beryl!" It will be presented at 2:00 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Catholic Church on Pleasant St. in Springfield.

Pecora, a Mines & Mining

Historian and author will tell the story about the most precious and dangerous metal on earth. A large concentration of New Hampshire's state mineral existed in Acworth, N.H.

Pecora will educate and entertain the audience with a fresh perspective on the secret life of beryl, obscured from history because of the U.S. Government's intentional deception of its production.

There is a fee for attendance.

The following OLLI program will be two weeks later on February 14, and will be "Discovering New England Stone Walls" with Kevin Gardner.

The complete Springfield and statewide program list is available on the Internet at [www.learn.uvm.edu/olli](http://www.learn.uvm.edu/olli) choose Statewide programs from the menu, and then scroll to Springfield.

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# outdoor news

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Free Ice Fishing Festival at Hoyts Landing

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Vermont's fourth annual Free Ice Fishing Day is set for Saturday, January 28, and will be celebrated by a fun-filled ice-fishing event in Springfield.

Vermont's Free Ice Fishing Day, which takes place each year on the last Saturday in January, enables both residents and non-residents to go ice fishing on any legal water body in Vermont for the day without a license.

"Free ice fishing day creates opportunities for a range of anglers, and really helps to showcase the great ice fishing we have here in Vermont," said Louis Porter, commissioner of Vermont Fish & Wildlife. "From those looking to try out the sport for the first time, to

non-residents who may want to sample some of Vermont's quality fisheries, the day offers full accessibility to great ice fishing fun across Vermont."

Vermont's Ice Fishing Festival also occurs annually in concert with Free Ice Fishing Day, and the 2017 celebration will be held at Hoyts Landing on the Connecticut River in Springfield.

The festival will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on January 28 and is free and open to anyone interested in ice fishing.

Staff from Vermont Fish & Wildlife, instructors from the Let's Go Fishing Program, and volunteers from the University of Vermont's Wildlife and Fisheries Society will be on hand to teach ice fishing basics

including knot tying, drilling holes, rigging and using an ice fishing rod, setting tip-ups and preparing for a day on the ice. Fishing regulations and fish identification will be covered as well.

Department staff will also operate a fish fry station to cook up participants' catches, and there will be other refreshments on hand including plenty of hot cocoa. Several warming huts will be available for anglers to use.

"The ice fishing festival is a free, easy and fun way for newcomers to get started in ice fishing, and also a great opportunity for kids and families to enjoy time together outdoors," said Nicole Meier, information and education specialist with

Vermont Fish & Wildlife. "We encourage people of all ages to come out for the day, wet a line, try some fresh-cooked, local fish and enjoy all that Vermont has to offer during the winter."

Vermont Fish & Wildlife will lend ice fishing equipment to attendees for the day, but participants may bring their own tackle if they wish. Participants are advised to dress warm and wear ice cleats if possible.

Pre-registration is encouraged but not required, and can be completed online at [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com). For more information, contact Nicole Meier at 802-318-1347 or [nicole.meier@vermont.gov](mailto:nicole.meier@vermont.gov).

To learn more about ice fishing in Vermont or to purchase a fishing license, visit [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com).



Join the free ice fishing day on Jan. 28!

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### Wildlife photo contest



A Baltimore Oriole.

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WEATHERSFIELD, Vt. – Sponsored by the Weathersfield Conservation Commission is the 4th Wildlife photo contest. Requirements: limited to native wildlife such as animals, birds or insects,

contest only for amateur photographers. Photographed within a 50-mile radius. One submission per person, printed on 8 x 10 glossy. There will be three place winners, submissions are judged by 3 people.

Photos can be dropped off at the Weathersfield Town Office in an envelope marked Conservation Commission photo contest. There will be a drop box at the town office for after hours. The following information needs to be included: Name, address, phone number, email, and location of photo.

Submission is implied consent for the town to duplicate the photo in their annual report.

Winning photo will be mounted and framed, then displayed for one year at either the town office, library or school then returned to the owner.

Submission deadline is February 13, 2017.

**WARNINGS**  
**Union #39 School District**

**PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARINGS**

The legal voters of Union School District #39, consisting of Ludlow Town School District and Mount Holly Town School District, are hereby warned to meet for Public Informational Hearings on the proposed budget for 2017-2018.

Union #39 Black River High School Library - on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM  
Mount Holly Elementary School Gymnasium - on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7:00 PM

**VOTING BY BALLOT**  
Ludlow Town Hall & Mount Holly Town Office  
Tuesday, March 7, 2017 - 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

The legal voters of Union School District #39, consisting of Ludlow Town School District and Mount Holly Town School District, are hereby warned to meet at the Town Office in Mount Holly and the Town Hall in Ludlow from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot. The business to be transacted to include:

**Article I:** Shall the Union School District #39 approve the school board to expend \$3,411,044.00 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,216.90 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3.00% higher than spending for the current year.

**ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**  
Union #39 Black River High School Library  
Tuesday, March 7, 2017 - 7:30 PM

The legal voters of the Union School District #39, consisting of Ludlow Town School District and Mount Holly Town School District, are hereby warned to meet in the Black River High School Library in the Town of Ludlow, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 7:30 PM to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot. The polls will open on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at the Town Office in Ludlow and the Town Hall in Mount Holly from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot. The business to be transacted at this meeting includes the following:

**Article I:** To elect a moderator.  
**Article II:** To elect a clerk.  
**Article III:** To elect a treasurer.  
**Article IV:** To hear and act on the reports of the Union #39 School District Directors for the year ending June 30, 2016.  
**Article V:** Shall the voters of the Union #39 School District approve setting its annual honorarium for each of its School Directors at \$1,000.00?  
**Article VI:** Shall the voters of the Union #39 School District approve setting the annual honorarium for its School District Clerk at \$125.00?  
**Article VII:** Shall the voters of the Union #39 School District authorize its Board of School Directors to borrow money, pending receipt of payments from member districts as provided in Title 16, Chapter 11, § 711, by issuance of notes of money orders, payable not later than one year from date, for the purpose of paying its expenses?  
**Article VIII:** To act on any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Union #39 School Board of Directors:

*Bruce Schmidt*, Board Chair  
*Angela Benson Clifo*, Board Member  
*Linda Guerrero*, Board Clerk  
*Susan Barton*, Board Member  
*Randy Bixby*, Board Member  
*Dan Buckley*, Board Member

**WARNING**  
**MOUNT HOLLY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
ANNUAL MEETING and VOTING BY BALLOT

The legal voters of the Town School District of Mount Holly, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Mount Holly School in said Mount Holly at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 6, 2017, to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot.

The polls will open on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at the Town Office Building in said Mount Holly from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot. The business to be transacted to include:

**ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND INFORMATION HEARING**  
Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM  
Mount Holly School

**Article I:** To act on the reports of the Town School District Directors for the year ending June 30, 2016.  
**Article II:** To allow the Board of School Directors to borrow money as necessary in anticipation of taxes.  
**Article III:** Shall the voters of the Mt. Holly School District approve setting its annual honorarium for each of its School Directors at \$500.  
**Article IV:** Shall the voters authorize the Board of School Directors to make available the school district's facilities and equipment to such individuals or organizations for such use at such time as the Board deems in the best interest of the district?  
**Article V:** To transact any other necessary and appropriate business.

**VOTING BY BALLOT**  
Tuesday, March 7, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM  
Mount Holly Town Office

**Article I:** To elect a Town School District Moderator.  
*Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 16 § 562, Powers of Electorate (2)*  
**Article II:** To elect a Town School District Clerk.  
*Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 16 § 562, Powers of Electorate (3)*  
**Article III:** Shall the voters of the Mount Holly School District approve the school board to expend \$1,582,991.00, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,363.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.67% lower than spending for the current year.  
**Article IV:** Shall the voters of the Mount Holly School District authorize its Town School District Directors to place all unencumbered funds into a Reserve Fund for the purpose of defraying operational expenses?  
**Article V:** To elect officers for the ensuing year

Mount Holly School Board of Directors:

*David Venter*, Board Chair  
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**Here is our report from Monday, December 5, 2016:**

ON THE SNOW SNOW REPORT	Lifts	Snow Depth	Snowfall
<b>Killington Resort</b>	15 / 21	24"	0" (1/23)
<b>Magic Mountain</b>	3 / 4	23"	0" (1/23)
<b>Okemo Mountain Resort</b>	12 / 20	34"	0" (1/23)
<b>Stratton Mountain</b>	8 / 11	27"	0" (1/23)
<b>Sugarbush</b>	12 / 16	38"	0" (1/23)

### Hunter access seminar

REGION – The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is holding a free seminar for landowners interested in learning more about hunting, wildlife management, and conservation. The seminar is co-hosted by the nonprofit Vermont Coverts.

The seminar will be held on Friday, February 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the ANR Annex Building, 190 Jct. Rd. Berlin, Vermont. It will feature workshops and presentations by Fish & Wildlife head of law enforcement Colonel Jason Batchelder as well as several department biologists. They will review the rights of landowners and the limits to liability, and talk about who hunts in Vermont and what other recreational uses of private lands take place here. Biologists will also speak about the science of wildlife management, and discuss hunting as a tool for promoting healthy forests.

"This seminar is designed for anyone who wants to learn more about Vermont's hunting culture, and how landowners fit in the picture," said Chris Saunders of the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. "We'll participate in thoughtful discussion as a group, and address many of the facts and myths about hunting and hunters."

The seminar is free and includes breakfast and lunch. To sign up or ask questions, contact Lisa Sausville at [lisa@vtcoverts.org](mailto:lisa@vtcoverts.org).

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**WARNING  
PLYMOUTH TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL MEETING AND VOTING BY BALLOT**

The legal voters of the Town School District of Plymouth, Vermont are hereby warned to meet at the Municipal Building in said Plymouth on **Monday, March 6, 2017 @ 7:00 PM** or immediately following the Town Meeting to transact at that time business not involving voting by Australian ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot. The polls open at the same location for voting by Australian ballot on **Tuesday, March 7, 2017, from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.**

The business to be transacted to include:

**ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND INFORMATIONAL HEARING**

Monday, March 6, 2017 @ 7:00 PM  
Plymouth Town Office

- Article I:** To act on the reports of the Town School District Officers for the year ending June 30, 2016.
- Article II:** Shall the voters of the Plymouth Town School District approve the school board to expend **\$1,029,319.00**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **\$18,701.00** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per pupil is **9.60%** higher than spending for the current year.
- Article III:** Shall the Plymouth School District authorize the School District Officers to place all unencumbered surplus funds into a Reserve Fund for the purpose of partially defraying unanticipated operational expenses pursuant to Title 16 §567 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated?
- Article IV:** Shall the voters of the Plymouth School District approve setting its annual honorarium for each of its School Directors at **\$500.00**.
- Article V:** Shall the voters of the Plymouth School District approve the Act 46 Merger with the proposed Windsor Central Unified Union School District for FY 2019.
- Article VI:** To transact any other necessary and legal business.

**VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT**

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM  
Plymouth Town Office

- Article I:** To elect a Town School District Moderator (Title 16, Paragraph 562, Powers of Electorate, Item 3).
- Article II:** To elect a Town School District Clerk (Title 16, Paragraph 562, Powers of Electorate, Item 3).
- Article III:** To elect Officers for the ensuing year.
- Article IV:** To elect a Town School Board Director for a 3 year term (Title 16, Paragraph 562, Powers of Electorate, Item 10).
- Article V:** Shall the voters of the Plymouth Town School District vote to form the Windsor Central Unified Union School District ("New Unified District") on the following terms:
  1. **A.** The Town School Districts of Barnard, Bridgewater, Pomfret, Plymouth, Reading, Killington and Woodstock (hereinafter referred to as the "Forming Districts") are advisable districts for the establishment of the New Unified District.
  - B.** The Bridgewater and Pomfret Joint School shall also be considered advisable for the formation of the New Unified District but its interests are represented by the voters of the Bridgewater and Pomfret Town School Districts.
  - C.** The Woodstock Union High School District shall also be considered advisable for the formation of the New Unified District but its interests are represented by the voters of each of the Town School Districts (except Plymouth).
  2. If the voters of the six (6) Town School Districts that are currently members of the Woodstock Union High School District vote to approve the merger, the New Unified District will be established. If the voters of at least four (4), but not all, of the Town School Districts that are currently members of the Woodstock Union High School District vote to approve the merger, a modified unified union school district will be established to be known as the Windsor Central Modified Unified Union School District ("Modified Union District").
  3. The New Unified District or Modified Union District will operate grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12.
  4. **A.** If all town school districts vote to establish the New Unified District it shall be governed by a Board of Directors composed of eighteen (18) individuals elected by Australian ballot by the voters of the municipalities in which they reside. Each municipality within the New Unified District shall be guaranteed at least two resident representatives.  
  
Based on the 2010 census, the new unified union board will consist of two (2) representatives residing in and representing Barnard; two (2) residing in and representing Bridgewater; two (2) residing in and representing Killington; two (2) residing in and representing Pomfret; two (2) residing in and representing Plymouth; two (2) residing in and representing Reading; and six (6) residing in and representing Woodstock.
  - B.** If a Modified Unified Union School District is formed, any Pre-K-6 districts that vote NO will be referred to as Non-Member Elementary Districts (NMEM). Board representation in the Modified Union District will be proportional as provided in sub-section 4.A above, including full proportional representation from each NMEM. Board members from each NMEM will have voting powers for all general Modified Union District actions, but will refuse themselves from consideration and voting upon programmatic, budgetary, personnel, or building matters of the Modified Union which correlate to grades operated by the NMEM.
  5. The New Unified District or Modified Union District shall assume all capital debt as may exist on June 30, 2018, including both principal and interest, of the town school districts that joined the new union district. It shall also assume any and all operating deficits, surpluses, and fund balances of the town school districts that may exist on the close of business on June 30, 2018. In addition, reserve funds, specific endowments or other restricted accounts, including student activity and related accounts, identified for specific purposes will be transferred to the New Unified District or Modified Union District, and will be applied for established purposes unless otherwise determined through appropriate legal procedures.
  6. **A.** No later than June 30, 2018, the town school districts that voted to join the new union district will convey to the New Unified District or Modified Union District, for the sum of one dollar, and subject to the encumbrances of record, all of their school-related real and personal property, including all land, buildings, and content.  
  
**B.** In the event that, and at such subsequent time as, the New Unified District or Modified Union District Board of Directors determines, in its discretion, that continued possession of the real property, including land and buildings, conveyed to it by one or more of the town school districts will not be used in direct delivery of student educational programs, the New Unified District or Modified Union District shall offer for sale such real property to the town in which such real property is located, for the sum of one dollar, subject to all encumbrances of record, the assumption or payment of all outstanding bonds and notes, and the repayment of any school construction aid or grants required by Vermont law, in addition to costs of capital improvements subsequent to July 1, 2018.  
  
The conveyance of any of the above school properties shall be conditioned upon the town owning and using the real property for community and public purposes for a minimum of five years. In the event the town elects to sell the real property prior to five years of ownership, the town shall compensate the New Unified District or Modified Union District for all capital improvements and renovations completed after the formation of the New Unified District or Modified Union District prior to the sale to the town. In the event a town elects not to acquire ownership of such real property, the New Unified District or Modified Union District shall, pursuant to Vermont statutes, sell the property upon such terms and conditions as established by the New Unified District or Modified Union District Board of School Directors.
  7. The provisions of the Report and Formation Plan approved by the State Board of Education on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, which is on file at the offices of the Windsor Central Supervisory Union shall govern the New Unified District.

**Article VI:** To elect the following directors to the initial board of directors of the New Unified District: (Drafting Note: Include only the director positions for the specific district in the warning.)

- Barnard:** 2 Directors  
1 for a one year term expiring in March of 2019  
1 for a three year term expiring in March of 2021
- Bridgewater:** 2 Directors  
1 for a one year term expiring in March of 2019  
1 for a three year term expiring in March of 2021
- Killington:** 2 Directors  
1 for a two year term expiring in March of 2020  
1 for a three year term expiring in March of 2021
- Pomfret:** 2 Directors  
1 for a two year term expiring in March of 2020  
1 for a three year term expiring in March of 2021
- Plymouth:** 2 Directors  
1 for a one year term expiring in March of 2019  
1 for a two year term expiring in March of 2020
- Reading:** 2 Directors  
1 for a two year term expiring in March of 2019  
1 for a three year term expiring in March of 2020
- Woodstock:** 6 Directors  
2 for one year terms expiring in March of 2019  
2 for two year terms expiring in March of 2020  
2 for three year terms expiring in March of 2021

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2017.

**Plymouth School Board of Directors:**  
Julie Dupont, Board Chair

Rebecca Geary, Board Clerk

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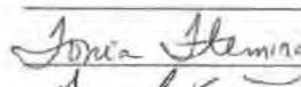
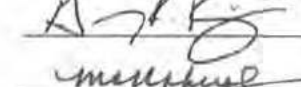
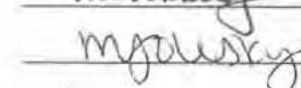

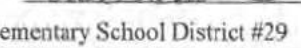
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**WARNING  
PUBLIC INFORMATION HEARING  
CHESTER-ANDOVER UNION DISTRICT NO. 29**

The legal voters of the Chester-Andover Union District No. 29, consisting of the Town School Districts of Andover and Chester, Vermont, are hereby warned to meet in the Library at the Chester-Andover Elementary School on **Thursday, March 2, 2017, at 7:00 P.M.** for a Public Information Hearing on the Proposed Budget for 2017-2018.

(The Hearing will take place immediately following adjournment of the Annual Meeting of said Union District No. 29).

- Jacob Arace:
  - Tonia Fleming: 
  - Gary King: 
  - Marilyn Mahusky: 
  - Monika Olesky: 
  - Julie Hance, Clerk: 
- Chester-Andover Elementary School District #29

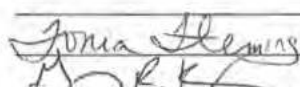
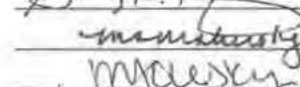
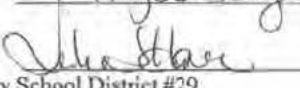
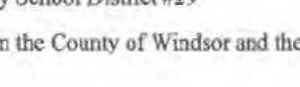

Dated at Chester, Vermont in the County of Windsor and the State of Vermont this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.

**WARNING  
OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF  
CHESTER-ANDOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29**

Annual Meeting of the Chester-Andover Elementary School District No. 29, a corporation composed of the Town School Districts of Andover and Chester, Vermont.

The legal voters of the Chester-Andover Elementary School District No. 29 consisting of the Town School Districts of Andover and Chester are hereby warned to meet at the Chester-Andover Elementary School on **Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**, to act on the following articles.

- ARTICLE 1:** To elect a moderator for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2017.
- ARTICLE 2:** To elect a school district clerk for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2017.
- ARTICLE 3:** To elect a treasurer for a one-year term beginning July 1, 2017.
- ARTICLE 4:** To fix the salaries of School District Directors for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 5:** To hear and act on the reports of the Chester-Andover Elementary School District Directors for the school year ending June 30, 2016.
- ARTICLE 6:** To see if the voters of said Chester-Andover Elementary School District will authorize the Chester-Andover Elementary School Board of Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year, as provided by in 16 V.S.A. § 562 (9).
- ARTICLE 7:** To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not involving the expenditure of school district funds or any other business acted upon in the preceding articles.
- ARTICLE 8:** To adjourn.

- Jacob Arace:
  - Tonia Fleming: 
  - Gary King: 
  - Marilyn Mahusky: 
  - Monika Olesky: 
  - Julie Hance, Clerk: 
- Chester-Andover Elementary School District #29

Dated at Chester, Vermont in the County of Windsor and the State of Vermont this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.

**WARNING  
CHESTER-ANDOVER UNION SCHOOL  
DISTRICT NO. 29**

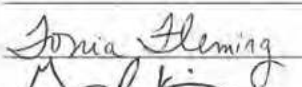
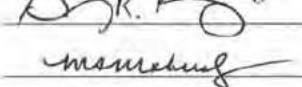
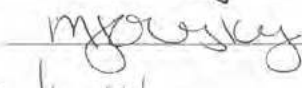
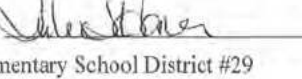
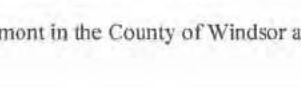
The legal voters of the Chester-Andover Union District No. 29, consisting of the Town School Districts of Andover and Chester, Vermont, are hereby warned to meet in their respective towns on Tuesday, **March 7, 2017**, to vote by Australian ballot on the following article(s) of business:

**POLLING PLACES AND TIMES:**

- ANDOVER TOWN HALL – 8:00 A.M. THROUGH 7:00 P.M.**
- CHESTER TOWN HALL – 9:00 A.M. THROUGH 7:00 P.M.**

Said persons and voters warned, are further notified that voter qualification, registration, absentee voting, and voter procedures shall be in accordance with Chapters 43 and 51 of Title 17 Vermont Statutes Annotated.

**ARTICLE 1:** Shall the voters of the Chester-Andover Elementary Union School District No. 29 approve the school board to expend **\$3,490,756.00**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **\$15,263.00** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is **5.80%** higher than spending for the current year.

- Jacob Arace:
  - Tonia Fleming: 
  - Gary King: 
  - Marilyn Mahusky: 
  - Monika Olesky: 
  - Julie Hance, Clerk: 
- Chester-Andover Elementary School District #29

Dated at Chester, Vermont in the County of Windsor and the State of Vermont this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.

**CLASSES & WORKSHOPS**

**THURSDAY, JAN. 26- CLAREMONT, N.H.** - Nestled within 48 acres of beautiful countryside with stunning views of the meadows, forest land, and the distant mountains, Hillside Village in Keene, New Hampshire, will offer a retirement lifestyle unlike any other in the region. We invite you to join us for lunch and learn more about Hillside Village at the Common Man Inn in Claremont. 11 a.m.

**SUNDAY, JAN. 29- CHESTER, VT.** - Mini Yoga Retreat from 2:00-4:00 p.m. There is a fee per person. Retreat is at Buddhafulyoga Studio, Fullerton Inn, with Yoga Teacher Liza Eaton. Enjoy time in our sacred circle to connect over homemade, organic, honey sweetened and gluten free muffins accompanied by freshly made Yogi Tea (Yogi Bhajan's recipe), or assortment of your choice at the end of class. No experience necessary. This class encourages you to go at your own pace and listen to your body. Yoga mats, pillows and blankets provided, chairs available if needed. Bring a sheepskin if you have one. Limited space, fills up quickly! Sign up by Friday, January 27th for your space in the retreat. Sign up at [www.buddhafulyoga.com](http://www.buddhafulyoga.com) Questions? Call Liza at (802)875-2868

**TUESDAY, FEB. 7 - BRATTLEBORO, VT.** - Nestled within 48 acres of beautiful countryside with stunning views of the meadows, forest land, and the distant mountains, Hillside Village in Keene, New Hampshire, will offer a retirement lifestyle unlike any other in the region. We invite you to join us for lunch and learn more about Hillside Village at The Tavern Restaurant at the Colonial Hotel, 889 Putney Rd. 11 a.m.

**MONDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, VT.** - 9 - 10:30 a.m. play group at the Springfield Area Parent Child Center. Come to play and meet new friends. All parents with young children are welcomed. Contact Celeste at 886-5242 or email at [celestem@vermontel.net](mailto:celestem@vermontel.net).

**MONDAY & WEDNESDAY- WALPOLE, N.H.** - Pam Bernard announces the beginning 8-week sessions of writing and reading memoir workshops at her home in Walpole, NH. Folks are coming together who have never before considered their lives worthy of exploration, finding new meaning in the act of harnessing memory and imagination. Please email [pam@pambarnard.com](mailto:pam@pambarnard.com), or visit [www.pambarnard.com](http://www.pambarnard.com) or call for more information. 603.756.4177. February 27, 12 - 3 p.m. Wednesdays: January 11 - March 1, 1 - 4 p.m.

**TUESDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, VT.** - River Voices Poetry meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Flat Iron Exchange Building on the Square. All poets welcome. Discussion of all aspects of the poem. 802-463-22074

**PROCTORSVILLE, VT.** - 8 week series of Kundalini yoga with Liza Eaton KRI at 89 Depot Street from 9:30 - 11 a.m. is a safe & empowering practice. This is a gentle yoga class suitable for beginners with no previous yoga experience. Yoga mats, blankets, pillows & chairs provided. Part 2: February 7, 14, 21, 28 Sign up by Jan. 31 for Part 2. Liza Eaton (802) 875-2868 [liza.eaton@gmail.com](mailto:liza.eaton@gmail.com). For full details, prices and to sign up online visit [www.buddhafulyoga.com](http://www.buddhafulyoga.com)

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## CLASSES CONT.

**TUESDAYS CONT. - ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** - Crafts, Stories and Play Time toddlers and preschoolers. Enjoy stories, songs, crafts, and activities. Rockingham Free Public Library 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Contact 463-4270

**SAXTONS RIVER, Vt.** - 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Play Group at Saxtons River Elementary School. Come on over for crafts, activities and to play! Call Molly 802-376-6204

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - EdgarMay Open Play Group 10 - 11:30 a.m. at Studio Momentum. 71 Main Street. An active playtime specifically designed for children aged 6 months through 5 years! Free to member families. Call (802) 885-2568 or info@myrecenter.org

**LONDONDERRY, Vt.** - 2 hour art classes. BYO refreshments & appetizers. 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Art & Paint Parties with Kim Ray: 2/7 - Paint Your Heart Out, 2/21 - Clay Whistles, 3/7 - Paint Your Favorite Animal, 3/21 - Graphite drawing, 4/4 - Still Life Painting, 4/18 - Feng Shui painting. Contact Jane Mackugler for her Art Adventures classes 802-824-5974 / jmackugler@gmail.com. Art Adventures with Jane Mackugler: 1/31 - Zentangle, 2/14 - Gelli Printing, 3/14 - Needle felting, 4/11 - Alcohol Inks. Contact Kim Ray for her Art & Paint Parties at 802-824-6555 / Kim@kimraymurals.com. Classes will take place at the Mountain Painters & Artisans Gallery at the Mountain Marketplace, 5700 Route 100.

**WEDNESDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - Play Group at First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls/Rockingham Recreation Center. 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Come join the fun! Healthy snack served. Call Molly 802-376-6204.

**CAVENDISH, Vt.** - Starting February 1 from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., there will be a Tai Chi beginners' class at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Cavendish/Proctorsville, VT, next to the Post Office at the corner of Rte 131 and Depot St. Classes will be held weekly. Tuition is per month. A free introduction class will be offered on Wednesday, February 1. To learn more about the classes, please contact Djemila at (802) 490-0225, by email: djem.translator@gmail.com or check for updates on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/genstaichi/

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

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**LONDONDERRY, Vt.** - Turn the challenges of raising youth into opportunities for growth. Active Parenting is a great workshop for parents of kids of any age, especially tweens and teens. The workshop runs on Thursdays, January 26 - March 9 from 5:30 - 7

p.m. (except February 23) at The Collaborative, 91 VT Route 11, Londonderry, behind Flood Brook School. Participants will learn skills to help with clear communication, new ways to handle online

safety and set screen times, conflict management and mindfulness techniques. This six-week workshop is free and each participant receives a workbook. Dinner and childcare provided with

preregistration by calling The Collaborative at 824-4200. WINDSOR, Vt. - Play Group 9:30 - 11 a.m. Come and enjoy an open gym, ball games and sometimes even a

bounce house! Call Windsor Recreation Center (802) 674-6783. FRIDAYS - CHESTER, Vt. - Liza Eaton,

founder of Buddhaful Yoga, will be offering Kundalini Yoga Dance every Friday 9:30 - 11 a.m. You will be encouraged to go at your own pace and listen to your body. Both classes

are held at the Fullerton Inn, on the Chester Green. For more information visit www.buddhafulyoga.com or call (802)875-2868.

**WARNING  
PUBLIC INFORMATION HEARING  
CAVENDISH TOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The legal voters of the Cavendish Town Elementary School District are hereby warned to meet in the Multi-Purpose room at the Cavendish Town Elementary School in Proctorsville on **Monday, March 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.** for a Public Information Hearing on the Proposed Budget for 2017-2018.

(Hearing will take place immediately following adjournment of the Annual Meeting of said Cavendish Town Elementary School District).

Eugene Bont \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Dickey \_\_\_\_\_  
Sharon Huntley \_\_\_\_\_  
Fred Marin \_\_\_\_\_  
Doug McBride \_\_\_\_\_

Dated at Cavendish, Vermont in the County of Windsor and the State of Vermont this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.

Diane M. McNamara Clerk,  
Diane McNamara  
Cavendish Town Elementary School District

Dated at Cavendish, Vermont in the County of Windsor and the State of Vermont this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.

**DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT  
OF GREEN MOUNTAIN UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35  
TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES  
FROM PROCEEDS OF INDEBTEDNESS**

WHEREAS, Green Mountain Union High School District No. 35, Vermont, (the "Issuer") intends to make public school building improvements, namely, roof replacement at the High School located in Chester, Vermont, subject to approval and authorization of the Issuer at a special meeting to be called and held for that purpose on March 7, 2017 (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Issuer expects to pay certain capital expenditures (the "Reimbursement Expenditures") in connection with the Project prior to the issuance of indebtedness for the purpose of financing costs associated with the Project on a long-term basis;

WHEREAS, the Issuer reasonably expects that for that part of the Project consisting of design, permitting, acquisition, financing, administration, management and construction costs, debt obligations in an amount not expected to exceed \$886,550 will be issued, and that certain of the proceeds of such debt obligations will be used to reimburse the Reimbursement Expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer declares its reasonable official intent to reimburse prior expenditures for the above-described part of the Project with proceeds of a subsequent borrowing:

NOW THEREFORE, the Issuer declares:

**Section 1.** The Issuer finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct, and that all of the capital expenditures covered by this Resolution were or will be made not earlier than 60 days prior to the date of this Resolution.

**Section 2.** This declaration is made solely for the purposes of establishing compliance with the requirements of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations. This declaration does not bind the Issuer to make any expenditure, incur any indebtedness, or proceed with the Project.

**Section 3.** The Issuer hereby declares its official intent to use proceeds of indebtedness to reimburse itself for Reimbursement Expenditures, within 18 months of either the date of the first expenditure of funds by Issuer for such Project or the date that such Project is placed in service, whichever is later (but in no event more than three years after the date of the original expenditure of Issuer funds for such Project), and to allocate an amount not to exceed \$886,550 of the proceeds thereof to reimburse itself for its expenditures in connection with the Project.

**Section 4.** The Issuer's debt obligations for the aforementioned purpose will not be "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Section 141 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

**Section 5.** All prior actions of the officials and agents of Issuer that are in conformity with the purpose and intent of this Resolution and in furtherance of the Project shall be and the same hereby are in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.

**Section 6.** All other resolutions of the legislative body of the Issuer, or parts of resolutions, inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 7.** It is hereby found that all discussions and deliberations of the legislative body of the Issuer leading to the adoption of this Resolution occurred at one or more meetings of the legislative body conducted pursuant to public notice and open to public attendance.

**Section 8.** This declaration shall take effect from and after its adoption.

The undersigned, District Clerk of the Issuer, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the declaration of the legislative body of said Issuer duly made at a meeting thereof held on the date, specified below, and that said declaration has not been amended, modified or revoked.

Julie Hance  
District Clerk

January 12, 2017

**WARNING  
PUBLIC INFORMATION HEARING  
GREEN MOUNTAIN UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35**

The legal voters of the Green Mountain Union High School District No. 35, consisting of the Town School Districts of Andover, Cavendish and Chester, Vermont, are hereby warned to meet in the conference room at Green Mountain Union High School, Chester, Vermont, on **Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.** for a Public Information Hearing on the Proposed Budget for 2017-2018.

(Hearing will take place immediately following adjournment of the Annual Meeting of said Union High School District No. 35).

Eugene Bont: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deborah Brown: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alison DesLauriers: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffery Hance: \_\_\_\_\_  
Henry Mauti: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bruce Parks: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bruce Pollard: \_\_\_\_\_

Julie Hance, Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_  
Green Mountain Union High School District #35

Dated at Chester, Vermont in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

**WARNING  
OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF  
CAVENDISH TOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The legal voters of the Cavendish Town Elementary School District are hereby warned to meet in the Multi-Purpose room at the Cavendish Town Elementary School on **Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.**, to act on the following articles.

**ARTICLE 1:** To hear and act on the reports of the Cavendish Town Elementary School District Directors for the school year ending June 30, 2016.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the voters of said Cavendish Town School District will authorize the Cavendish Town School District School Board of Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year, as provided by in 16 V.S.A. § 562 (9).

**ARTICLE 3:** To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not involving the expenditure of school district funds or any other business acted upon in the preceding articles.

**ARTICLE 4:** To adjourn.

**Ballot Items**

To vote on the following items by Australian ballot. Polls open on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. voting to take place at the Cavendish Town Elementary School.

**ARTICLE 5:** To elect a Moderator.

**ARTICLE 6:** To elect three (3) Cavendish School Directors for the Cavendish Town Elementary School Board, one for a three year term and two for one year terms.

Eugene Bont \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Dickey \_\_\_\_\_  
Sharon Huntley \_\_\_\_\_  
Fred Marin \_\_\_\_\_  
Doug McBride \_\_\_\_\_

Dated at Cavendish, Vermont in the County of Windsor and the State of Vermont this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.

Diane M. McNamara Clerk,  
Diane McNamara  
Cavendish Town Elementary School District

Dated at Cavendish, Vermont in the County of Windsor and the State of Vermont this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.

**WARNING  
CAVENDISH TOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
DISTRICT**

The legal voters of the Cavendish Town Elementary School District are hereby warned to meet on **March 7, 2017**, to vote by Australian Ballot on the following article of business:

**POLLING PLACE AND TIME:  
CAVENDISH TOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
10:00 A.M. THROUGH 7:00 P.M.**

**ARTICLE 1:** Shall the voters of the Cavendish Town Elementary School District approve the school board to expend \$1,940,406.00, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,982.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per pupil is 4.70% higher than spending for the current year.

Eugene Bont \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara Dickey \_\_\_\_\_  
Sharon Huntley \_\_\_\_\_  
Fred Marin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Dated at Cavendish, Vermont in the County of Windsor and the State of Vermont this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.

Diane M. McNamara Clerk,  
Diane McNamara  
Cavendish Town Elementary School District

Dated at Cavendish, Vermont in the County of Windsor and the State of Vermont this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.







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## LEGAL NOTICES

### LIBRARIES

**SATURDAY, JAN. 28**  
**BELMONT, Vt.** - This family friendly presentation at the Mount Holly Town Library, 26 Maple Hill Road, is for children as well as adults. We will look at the historical significance of the beaver in North America. Their unique adaptations allow them to survive year-

round in a habitat of their own making. The ecosystem that is created supports a diversity of wildlife while also playing a major role in flood control and environmental rejuvenation. Questions? Email [mthollylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:mthollylibrary@gmail.com) 4 - 5:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JAN. 29**  
**CAVENDISH, Vt.** - The

Cavendish Fletcher Community Library presents its first Dinner and Movie of 2017. We will be showing "The Magnificent Seven" from 2016 in the library at 1:00 p.m. This movie is rated PG-13. A generous sampling of frontier food will be served. The event is free and open to the public, though donations are greatly appreciated. Please contact Kata at 226-7503 for more information.

and are certified by the IRS to provide free tax preparation services. These counselors will be available at the Library on from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Appointments are required for this service. Please bring to the appointment: your photo I.D., your social security number, any Homestead Declaration forms or Landlord Rental Certificates, any other tax forms To register or for more information, call (802) 463-4270, email [programming@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org) or stop by the Rockingham Library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls.

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**EVERY OTHER THURSDAY** - **CHARLESTOWN, N.H.** - The Silsby Library, 226 Main St. will host the Roaming Readers at 9 a.m. In an effort to be active before the winter months, the library is starting a book club that meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Join us in front of the library as we walk our beautiful stretch of town and discuss the latest books we have been reading. Make sure to wear comfortable sneakers!

**FRIDAYS** - **CHESTER, Vt.** - Story Time at Whiting Library from 10:30 - 11 a.m. Come and listen to a story every Friday with your children. Call 802-875-2277.

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

**EVERY OTHER FRIDAY** - **WINDSOR, Vt.** - The Yo-Yo Club meets at 2:45 p.m. at Windsor Public Library, 43 State Street. All ages are

welcome. Bring your own yo-yo, or let us help you purchase a yo-yo, also available to borrow for classes and to check out through the library. Call 802-674-2556, [www.windsorlibrary.org](http://www.windsorlibrary.org).

### MEETINGS

**THURSDAY, JAN. 26** - **BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - Greater Falls Connections invites you to join us for a community meeting at the Rockingham Free Public Library in Bellows Falls from 6 - 8 p.m. We will share results from the 2015 YRBS survey and discuss all the progress that has been made in Windham Northeast. We are also seeking community input on our work. Join this important discussion about our community work and help make a difference. Dinner will be provided. Prevention through Inspiration! Find out more about the work of GFC at [www.greaterfallsconnections.org](http://www.greaterfallsconnections.org).


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

**FIRST TUESDAY** - **ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** - The Abenaki Snowmobile Club is holding our regular business meetings on the first Tuesday of each month (September through May) at 7 p.m. at the Bellows Falls Fire Department. For more information, you can contact George Berube, Trails Master at 802-869-2593.

**TUESDAYS** - **LONDONDERRY, Vt.** - Smoking Cessation class to be held at Neighborhood Connections, 5700 Route 100, from 6-7 p.m.

**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.

**MONTHLY** - **CHESTER, Vt.** - Chester Historical Society meeting is Thursday, January 26 at 7 p.m. upstairs at the Chester Town Hall. There will be a slideshow of Gale Peck's paintings and real estate photos.



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**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15** - **ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** - The AARP tax assistance program will be providing free tax preparation help to low and moderate-income residents. Pre-registration is required. AARP Tax-aide counselors are volunteers who are trained each year on state and federal tax regulations

**TUESDAYS** - **LUDDLOW, Vt.** - Fletcher Memorial Library off Main St. for "Crafty Tuesdays," from 3 to 4 p.m. for kindergarten through grade six age children.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - 10 a.m. Story Time. Stories, songs, and activities for the youngest readers. Springfield Library.

**CHARLESTOWN, N.H.** - Story time for Toddlers and PreK, at the Silsby Free Library, from 10:30 a.m. Children and parents are invited for stories, songs and finger plays. Session includes play time, an activity and a story time. Free and open to all.

**WEDNESDAYS** - **ASCUTNEY, Vt.** - Preschoolers join Jordan for stories, fun and a simple craft. Contact

**WINDSOR, Vt.** - Preschool and Toddler Story Time every Wednesday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Windsor Public Library, 43 State Street. Each week features a theme, music stories and a craft. 802-674-2556. [www.windsorlibrary.org](http://www.windsorlibrary.org) (802) 674-2556

**THURSDAYS** - **ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** - Join genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard on a quest to discover your family roots on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Rockingham Library. If you own a laptop, please bring it along. With the many free databases available at the library, it's hard to tell what you might find. Both beginners and seasoned genealogists are welcome. This program is free. For more



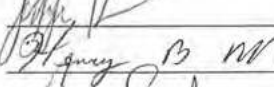
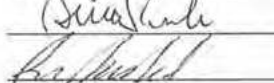

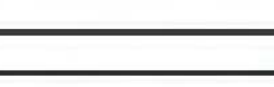
#### WARNING OF ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting of Green Mountain Union High School District No. 35, a municipal corporation consisting of the Town School Districts of Andover, Cavendish and Chester, Vermont.


The legal voters of the Green Mountain Union High School District No. 35 consisting of the Town School Districts of Andover, Cavendish and Chester, Vermont are hereby warned to meet in the conference room at Green Mountain Union High School, Chester, Vermont on **Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** to act on the following articles:

- ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator for a one year term beginning July 1, 2017.
- ARTICLE 2: To elect a clerk for a one year term beginning July 1, 2017.
- ARTICLE 3: To elect a treasurer for a one year term beginning July 1, 2017.
- ARTICLE 4: To elect a budget committee member, term beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2019.
- ARTICLE 5: To fix the salaries of School Board Directors for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 6: To hear and act on the reports of the Green Mountain Union High School District Directors for the school year ending June 30, 2016.
- ARTICLE 7: To see if the voters of said Green Mountain Union High School District No. 35 will authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money pending the receipt of payments from member districts, as provided in Title 16, Chapter 11, subchapter 4, §706(8).
- ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business deemed proper when met, not involving the expenditure of school district funds or any other business acted upon in the preceding articles.
- ARTICLE 9: To adjourn.

#### Green Mountain Union High School Board of Directors:

Eugene Bont:   
 Deborah Brown:   
 Alison DesLauriers:   
 Jeffery Hance:   
 Henry Mauti:   
 Bruce Parks:   
 Bruce Pollard: 

Dated at Chester, Vermont in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

Julie Hance, Clerk: 



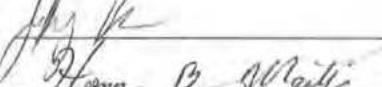
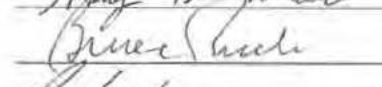
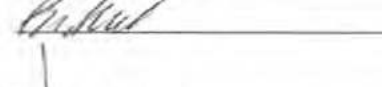
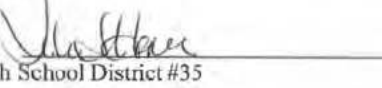
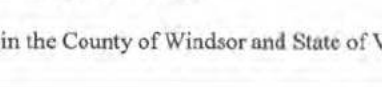
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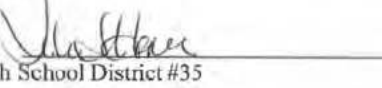
The legal voters of the Green Mountain Union High School District No. 35 consisting of the Town School Districts of Andover, Cavendish and Chester, Vermont are hereby warned to meet in their respective towns on March 7, 2017 to vote by Australian ballot on the following article/s of business:

#### POLLING PLACES AND TIMES:

- Andover Town Hall - open 8:00 a.m. and close 7:00 p.m.
- Chester Town Hall - open 9:00 a.m. and close 7:00 p.m.
- Cavendish Town Elementary - open 10:00 a.m. and close 7:00 p.m.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters of the Green Mountain Union High School District No. 35 approve the school board to expend \$6,095,786.00, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$14,991.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 5.60% higher than spending for the current year.

Eugene Bont:   
 Deborah Brown:   
 Alison DesLauriers:   
 Jeffery Hance:   
 Henry Mauti:   
 Bruce Parks:   
 Bruce Pollard: 

Julie Hance, Clerk:   
 Green Mountain Union High School District #35

Dated at Chester, Vermont in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.

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## pets of the week



Hi! My name is Bobbi and I'm a 2-year-old spayed female. I was adopted from Lucy Mackenzie as a little kitten and was, sadly, recently returned when a person I lived with discovered they were highly allergic to cats. It's such a shame, but it's OK. I'm having a blast here! There are lots of people that make sure I get lots of love every day. I have many kind cat friends that I live with

here at the shelter. One of my favorite things to do is to burrow and stay warm. You'll often find me curled-up in a bed or in my favorite spot underneath a cat tree. Oh, do you see that little tuft of fur where my tail is? That is my tail - I really don't have one! If you have a home where there are warm spots for me to curl-in (laps will do!) and are looking for an absolute sweetheart to call your own, stop in and meet me today!



Hi! My name's Robin and I'm a 3-year-old neutered male Mixed Breed dog that came to Lucy Mackenzie as a stray. Life hasn't always been easy for me, but I'm looking forward to starting over in my new home. I'm a fun-loving active fella that has tons of potential, and lots of love to give! Since I've been here, we've spent lots of time working on basic behaviors, like how to walk on a leash, how to sit, and stay. Patience isn't something that comes easy to me, but I'm getting there!

I'd be the only animal in my ideal home, and my human would be committed towards continuing my training with me. All I really need in life is a second chance. If you've been looking for a new best friend, stop in and meet me today!

Lucy Mackenzie Humane Society is located at 4832 Route 44, West Windsor, Vt. We're open to the public Tuesday through Saturday, 12 - 4 PM. Reach us daily at 802-484-LUCY. Visit us at [www.lucymac.org](http://www.lucymac.org), like us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter. We hope to see you soon!

# AUTOMOTIVE

# calendar

## SUPPORT GROUPS

**FRIDAY, MARCH 10- BELLOW FALLS, Vt.** - The Connecticut Valley, Ostomy & ibd, support Group (COG) aims to bring people together who are managing with inflammatory bowel disease or who have had an ostomy of any type. The purpose is to keep in touch with others who share our fate in order that our questions can be answered and our concerns and tribulations shared. The support group is affiliated with the United Ostomy Association of America but has little formal structure and no cost. It is run by Margaret Heale (802-376-8249) a local certified Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurse Specialist. Meetings are at 5 p.m. in the Fireplace Community meeting room at Rockingham Medical Group, 1 Hospital Court with the summer BBQ and winter potluck at 12:30 at Mrs. Heale's residence.

Spring season- Friday, May 12 at 5 p.m.  
Summer BBQ- Sunday, July 16 at 12:30 p.m.  
Fall season - Friday, Sept 8, at 5 p.m.  
Winter potluck - Sunday Dec 8, at 12:30 p.m.

**MONDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - NAMI Vermont Connection Recovery

Support Group is an mental illness support group. It provides a forum to share experiences and learn about opportunities and challenges regardless of diagnostics. HCRS, CRT Room, 390 River St. Meets every Monday from 1 - 2 p.m. Info: call 800-639-6480 or visit [www.namivt.org](http://www.namivt.org).

**TUESDAYS- SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - Breast Feeding Support Group 2nd and 4th Tuesday at the Springfield Hospital Library Level D. 12 - 2 p.m. It is free and no registration is required. For more information call Erin at 885-7511.

**BELLOW FALLS, Vt.** - Just Us Moms Program (JUMP). Come with your children. Have dinner with other moms in the area, learn about resources, and have fun while your children play, and eat dinner. 5 - 7 p.m. at Cherry Hill School Contact Michelle 275-7871



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**FIRST TUESDAY - WINDSOR, Vt.** - Cedar Hill is Proud to Announce our New Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group. Meet fellow caregivers who really understand because they've been there, too, when things are difficult or isolating. From 3:30-5 p.m. at 92 Cedar Hill Dr. (off Rte. 5).

**SECOND TUESDAY - SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - Wellness/Lifestyle Change Support Group, meets the second

Tuesday of each month from 5:45-7 p.m. at the Springfield Health Center, 100 River St. FREE. Register by calling 802-886-8946 or email [cht@springfieldmed.org](mailto:cht@springfieldmed.org)

**SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAY - LUDLOW, Vt.** - Wir's End Support Group for family members of a person struggling with addiction. Fletcher Memorial Library at 6 p.m. For more info call BRACC

802-228-7878.  
**WEDNESDAYS - LONDONDERRY, Vt.** - Weekly clean and sober 12-Step Meeting. Support Group meets at Neighborhood Connections next to the Londonderry Post Office at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday.

**THIRD WEDNESDAY ASCUTNEY, Vt.** - Twin State Depression Support Group 5259 Route 5, Ascutney, VT

05030 (Near Exit 8 off I-91) Martin Memorial Hall, Lower Level (Handicap Accessible) 6:30 p.m. Have you been diagnosed with Depression? Not been diagnosed but think you may be depressed? Have a friend or family member who has depression? Then this group is for you! Support, Empathy, Sharing, Education, Confidentiality, Peer-Led Contact: [TwinStateDSG@gmail.com](mailto:TwinStateDSG@gmail.com) / 641-715-3900

(Extension 650055#)  
**THURSDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - Mental health peer support group from 2 - 3:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 77 Main St. The group's goal will be to provide a safe and healthy environment for people to give and receive support around mental health issues. The group is free and open to the public. Call Diana Slade at: 802-289-1982.

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<p><b>2015 CHEVY 2500 DOUBLE CAB, DURAMAX DIESEL, 4X4</b> LT PACKAGE, ONE OWNER, ONLY 31,000 MILES STOCK #1558 SALE PRICE <b>\$42,995</b></p>	<p><b>2012 CHEVY COLORADO</b> EXTENDED CAB, 4X4, AUTO, FULLY LOADED, ONLY 52,000 MILES, ONE OWNER STOCK #6998A SALE PRICE <b>\$16,995</b></p>	<p><b>2005 CHEVY 2500 4-DOOR CREW CAB, DURAMAX DIESEL</b> 4X4, 8 FOOT FISHER PLOW, ONE OWNER STOCK #7083A SALE PRICE <b>\$14,995</b></p>
<p><b>2014 TOYOTA CAMRY LE</b> ONLY 16,000 MILES STOCK #1548A SALE PRICE <b>\$18,995</b></p>	<p><b>2016 CHEVY MALIBU</b> BRAND NEW LS PACKAGE, 1.5 LITER TURBO 4 CYLINDER, AUTO, REMOTE STARTER STOCK #7036 MSRP \$24,320 DEALER DISCOUNT \$837 FINAL PRICE <b>\$18,483*</b> \$5,000 TOTAL REBATES</p>	<p><b>2012 CHEVY TRAVERSE</b> LS PACKAGE, ALL WHEEL DRIVE, ONE OWNER, EXTRA CLEAN STOCK #7121A SALE PRICE <b>\$10,995</b></p>

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<p><b>2016 CHEVY EQUINOX</b> AWD, LT Package, Sun Roof, One Owner, Stock #7175A SALE PRICE \$22,995</p>	<p><b>2014 CHEVY CAPTIVA</b> FWD, Auto, Fully Loaded SALE PRICE \$11,995</p>	<p><b>2013 CHRYSLER 200 LIMITED S EDITION</b> Navigation, Sunroof, Leather Interior SALE PRICE \$9,995</p>	<p><b>2011 CHEVY 1500 REG CAB</b> 4x4, 5.3 Liter V8, One Owner SALE PRICE \$14,995</p>
<p><b>2016 CHEVY SUBURBAN</b> LT Package, Sunroof, Heated Leather Seats, Rear Entertainment SALE PRICE \$48,995</p>	<p><b>2014 CHEVY IMPALA LTZ</b> V6, Heated &amp; Cooled Seats, Sunroof, Navigation, Only 15,000 Miles SALE PRICE \$20,995</p>	<p><b>2013 CHEVY SUBURBAN</b> 4x4, LTZ Package, Fully Loaded, One Owner, Extra Clean SALE PRICE \$39,995</p>	<p><b>2011 HYUNDAI ACCENT GLS</b> 4 Door, 5 Speed, Only 63,000 Miles SALE PRICE \$4,995</p>
<p><b>2016 CHEVY 1500 DBL CAB</b> 4x4, Rally Edition, 5.3 Liter V8, Only 600 Miles SALE PRICE \$33,995</p>	<p><b>2014 GMC 1500 CREW CAB</b> All Terrain Package, 4x4, One Owner SALE PRICE \$30,495</p>	<p><b>2013 CHEVY SPARK</b> LS Package, 5-Speed, Only 16,000 Miles SALE PRICE \$7,995</p>	<p><b>2010 CHEVY EQUINOX</b> LT Package, AWD, Power Sunroof, One Owner SALE PRICE \$11,995</p>
<p><b>2016 CHEVY EQUINOX</b> LTZ Package, Heated Leather Seats, Only 13,000 Miles SALE PRICE \$25,995</p>	<p><b>2014 CHEVY TRAVERSE</b> LT Package, AWD, One Owner, Only 24,000 Miles SALE PRICE \$24,995</p>	<p><b>2013 CHEVY 1500 CREW CAB</b> 4x4, Z71 Off Road Package, Loaded, Like New Condition SALE PRICE \$27,995</p>	<p><b>2009 SUBARU LEGACY</b> 4 Door Sedan, AWD, 5-Speed, Only 93,000 Miles, Stock #6881C SALE PRICE \$6,995</p>
<p><b>2016 CHEVY TRAVERSE</b> AWD, LS Package JUST ARRIVED</p>	<p><b>2014 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO</b> 4x4, Fully Loaded, Only 37,000 Miles SALE PRICE \$22,995</p>	<p><b>2012 CHEVY SONIC HATCHBACK</b> 5 Door, LT Package, Only 50,000 Miles, Stock #7149A SALE PRICE \$7,995</p>	<p><b>2009 CHEVY 1500 EXT CAB</b> 4x4, Z71 Off Road Package, One Owner, Extra Clean SALE PRICE \$14,995</p>
<p><b>2015 CHRYSLER TOWN &amp; COUNTRY</b> Mini Van, Stow &amp; Go Seating, Fully Loaded SALE PRICE \$18,995</p>	<p><b>2014 CHEVY 1500 CREW CAB</b> LT Package, Z71 Off Road, Heated Seats, Like New SALE PRICE \$30,995</p>	<p><b>2012 CHEVY 1500 EXT CAB</b> 4x4, 6.2 Liter V8, Fully Loaded, One Owner SALE PRICE \$20,995</p>	<p><b>2008 FORD FUSION</b> SEL Package, Auto, Power Seats SALE PRICE \$4,995</p>
<p><b>2015 TOYOTA TACOMA DBL CAB</b> 4x4, V6, Auto, TRD Off Road Package SALE PRICE \$28,995</p>	<p><b>2014 CHEVY CRUZE</b> LT Package, Auto, Fully Loaded, Only 31,000 Miles SALE PRICE \$10,995</p>	<p><b>2012 BUICK LACROSSE</b> Premium Package, Leather, Sun Roof, One Owner, Only 22,000 Miles SALE PRICE \$15,995</p>	<p><b>2007 HONDA ACCORD</b> EXL Package, Fully Loaded SALE PRICE \$8,995</p>
<p><b>2015 FORD MUSTANG</b> 2 Door Coupe, Leather, Navigation, One Owner, Only 8,000 Miles SALE PRICE \$23,495</p>	<p><b>2014 CHEVY SPARK</b> LS Package, Auto, One Owner, Only 19,000 Miles SALE PRICE \$8,995</p>	<p><b>2012 SUBARU FORESTER</b> Auto, Fully Loaded, One Owner, Extra Clean SALE PRICE \$8,995</p>	<p><b>2006 GMC ENVOY</b> 4x4, Cloth Interior, Extra Clean, Only 81,000 Miles SALE PRICE \$7,995</p>
<p><b>2015 GMC 1500 DBL CAB</b> 4x4, Z71 Off Road Package, Only 15,000 Miles SALE PRICE \$32,995</p>	<p><b>2014 TOYOTA PRIUS PLUG-IN</b> Navigation, Super Economy, Only 28,000 Miles SALE PRICE \$14,995</p>	<p><b>2011 HONDA CRV</b> EXL Package, Leather, Sunroof, Extra Clean, All Wheel Drive SALE PRICE \$15,995</p>	<p><b>2005 CHEVY 2500 HD CREW CAB</b> Duramax Diesel, LT Package, Leather, One Owner JUST ARRIVED</p>
<p><b>2015 CHEVY CRUZE</b> LT Package, One Owner, Only 16,000 Miles SALE PRICE \$13,995</p>	<p><b>2014 CHEVY MALIBU</b> LT Package, Fully Loaded, Only 23,000 Miles SALE PRICE \$12,995</p>	<p><b>2011 GMC 3500 REG CAB</b> 4x4, SLE Package, Fully Loaded, 8 1/2 ft Fisher Plow, One Owner SALE PRICE \$24,995</p>	<p><b>2004 HONDA PILOT</b> LX Package, AWD, Extra Clean, Stock #1434B SALE PRICE \$5,995</p>
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## Executive training program available to VT entrepreneurs

REGION - Vermont Technical College, as the educational partner of the SBA's Emerging Leaders program, is seeking 20 entrepreneurs throughout the state to participate in a free business course starting in April.

Emerging Leaders is a free executive-level training program for established business owners poised for growth. Over the course of seven months at Ver-

mont Tech's Williston campus, each participating entrepreneur will learn immediate ways to improve their business and will create a three-year strategic growth plan to build a sustainable business of size and scale.

The Small Business Administration established the Emerging Leaders program in 2008 to assist entrepreneurs in urban communities, but in 2016 the agency determined the pro-

gram could benefit rural states such as New Hampshire and Vermont. This is the initiative's second year in the Green Mountain State.

According to 2014 impact data from the national program, 68 percent of businesses who completed the program increased revenues and 95 percent of alumni would recommend the program to a fellow small business owner. Participants are also successful in accessing new capital and new contracts with government and anchor institutions.

"Last year we agreed to host the inaugural class because we

felt it aligned perfectly with Vermont Tech's entrepreneurship education and alignment to workforce training in Vermont. After seeing the results and the eagerness for a class like this firsthand, we knew we wanted to continue our partnership with the SBA hosting Emerging Leaders," said Patricia Moulton, Interim President of Vermont Tech.

Emerging Leaders is for established business owners and is not for start-ups or people who are thinking about starting a business. To be considered, firms must be for-profit enter-

prises, been in business for at least three years, have at least one full time employee other than self, and have annual revenues between \$400,000 and \$10 million.

The majority of Vermont businesses in the 2016 Emerging Leaders class had annual revenues in excess of \$1 million. There are no restrictions on the types of businesses that can participate. Some examples of participating businesses include manufacturers, retail stores, wholesalers, contractors, professional services and food service.

"The caliber of the instructor, this program, and the curricu-



Emerging Leaders graduation at Vermont Tech in Williston, Vt. in October of 2016. Sign up to take this free business course starting in April.

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lum is incredible. I have been grateful for all the resources offered to me and my small business. The flow of the class itself has been highly optimal for maximum success. Working on the business, not just in the business, is built into my workflow consistently going forward," said Stephanie T. Hainley of White + Burke Real Estate Investment Advisors, and graduate of the Vermont Emerging Leaders class of 2016.

Business owners interested in the program need to fill out the online application at [www.interise.org/SBAemergingleaders](http://www.interise.org/SBAemergingleaders) by March 1. Interise, a non-profit organization specializing in entrepreneurial education, oversees the Emerging Leaders nationwide. The SBA reviews the applications and selects the class participants.

For more information, visit [www.sba.gov/emergingleaders](http://www.sba.gov/emergingleaders), email [darcy.carter@sba.gov](mailto:darcy.carter@sba.gov) or call 802-828-4422 ext. 203.

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