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Pollard family survives house fire but needs help —



The Pollard's house in flames. Firefighters fought the flames for hours. PHOTO PROVIDED

CAVENDISH, Vt. - PJ and Bruce Pollard, their young daughter Meade, and the family's two dogs safely evacuated their burning home after they woke up to smoke around 2 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15.

The electrical fire started in the attic of the barn, but soon the adjoining two back bedrooms of the house were engulfed in flames.

Volunteer firefighters from 7 neighboring towns battled the fire for hours and were able to save most of the main house. However, the barn and the back of the house are unsalvageable.

Meade, a 9th grader at Green Mountain Union High School, lost all of her clothing and belongings, and her bedroom was completely destroyed.

On top of this devastating tragedy,

the Pollards homeowners insurance was recently dropped, therefore all rebuilding efforts, and replacement of appliances and belongings will be out of pocket. Their home is mostly open to the elements; everything is covered in water and freezing.

Goodman's Amerian Pie celebrated their 17 years in business on Saturday, Feb. 18, and donated 17 percent of their profit to the Pollard family.

The family could use any help you can offer. To contribute the GoFundMe page is www.gofundme.com/pollardfire. All of the money donated will go directly to PJ and Bruce Pollard for immediate survival needs, clothes for Meade, and to rebuild their home.

Sunshine and slush at the Chester Winter Carnival —

BY TERRI J. HUCK

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. - There was plenty of snow on the ground for Chester's recent Winter Carnival, but unlike last year, when many of the events had to be postponed because of wind-chill warnings, this year's carnivalgoers reveled in sunshine and temperatures that peaked above 50 degrees.

Families brought all manner of sleds to the Pinnacle recreation area on Lovers Lane on Saturday, Feb. 18, and slid down the steep hills until late in the afternoon. Children squealed with laugh-

ter despite the slushy conditions as impromptu snowball fights erupted and snowmobilers roared along the trails.

The ice rink drew spirited competition in broomball, which is similar to ice hockey but players wear shoes instead of skates. And they use "brooms" with rubber triangular heads to propel a ball across the ice.

The games at the Chester carnival were fast-paced, and fans cheered loudly from the sidelines of the new 70 by 120-foot rink, which opened late last year. It is larger than the skating rink at Cobleigh Field and has the added benefit of centralizing the outdoor activities for this year's



Community members play broomball on the ice.

PHOTO BY TERRI J. HUCK

carnival.

Nearby, wood was stacked in a pyramid in preparation for the bonfire later that evening, and the horse-drawn sleigh rides were winding down.

Back on the Green, the Southern

Pie Company's shop was packed with people taking advantage of the opportunity to taste a variety of pies, including bourbon pecan, chocolate chess and sour cream triple berry pie. The proceeds benefited the Chester Recreation Department.

Local Rock Climbers Compete at Nationals —

BY AIYANA FORTIN

The Vermont Journal

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah - Sage Allen and two other members of the Green Mountain/Black River Rock Climbing Team competed at Bouldering Nationals in Utah at the National competition, Feb. 10-12, 2017. They beat competing climbers from all over New England to earn a spot in this competition.

Bouldering is different from sport climbing in many ways. The climbs are more technical, shorter at 15 feet, the climbers are not roped in, and walls have fewer holds. This is the first time in six years that Allen has competed in bouldering, but she's glad to be back and looking forward to being in shape for sport climbing this spring. She hopes to compete at Nationals for sport climbing in June.



Sage Allen bouldering.

PHOTO PROVIDED

joined a team to compete.

Allen said, "My brother and I are super competitive and he always pushed me to do my best." Allen puts in the time and effort it takes to compete at local and state competitions, which is usually about two hours, three days per week at the Green Mountain Rock Climbing Center in Rutland. She's made it to Nationals at least twice, once for sport climbing and once for bouldering.

At Nationals, 500 climbers were divided by gender and into age brackets; Sage was competing against 49 other high school girls. There were at

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Support Tedy's Team and Dana-Farber Marathon —

BY AIYANA FORTIN

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - Two teachers at Ludlow Elementary School, Lisa

Marks and Lora Miele, are working to raise money to support the global fight against stroke and cancer. Lisa Marks will be running to support the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and

Lora Miele will run with Tedy's Team in the Boston Marathon. Over the next few months, Marks and Miele hope to raise thousands of dollars to support our friends, family, and country, a little at a time.

Lisa Marks has been running in the Dana Farber Marathon for 18 years: millions of steps and a fundraising total close to \$200,000. She has been running for a young Vermont girl, Caitlyn Mattes, who passed away at 13 as a result of neuroblastoma; Nolan Alberty, who will be celebrating his sixth birthday after battling two bouts of cancer; and hundreds of children and adults who have fought cancer. Marks is proud to be a part of the cancer battle by raising money for research and certain treatments with the enormous help of her friends, family, and community.

The Dana Farber Marathon Challenge is part of the Claudia Adams Barr program in innovative basic cancer research, which was established in 1987. This program provides financial resources to encourage the development of leading

innovative research. This year, the marathon challenge is celebrating its 28th anniversary, having raised over \$80 million with the help of all kinds of runners who have been touched by cancer in some way. They are dedicated to a common cause, fighting cancer.

Lora Miele will run the Boston Marathon in April in support of the American Heart Association, the American Stroke Association, Tedy's Team, and her friend Liz Hindinger, who suffered a stroke several years ago. Hindinger, after feeling the support of an entire community, dreams of becoming a motivational speaker, drawing from her experiences. Stroke victims are not alone; they have a supportive team of friends, family, and even strangers behind them. Hindinger wants to help other stroke survivors realize that this team is strong enough to pull stroke survivors through.

Tedy's Team was founded by Tedy Bruschi, who suffered a stroke in Feb.

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Town garage catches fire from plow truck

After working all day plowing, the Cavendish crew returned to the garage to retire the trucks for the evening. On Wednesday, Feb. 15 at approximately 6:30 p.m. the town garage caught on fire from an electrical short in one of the truck shown.

A neighbor saw the fire and called it in. The fire department responded quickly and was able to save the garage, however three of the five bays are unusable from the fire damage.

The truck currently sitting outside the garage covered in a tarp is a complete loss. Two other trucks received severe damage and are being sent to Reed's Truck Services for repairs, but this could take a few months before the trucks will be fixed.

Cavendish town manager Brendan McNamara commented that this event was very unfortunate, but that the town office phone has been constantly ringing with calls from other towns offering the use of their trucks or any other equipment if Cavendish needs them.

Thankfully, the town crew members and firefighters are all safe, and luckily there is no snowstorm coming this week.

PHOTO BY SHAWN TAE STILLWELL



Marks will run to support the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Miele will run in the Boston Marathon. PHOTO PROVIDED

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GMUHS sends three teams to Jr. Iron Chef Vermont 2017

CHESTER, Vt. - Jack Carroll, director of food and nutritional services for Chester/Andover Elementary and Green Mountain Union H.S., has announced that Green Mountain High will be entering three teams - one middle school team and two high school teams - in the 15th annual Junior Iron Chef Vermont competition March 18 at the Champlain Valley Expo in Essex, Vt.

The schools are participating for their fifth time in the culinary competition for middle and high school chefs. Three times in years past the teams have returned from the event winners.

"In looking over the recipes the teams have been working so hard on, I feel we will once again bring home the gold. The coaches and their teams are working every week perfecting their recipes," said Carroll, who coordinates the schools' participation.

The middle school team is coached by Brooke Decker. The team consists of Maya and Aiden Farrar, Gwen Kekic, and Pearl Myers. Kekic and Myers are both seasoned veterans, having participated in previous years. The team came up with a great name: Turnip the Beet!

The first high school team is coached by Christine Anderson and Carol Neff. Both of these coaches are past winners in the event and



Chester/Andover Elementary, GMUHS compete in Junior Iron Chef 2016. PHOTO PROVIDED

they have worked very hard with the team to perfect a great recipe. The team consists of four veterans to the event also: Caitlin McCoy, Simone Martarano, Chelsea Rose, and Alexandria Pippin. "This is a well trained and well organized team," Carroll said. Their name is Green Mt. Cheffains.

The third team is coached by two more returning and winning coaches, Carrie King and Jana Bryan, who have both been instrumental in creating a great recipe. This team is also a winning team from last year. Team members are: Ange Wunderle, Laurel King, Raleigh Thomas, and Magali Stowell-Aleman. All members with the exception of Stowell-Aleman are returning winners. Their team name is The Skillet Takes! The recipes are being kept secret until

the competition is over.

Junior Iron Chef Vermont is a statewide culinary competition that challenges teams of middle and high school students to create healthy local dishes that will inspire school meal programs.

"It is a great event to attend to witness some 45 teams all in the same venue cooking their recipes. I would like to once again thank our coaches for their time and energy and efforts in working with the teams. Good luck and thanks to all three teams for being involved in a great program. A huge thank you to Green Mt Union High and Principal Tom Ferenc for the support to the entire program," Carroll said.

For more information visit: jrironchefvermont.com.

Act 46 study subcommittee continues discussions

CHESTER, Vt. - During the RED sub-committee meeting Steve Dale reported that he had met with the Agency of Education, AOE, to bring closure to the definition of a Regional Education District. He also stated that Bruce Schmidt had inquired as to the possibility of adding Ludlow to the Articles of Agreement if they would join the RED up to 2020. After looking into this request, Dale said that there is nothing in the statute that permits nor excludes that sort of agreement.

Mt. Holly and Ludlow recently held a meeting in which it was voted unanimously to not be apart of the group discussion in pursuing a RED but to look into other options; possible connection with Okemo Mountain School or another solution that will allow Ludlow to keep the school open and affordable for the community. No representative from Chester, Cavendish and An-

dover felt comfortable with the possible closure of BRHS to be their decision, instead it needs to be decided by Mt. Holly and Ludlow voters.

It was suggested that in the articles of agreement it could be added that this committee would be dedicated to exploring opportunities with Ludlow in the future, provided it is economically feasible, and advantageous to the students.

The meeting continued with discussion on the draft of the Articles of Agreement. It was asked why the Articles wouldn't allow school choice from the beginning and the final consensus was to state in the Articles that there will be more school choice available but the new board will establish the policy during the transition year.

Article 5d has specific provision for transportation. Supervisory Unions are supposed to provide transportation but if the Unified District is the only entity in the SU, the Unified

District then becomes responsible for transportation.

Article 7 indicates that all real property gets transferred to the new unified district however as Steve Dale noted that there is a paragraph missing that states if the district decides that it doesn't need a school facility, it will offer it to the town for \$1. There is significant language that needs to be included in this paragraph. There is a legal procedure to transfer real property and Act 46 included those provisions if the property transfer is from school district to new school districts.

There was discussion on how to deal with the town owned library that is physically attached to the Cavendish Town Elementary School, CTES; the school uses the library as well. The committee agreed that Article 7 it needed to be clear on the deed which piece belonged to which entity.

The date for the towns to vote has not yet been set. Full meeting's minutes are available on www.sutrsu.org

Kindergarten registration at Flood Brook School open in March

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Parents of children who will be five years of age by September 1, 2017 will have to opportunity to register their child or children for Kindergarten.

If you have a child who will be five years of age by September 1, 2017 and live in the towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, Weston or a tuitioning town, please plan on visiting Flood Brook School

at 91 Vt. Route 11 in Londonderry between March 6 -10, to register them for the Kindergarten class of 2017-2018. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, immunization record, most recent physical exam, and proof of residency (lease or deed). Please plan on spending a few minutes to fill out registration paperwork.

The Flood Brook School is a K-8,

300-capacity school located in the heart of ski country in Southwestern Vermont. The Mountain Towns Regional Education District School Board consists of eight school board members from the towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru and Weston. At Flood Brook School we challenge ourselves to be lifelong learners, to practice respect, and to value community.

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New security system installed at BRGNS

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Black River Good Neighbor Services, BRGNS, thrift store and food shelf has installed new electronic surveillance equipment that the executive board and staff wish was not necessary.

"We've had some shoplifting in the last few months," said Audrey Bridge, Executive Director. "Also, people continue to leave items in the parking lot after store hours when employees are gone, even though our signs say not to. For example, a chair that was left after hours and it

snowed, which ruined it. We have to pay by the pound to get rid of it; the wetness raised the cost even higher."

BRGNS is a charity that sells donated goods to support their food shelf and financial assistance service. Their mission is to help those who cannot afford food, clothing or shelter. If someone cannot afford the already low prices for clothing, they are happy to give them what they need. They just have to ask. Shoplifting from is a crime; they don't condone it and will prosecute.

While most people have good intentions in donating to BRGNS, they don't always think about the consequences of their actions. Giving them goods they cannot sell doesn't help them or the community. Dumping unsalable furniture on them is a cost-- not a benefit. Such actions cause them to be a trash disposal intermediary and diminish their mission of caring for those in need. From now on, they will be monitoring the video to deter negative actions.

BRGNS deeply appreciate all of you who donate salable goods and furniture. You make their services viable. If you have any question about the usefulness of donated items or furniture, please just ask. And for furniture, you need either to deliver it to the furniture store during store hours on Friday or Saturday or call to about a pickup.

The food shelf and thrift store is located at 37B Main Street in Ludlow and can be reached at 802-228-3663.

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least 1,000 people there, watching in support of the climbers. "I was so excited to climb. I felt no pressure, everyone was super nice

and friendly," Allen recalled. "You could go up to anyone and start a conversation with them even if you don't know them. It's a very fun and friendly atmosphere."

In Allen's 10 years of climbing experience, she's learned about herself and the climbing community. She

doesn't regret any of her experiences or choices, and calls rock climbing her love and passion and her fellow climbers, her friends and family.

"It is its own community; everyone is so nice and friendly! Climbing is an amazing sport and I love everything about it. It takes my mind away

from everyday life and stress and lets me focus on the 'here and now.' All I'm thinking about is the climb I'm doing and how I'm going to do it. Rock climbing has helped me take a step outside of my comfort zone and get to know myself. I think everyone should try it at least once!"

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2005 just after winning his third Super Bowl and returning from the Pro Bowl in Hawai'i. He dedicated his life to fighting stroke and promoting stroke awareness. Together,

runners have raised over \$3.5 million for stroke research, education, and awareness.

Lisa Marks and Lora Miele depend on the community for support. On Friday, Feb. 17 The Killarney hosted Marks' and Miele's fundraiser, Dining for a Cause. A percentage of each meal was donated to the Dana Farber Marathon Challenge and Tedy's Team. During dinner, Marks and Miele ran a 50/50 raffle, and the winner of both raffles was chosen at 10

p.m. Marks and Miele extend a huge thank you to the community for all their support thus far, and to Mark Verespy for hosting this fundraiser.

On March 11, starting at 6 p.m., The Rustic Rooster in Cuttingsville will be hosting the first Corn Hole Tournament in support of Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge and Tedy's Team. The winning team will take home a custom Corn Hole board. Businesses interested in supporting this event will be featured at one of

the Corn Hole events.

For more information about the Dana Farber Marathon Challenge, contact Lisa Marks at lisa.marks@trsu.org, and for more about Tedy's Team, contact lora.miele@trsu.org.

Marks and Miele thank the community for the support they have already received, and they look forward to continuing to make a big difference in our world by supporting cancer and stroke awareness, research, and treatment.

Women's Health Services are Now Available at Rockingham Medical Group

Jennifer Michalke, WHNP, of The Women's Health Center in Springfield, VT, is now available for patient appointments every Thursday in Rockingham.

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Ludlow Rotary plans next mixer

LULOW, Vt. - Members of the Ludlow Rotary Club will be conducting a mixer on March 14 from 5 - 7 p.m. at DJ's Restaurant at 146 Main St. for people interested in considering membership in the club. The focus of the mixer will be to explain the mission of the club and the events it sponsors that enable it to help local, regional, and international groups.

The Ludlow Rotary has assisted such local organizations and functions as the Cavendish Recreation Department, the Star Lake facility in Mt Holly, Black River Good Neighbors, and Fletcher Memorial Library. It has also aided such international organizations as Malaya House in Uganda and polio elimination, a major objective of Rotary International. The club also participates in literacy programs for youngsters and annually awards scholarships to area students. Despite all of these projects aimed at helping



Jack Menzie, co-chair of the membership committee, and Tesha Buss, club president, as they discuss preparations for the mixer.

PHOTO PROVIDED

people, the Ludlow Rotary Club has never forgotten how to have fun. Anyone interested in learning more

about Rotary and the March 14 mixer is invited to contact Jack at 252-944-6859.

Final week of Trees of Remembrance

LULOW / PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - The GFWC Okemo Valley Women's Club annual Trees of Remembrance were lit for the holiday season once again beginning Thanksgiving weekend 2016. This year's trees were in two locations: one in Veteran's Memorial Park in Ludlow and the second on the Common in Proctorsville. These are community trees that help us to honor and remember friends, relatives and loved ones during the holidays. A combination holiday symbol, personal memorial and fundraiser, the trees were illuminated during December and January through President's Day.

The entirety of this fundraiser benefits Black River High School and Cavendish Town Elementary School students. The generous donations made this year's campaign successful and the Women's Club

is appreciative of the community support. Although the Trees of Remembrance will no longer be lit, the GFWC Okemo Valley Women's Club gratefully accepts donations to the scholarship fund throughout the year.

Thank you for your generosity in helping the Women's Club to support local students. Please help us to light a young student's smile by donating to the Trees of Remembrance GFWC Okemo Valley Women's Club Scholarship fund.

Please send your donation to:

- Roxie Davis, 126 Newton Rd., Proctorsville, Vt. 05153 or
- Pam Bruno, 25 Tepper Drive, Ludlow, Vt. 05149.

Please make checks payable to GFWC Okemo Valley Women's Club.

For the final week, we wish to remember and honor: The Walter

Ahers, Mary and Ed Augustaskas, Helen Bailard, Oscar and Nellie Beckman, Roger Bidgood, Harley and Ida Bragg, Harold and Mary Bragg, Marvin Brammen, Evalyn Bryant, Francis Bryant, Kim Bryant, Margarite Bryant, Oscar Bryant, Roy Bryant, Stanley Bryant, Peter Connor, Laine Danyow, Ellsworth and Dorothy Davis, Roy Davis, Leta Davis, Ralph and Elva Davis, Deluca family, Frances Dempsie, Thomas Dempsie, Derlinga family, Ethelyn Dever, George Dever, Suzette Durgin, Merton Goodell, Nick Gulli, Ida Farrar, Russell Farmer, Steven Farmer, Stanley Grandfield, Russell Haskell, Maynard and Elise Hendrickson, Brian Hodgeman, Leta Hudgings, Charlie Hughes, Kathy Ingham, Norman Jackson, Fred Jelley, Edith Joslin, Jack Kemp, George Labor, Reverend Sidney Lambert, Elsie Langlois, Irene Lorraine, Joe

CAFC puts donations to work helping others

CHESTER, Vt. - If you make monetary donations to the Chester-Andover Family Center, you may wonder how those funds are used by the Center. First of all, there is no paid staff; the Center operates totally through a dedicated group of volunteers. Many serve in more than one position and find their efforts are making a difference in the community.

Money raised through the Center's annual appeal, fund raisers, donations, grants, and Thrift Shop sales support the Center's services which include: the Food Shelf and the Financial Assistance Program, operating expenses such as mortgage, utilities, maintenance, repairs, insurance, supplies, equipment, advertising, and outreach.

The Food Shelf purchases nutritious food and basic household and personal care products from

area merchants, local growers, and the Vermont Foodbank. Grant funds supplement the Center's budgeted amount for equipment, supplies, and program improvements.

The Financial Assistance Program helps individuals and families who reside in either Chester or Andover who are experiencing financial stress. Through the Center's Financial Assistance Program, heating fuel tanks receive much-needed fuel, homes continue to be powered with electricity, families continue to feel secure in their homes with help with rent payments, phone service continues for that emergency or medical help phone call, and vehicles can be driven to work or a medical appointment with gas provided through gas cards.

If you or someone you know is struggling to make ends meet, please call or come to the Chester-Andover

Family Center for assistance with a utility or heating fuel bill, rent, to obtain a gas card, or receive nutritious supplemental food. All personal information provided to the Center is confidential. Financial assistance recipients are referred to Neighborhood Connections for help with issues such as employment, housing, transportation, disability and income benefits, access to health care, budgeting, etc.

Thrift Shop hours are: Tuesday and Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wednesday, 12 to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.. Food Shelf hours are every Thursday 1 - 6 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. 12 p.m. for produce pickup.

To reach the center: 908 VT Route 103 South (P. O. Box 302), Chester, VT 05143. Call 802-875-3236, email: cafc302@gmail.com, or visit www.chester-andoverfamilycenter.org. Please "like us" on Facebook.

Smilin' Steve's has moved to new location

Employees at Smilin' Steve's Ludlow Pharmacy gather in front of the fire-place in their new location in the Okemo Marketplace.

PHOTO BY VINCENT WEST

LPCTV seeking community input

LULOW, Vt. - LPCTV, located in the Ludlow Community Center complex, next to Black River Good Neighbors, is seeking your input! Do you know what LPCTV does or what the name means? Do you think it's a good name? The LPCTV Board of Directors is collecting community input, about the organization's name and brand. The brief online survey can be found on LPCTV's website

- www.LPCTV.org. For those who would prefer a paper version, they can pick one up in person at LPCTV or by requesting one to be mailed by calling 802-228-8808.

The survey will be closed on March 10. After that time, results will be evaluated and incorporated into a new marketing plan being developed by LPCTV's Board of Directors.



LPCTV is located in the Ludlow Community Center complex.

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Mt. Ascutney Hospital welcomes Christopher Snow, PA-C

WINDSOR, Vt. - Christopher Snow, PA-C has joined the staff at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center and brings a holistic approach to his practice with an emphasis on patient health and wellbeing. Chris will be working with the internal medicine team to improve patient access.

Chris earned his Master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies at Franklin Pierce College in 2015, and is a 2003 graduate of Keene State College. Most recently, he worked as an inpatient medical provider at The Brattleboro Retreat. He has served clinical rotations in several hospitals in Vermont and New Hampshire, including Concord Hospital, Alice Peck Day Hospital, the VA Hospital in White River Junction and Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center.

"We are pleased to welcome Chris to a permanent position on our MAHHC medical staff," said Dr.

Joseph Perras, CEO and Chief Medical Officer. "Chris has the commitment, education and experience needed to help us fulfill our mission of providing high quality, accessible health care to our community."

Snowmobiler crashes into tree

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - On Saturday, February 18, at 1:20 p.m. the Vermont State Police, Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue, Ludlow Rescue and Mount Holly Fire Department responded to a snowmobile crash on Shunpike Road in Mount Holly.

Kerri L. Meagher, age 37 from

Patchogue, N.Y., was operating a 2008 Yamaha snowmobile on private property when she traveled off the trail and stuck a tree; Meagher was not wearing a helmet and suffered from lacerations to her head.

Due to her injuries, Meagher was airlifted to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center by DHART.



Christopher Snow, PA-C joined the staff at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center.

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I-91 Rockingham bridges update

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 beginning the week of Tuesday, February 21.

There will be periodic temporary daytime lane closure in the southbound high-speed lane (left lane) to allow crews/equipment access to the median. We ask motorists to use extreme caution as the safety of the workers along with themselves is of the utmost importance.

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/> Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Rockingham-Bridges-595422213984445/> Follow us on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/roadconstructvt#91rockbridges>

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SMCS pronounces Children's Dental Health Project a success

REGION - The collaborative efforts of Springfield Medical Care Systems (SMCS), the Rural Oral Health Access (ROHA) committee, and the Fanny Holt Ames and Edna Louise Holt Fund (Holt Fund), are helping children across the region to receive dental screenings and cleanings in their local school settings.

The Children's Dental Health Project came about after many planning hours by SMCS and ROHA members, and with generous financial support from the Holt Fund.

Dental health is important, especially for children. One in four children has tooth decay by age 5. A national survey found that one in seven children aged six to twelve had suffered a toothache in the previous six months. Children with poor oral health were nearly three times more likely to miss school because of dental pain, as reported in a 2011 American Public Health Association study, "Impact of Poor Oral Health on Children's School Attendance and Performance." Children who reported recent toothaches were four times more likely to have a lower grade point average than their peers reporting no dental pain. The consequences of untreated tooth decay include visits to emergency departments and urgent care walk-in centers for dental pain issues as well as lost time from school.

The goals of the Children's Dental Health Project are to prevent tooth decay, to educate and encourage self-care among children and their parents, and to increase access to oral health treatment. Educational messages such as "Choose Tap Water for a Sparkling Smile," which is the campaign slogan for National Children's Dental Health Month, encourage healthy choices and are shared during each school visit.

This project makes a dental hygienist with portable equipment available to "screen and clean" children's teeth in local school settings and apply sealants and fluoride varnish to school-age children.

School visits are currently taking place in the following area elementary schools: Grafton, Chester-Andover, Flood Brook, Townshend, Springfield and Jamaica. Future plans include adding other area elementary schools and, if resources allow, services will be offered to middle and high school students in the SMCS service area.

These school-based services will be provided with no out-of-pocket cost to families. Transportation assistance from schools to local dental clinics/offices for any needed follow-up treatment is also available.

SMCS is pleased to announce the recent hiring of Barbara Hodgkins, RDH, to lead this important program. Hodgkins has been a dental hygienist in the area for over 35 years. She has worked in private practice and also in school systems through the Vermont Tooth Tutor program. "It is important to



Dental visit with students at the Chester-Andover Elementary School. PHOTO PROVIDED

children's overall health that medical and dental services are closely aligned," said Hodgkins. She added, "This program is a wonderful opportunity to provide area youth with early access to preventive dental care and education that will have a positive life-long impact on their oral and medical health."

"The need for dental services was identified in our community health needs assessment as one of the top three health needs in our service area," commented Timothy Ford, president and chief executive officer of SMCS. He adds, "We are pleased to report The Children's Dental Health Project is now up and running - and reporting great results. Barbara has already visited hundreds of students in area schools. She has performed cleanings and sealants on more than 50 students to date. She is now a friendly and familiar face in the schools, and the children are excited and happy to have their teeth screened and cleaned."

If you have questions about this program, or your child attends one of the schools listed above and you would like to participate in the program, please contact your local school nurse or call Barbara Hodgkins, RDH, at 802-875-2878, or email: BHodgkins@springfieldmed.org.

Enter your beard into a contest to benefit Make-A-Wish Vermont

REGION - Make-A-Wish Vermont and ArtsRiot have teamed up for a truly Vermont-style fundraiser: the 2017 Vermont Beardies. Vermont beards from any part of the state and in all shapes and sizes are invited to enter.

Those wishing to participate or support a beard should visit www.vermontbeardies.com to enter, share

their reason for participating, and invite friends to support their rise to the top of the Vermont Beardies. Proceeds will support Make-A-Wish Vermont.

March 18, 5 - 7 p.m., is the culmination of Vermont Beardies, and will be filled with contests and judging. However participation in this night's events is not required in order to join the online portion of the contest.

Make-A-Wish Vermont grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions. A wish is often the turning point in child's recovery. Since 1989, Make-A-Wish Vermont has granted over 750 wishes.



Enter your beard into the Vermont Beardies fundraiser and help grant a child's wish. PHOTO PROVIDED

Free community meal

LUDLOW, Vt. - On Saturday, March 5 at 5:00 p.m. the United Church of Ludlow will host a free meal for all members of the community. It's a great time to sit down, relax and enjoy a delicious, home-cooked meal.

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

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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

The Gypum Brothers Circus

Many older area residents will remember my father, Arnold Patch. More still will remember his brother Stanley.

The Gypum Brothers Circus began in Springfield in 1928. Brothers Arnold and Stanley Patch of 38 Crescent Street were the promoters. In 1928 Arnold was 10 years old and Stanley was eight.

My father told me many stories about the circus. One story I remember was a tame black bear that walked around on its hind legs. The bear did basic tricks for treats.

My father played the trumpet and guitar as well as vocals. He provided much of the musical entertainment for the Gypum Brothers Circus. I remember my father telling me that even though it was the height of the Depression they made over \$100 each in later years.

The first couple of years the circus was mainly animal exhibits with juggling acts and magic tricks. Eventually more events were added, making for an all-day-and-night event.

At the Springfield Art & Historical Society are original copies of "The Springfield Reporter." Below are a few entries from those papers.

August 5, 1932: "Arnold Patch Manager, Stanley Patch Treasurer. Raymond and Robert Hitchcock as lion tamers, camel drivers. Among the attractions are an eight piece orchestra, side shows and eats. The main show consists of ten or more acts with fireworks at night. Moving pictures will be shown at an additional cost of three cents over the general admission of five cents."

July 28, 1933: "Gypum Bros Circus robbed! Gypum Brothers Circus absolutely the greatest show on earth as far as Springfield is concerned defied the Depression and the elements to register the greatest triumph in its five years of showing. Although a sorrowful note crept into the voice of Stanley Patch when he revealed that some rascal had pinched between five and seven dollars at the gate. Patch stated, 'we know who it is and we'll get our money back.'"

July 27, 1934: "Over 800 persons attend the Gypum Bros Circus at Patch Flats. 'The Greatest Show on Earth' according to Springfield residents. Among the performers: Arnold and Stanley Patch, Junior and Roger Hunting, Sylvia and Jane



August 29, 1903 circus in Chester.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Wellwood and a dozen more.

Howard and Harold Magwire served as 'cops' during both performances, performing a task made extremely essential by the rush of spectators and the enormous size of the audience. Some of the feature vaudeville acts were: Tap dancing by that expert Lester Beaudry, songs by Evelyn Beaudry, three acts by the clowns of the show Raymond and Steve Zaleski, Dominick Gosselin on the flying trapeze. The Gypum Brothers Band led by Arnold Patch followed by fireworks."

July 25, 1935: "Gate Crashers Disciplined. Only one incident occurred to mar the show and that when a group of young boys tried to slip in under the tent, they were given the bums rush and retaliated by tossing a green apple which hit a fair bystander. Manager Patch refused a demand for police protection on the grounds saying that he and his gang of razorbacks could do their own policing, which they proceeded to do in a prompt and effective manner and to the discomfort of several would be gate crashers who are said to be nursing discolored eyes today." Patch also allowed to call the cops would raise the town tax rate, and besides he did not know what Officer Parker might be searching for someone's dog which had temporarily disappeared."

"Well stocked Menageries Anymles

from all parts of the world were on display at the zoo. A flying squirrel from the jungles near the railroad yards; one large and seven small rabbits; a mud turtle, taken at great risk of life from the Black River; a white rat and several stray dogs completed the menagerie."

I can attest from personal experience that it wasn't a good idea to make Arnold mad.

Marshall Dutton told me a funny story about the circus. Marshall had a large dog that was a Collie/Saint Bernard mix. They shaved the dog from the rear end up to the neck, leaving what looked like a mane of a lion. The tail was also shaved leaving a ball tip.

I don't have a photo of the Gypum Brothers Circus so I include one of the Aug. 29, 1903, Circus in Chester.

The next meeting of the Chester Historical Society is Thursday, Feb. 23 at 7pm, upstairs at Chester Town Hall. All are invited.

This week's old saying was a bumper sticker I saw in the 1980s. "Nuke the Gay whales for Jesus."

One regiment's story in the Civil War

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - From guarding Confederate prisoners incarcerated at Camp Douglas, Illinois, to the woods of coastal North Carolina and finally to the gates of Richmond, the Ninth Vermont Regiment earned a reputation of being well-disciplined and steadfast under fire. Although lacking the renown of other Vermont units, it represented the state well throughout its history.

Civil War historian Donald Wickman offers listeners tales of the ninth Vermont, highlighted by the stories of some of the 1,878 Vermonters who com-

prised it, as it became one of the most traveled regiments in the Federal army.

This free event is on Saturday, March 11 at 2 p.m. and is held at the Mount Holly Town Library located at 26 Maple Hill Road, Belmont. The library is accessible to those with disabilities. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Contact Joan McCallum at 802-259-2318 or the Library at 802-259-3707



The ninth Vermont regiment became known as steadfast under fire.

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Archeology open house

KEENE, N.H. - The Historical Society of Cheshire County invites anyone interested in archeology to stop by at the Historical Society on Wednesdays in April between 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. to talk with the arche-

ology team researching the Wyman Tavern. Since 2013, Martha Pinello has led a team of professional archeologists and community volunteers in researching, excavating and analyzing artifacts found near the Wyman

Tavern built in 1762. Activities will be hands-on and suitable for adults and children. For more information, contact 603-352-1895 or email dired@hscnh.org. The Historical Society is 246 Main St, Keene, NH 03431

Presentation on Rudyard Kipling

WALPOLE, N.H. - Rudyard Kipling was the most internationally celebrated author of his day. The first four years of his marriage and fatherhood were spent in New England where he built his dream house - Naulakha in Dummerston, Vermont - now preserved as a Landmark Trust property. It was there that he penned "The Jungle Book" and other classics. These were productive and happy years for the young literary giant, but eventually, they were deeply troubled.

Although Kipling was an intensely private individual, Jackson Gillman's sensitive portrayal provides an inside look at the writer's

experience in New England and some of the controversy surrounding this complex man. Part lecture, part living history, part storytelling,

Jackson's presentation includes a selection of the classic "Just So Stories."

With a storytelling career that began in 1978, Jackson Gillman has gone on to be a featured storyteller at the National Storytelling Festival. Since 2000, Jackson has portrayed "Rudyard-Residence" at Kipling's historic Vermont home for a week each year.

This speaker series program is presented by the Walpole Historical Society and is free. The public is invited to attend at the Walpole Town Hall on Friday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m.

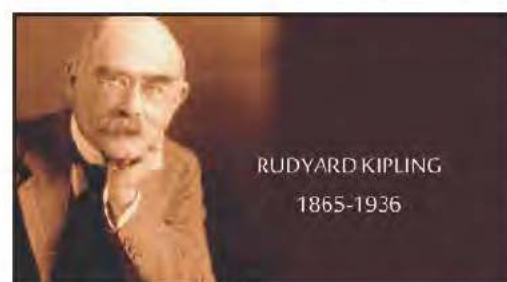


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vermont's Town Meeting

"Town hall" has become a popular device for politicians to take the temperature of voters across the nation. The idea may have been borrowed from New England, but here in Vermont, Town Meeting isn't merely a forum, although it's that, too. Town Meeting is the annual meeting of a municipal corporation, when townspeople make binding decisions, allocate funds, elect their government for the following year and forge community. It is, in short, direct democracy, and it featured in Vermont's very beginnings.

What is the origin of town meeting? It was certainly in early Massachusetts. Some historians place it in Dorchester in 1633, when a meeting of the mercantile Dorchester Company declared that a "generall meeting of the inhabitants of the Plantation" should be held "every Mooneyday."

There is a tendency to use the much earlier Massachusetts experience to explain Vermont tradition. But Vermont developed very differently. While Massachusetts towns developed independently and sometimes at odds with each other, depending on the motives and temperaments of their leadership, Vermont (and New Hampshire) towns from 1741 bore, literally, the stamp of one man: New Hampshire's Royal Governor Benning Wentworth.

According to Esther Munroe Swift's indispensable book, "Vermont Place-names," 113 existing Vermont towns originated with Wentworth charters. Andover, Cavendish, Clarendon, Ludlow, Peru, Saltash (now Plymouth), Reading, Shrewsbury, Springfield, Wallingford and Winhall were all chartered in 1761. Flamstead (now Chester) and Grafton date from 1754.

Depending on who's counting, 130 towns more or less were chartered by Benning Wentworth between 1749 and 1764, covering some three million acres in all.

The protocol was to issue charters to groups of proprietor-speculators, who would survey out the townships and then recruit settlers. Chafing under overpopulation in southern New England and religious strictures, settlers began pouring northward when it was safe to do so at the end of the French and Indian War.

The Crown clearly intended to "plant" towns that would become sustainable. Local self-government and civic life was baked into the Wentworth charters. The earliest charter, for Bennington in 1749, established the template for what would soon be known as the "New Hampshire Grants."

Issued by authority of "George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France And Ireland King Defender of the faith &c;" the Bennington document explicitly grants 23,040 acres to a group of 64 proprietors "for the Due Encouragement of Settling A New Plantation within Our Sd. Province By and with the Advise of Our Trusty & well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq. our Governour & Com'ander in Chief of our Said Province of New Hampshire. ..."

Some of the provisions sound surprisingly modern. The charters abolished the old feudal rights of nobility and preferment. No one was to be a tenant, serf or vassal: all present and future inhabitants were "to be Enfranchized with and Intituled to All & Every the Priviledges & Immunities that Other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise & Enjoy. ..." Provision was made for schools and highways.

Each settler held the deed to his own property, and payments to the Crown were reasonable, achievable with hard work, and collected "in lieu of all other Rents or Services whatsoever." For the first ten years, the annual payment consisted of "one Ear of Indian Corn only" on Christmas Day "if Lawfully Demanded." After year ten, "Every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant" was charged "One Shilling Proclamation Money" for every hundred acres owned, settled or possessed, in perpetuity.

Most importantly for self-governance, the charters instructed the towns to hold an annual meeting "forever hereafter for the Choice of Such officers for the Sd Town."

In Bennington and Rockingham it was the last Wednesday in March; for most of the other towns it was the second Tuesday in March.

Towns chartered in New Hampshire Province during the same time period - Walpole, Charlestown and Cornish - enjoyed the same terms and conditions.

Wentworth stopped chartering towns in 1764. When the sovereign state of Vermont began to charter new towns after 1777, the Vermont charters built upon the civic provisions of the Wentworth charters - omitting, of course, any mention of rents and reserving the giant white pines for the "use and benefit of the Freemen of this State."

The Wentworth charters and many of their provisions are still in place and have been reproduced in most town histories. Wentworth himself was a New Hampshire native. Whatever his reputation may be, his vision for northern New England seems uniquely and appropriately American for the time. His towns, populated by yeomen and merchants owning their own property and governing themselves as they saw fit in relative freedom, paved the way for the next giant step, full sovereignty.

~BM~

Dear Editor,

I am a senior citizen that has been accused many a time of not being the sharpest knife in the drawer or not having both oars in the water. So be it! The subject of what to do with Park Street School has bothered me for quite some time. I know I am not the only one in Springfield to wonder about this and the inordinate amount of time it has taken folks to decide what to do. In simple terms it might be called "constipation."

I ask citizens to consider what we have in Park Street School: an auditorium, a gym, a cafeteria, offices, and umpteen rooms, not to mention fine marble in the corridors. All this could be put to good use. Some is already in use, i.e. the central office for the school district, wrestling team,

Dear Editor,

On town meeting day we will be voting "yes" for Articles 8 and 9 on the Springfield ballot, and encourage our friends and neighbors to do the same. This is as much a vote of confidence for town leadership as it is for the future of our town.

Springfield is at an important turning point. Town leaders are facing up to the fact that continuing

Dear Editor,

The 2017 Springfield Winter Carnival was an enormous success. The three-day event at Crown Point Country Club and would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of many.

We would especially like to thank our 2017 sponsors, including Kelley Sales and Service and Atlas Pyrovision Entertainment Group for providing Saturday evening's spectacular fireworks display. The event was also supported by Crown Point Country Club, Strengthening Families Springfield Cohort, Boccaccio's Hair Salon, Black River Car Wash, Lawrence and Wheeler Insurance, Edgar May Health and Recreation

Dear Editor,

This summer the Springfield Community Players will produce its 97 year of quality amateur theater in the Southview School, a former elementary school built during World War II. We would like to continue to use

Dear Editor,

There's a movement afoot in Chester that seems intent upon driving the gentrification of our town. A small, but vocal and well-heeled minority is attempting to drive their agenda of making Chester into a sort of "main street USA" fantasy world. What am I talking about? Read on ...

This group is now working to re-write our zoning laws and town plan to include regulations that amount to banishment of the hard working independent tradespeople who run businesses from their homes. Apparently, seeing trucks, vans and equipment trailers passing through their quiet part of Chester is offensive and they just don't want to see them any longer. These folks are in-

Dear Editor,

As a former Naval Intelligence officer, I am concerned with the Administration's adverse impact on our national security.

It appears Trump campaign aides, including former Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, contacted Russian officials during the Presidential election, and this might have compromised our democratic election process. Flynn was forced to resign because of his

Dear Editor,

As the former owner of a long-term local business and a native of Chester, I heartily endorse Kelly Arrison for a one-year seat on the Chester Select Board.

Kelly is a life-long resident and has owned Heads Up Motorsports for 26 years. He has traveled throughout the world in his 20-year career as a team manager and professional racecar driver. He has collaborated successfully with others in the racing business while managing large budgets.

Kelly has participated extensively in local government affairs. Now he is a member of Chester's Village

remedial classes, etc. These would have to find another home. Where? Why?

I suggest we broaden the usage of the building. It is now common knowledge that the Springfield Family Center wants to sell and relocate. Why not in Park Street? Ample parking, a place for their food shelf, noon meals, etc. This could also apply to the Senior Meals Program. The Springfield Players as well as other groups, could have a beautiful auditorium in which to perform, sports teams would have a gym, the free clinic could expand its space, other non-profits could have space either free or at a minimal charge. Also, and I realize they moved a short time ago to North Springfield, The Spring-

decline of property values and the shrinking grand list must come to a halt. The only way to sustain a vibrant community with full town services is to make our town attractive for investment and new residents. Articles 8 and 9 are designed to help do just that.

Article 8 will set up the Springfield Revitalization Fund. This fund

Center, Graham and Graham CPA, Springfield Orthodontics, Springfield Professional Firefighters Association, HB Energy Solutions, Claremont Savings Bank, Red House Press, The Outnumbered Grill on Wheels, Springfield Police Department, Springfield Rotary Club, Bibens Ace Hardware, Dan's Max Saver, Springfield Police Association, Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce and Gurney Brothers Construction. Thank you all so much for your generous support in helping make this an annual tradition in our community.

In order to make the event run as smoothly, countless volunteer hours

the building, which is why I hope you will vote yes on Article 16 at Town Meeting. Approval of Article 16 will allow the Springfield School Board to sign a ten-year lease. Our current lease is up for renewal this year.

tent upon stopping that unsightly traffic and they don't mind at all if doing so denies others the ability to make an honest living by running a small business from their own Chester homes.

Where am I getting this impression? It's pretty clearly laid out in the proposed changes to the unified development bylaws, or UDB, which you can see on the Town of Chester website. Under the proposed changes, the construction trades, which include everything from a mom and pop electrical company, right down to a property manager with a plow and a commercial mower, will no longer be permitted in any zoning district without applying for

contact with the Russians.

An organizational change imposed by Trump is the appointment of Stephen Bannon, an extremist right wing political advisor to the National Security Council (NSC). This could adversely impact military decisions and delay our responses to military threats because Bannon does not have any knowledge of military affairs and he could intervene with

Center Master Plan Steering Committee. He is committed to making Chester a more inviting place to live while preserving our distinctive historical heritage.

He will continue being an enthusiastic advocate for locally owned businesses, and will promote responsible economic development. He has strong interest in creative ideas and practical approaches.

Please show your support by voting for Kelly Arrison on March 7, 2017.

Suzy Forlie
Chester, Vt.

field Art and Historical Society could move back and have plenty of space to "spread their wings." There is the maker's space, art gym, etc. The municipal offices might even find the space more attractive. I could continue but won't.

Depending on what the "powers that be" want done is what you hear for costs. Money through the roof if the building is to be kept and hardly anything if it is to be disposed of. I'm sorry but I don't buy any of it. Instead of funding various non-profits which appear on the ballot why not offer them either free or reduced rent? A quick glance indicates a possible saving of \$70,000 on the town warrant. Scrub brushes, paint-brushes, and elbow grease can transfer many

will help our town find investors, attract development grants, support implementation of downtown renewal, and market ourselves to new businesses and residents. Article 9 will provide the dollars to get the fund up and running to the tune of only 15 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value.

"Never leave that till tomorrow

were needed throughout the weekend. The Springfield Winter Carnival would like to thank its steering committee members Denise Hunter, Bill Roberson and Christina Perez, Tami Stagner, Meredith Kelley, Dan Patria, Caitlin Christiana, Christian Craig, Jeff Matulonis, and Andy Bladyka.

Others generously volunteered their time to help out at the event, including Kyle Austin, Don Pratt, Becca White from Sun Common, Renee Hebert and her staff at the American Red Cross, Bay Wheeler, Paul Stagner, and Sean Jeffers from the Springfield Fire Department were also on hand to help during the weekend. The Black River Rugby

We have leased and maintained the building to present musicals, comedies, drama and cabarets since the 1970s. This has not only provided entertainment for residents and visitors to Springfield, but has created

spaces to their original luster. Students could perform some of the labor as community service or inmates from the prison could do some of the work. Local service clubs could pick a room, redo it, and have their name on the door. The possibilities are endless.

In closing I want to address one subject that bugs the "living b'Jesus" out of me. There are certain people in this town that will say, you can't do that, the law won't allow, etc. I saw it happen not too long ago. I don't and won't buy that either. If you can dream it, you can do it! So why not a Civic Center in Springfield?

David Shuffleburg
Springfield, Vt.

which you can do today," Poor Richard observed. All too often we have put off what we need to do to grow our town, your humble scribes included. We owe it to our grandchildren. In our view, Articles 8 and 9 provide the pathway.

Karen Engdahl & Walter Wallace
Springfield, Vt.

Club helped set up the bonfires and Crown Point Country Club's crew of George Lamb, Brian Sheldon, Richard Vacca, Heather Koledo, and Sheri Arrison helped make the golf course the perfect setting for this event. Steve Gintof of Winter View Farm generously donated hay bales for folks to sit around the bonfire.

The event also received help from Matt and Kirsten Aiello, Todd Priestley, Barbara Courchesne, and the All-4-One Program's Tami and Michael.

Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication.

Springfield Winter Carnival organizers

opportunities for youth and adults to learn stagecraft and performance skills. Please vote yes on Article 16.

Stephanie Rowe
Springfield, Vt.

on because of an electrical issue, and no one minds seeing a backhoe being towed behind a dump truck when their own septic system is backed up and needs repair. So why try to move them out of town? The attempt to push our entrepreneurial, working trade-folk out of sight is simply not okay with me.

If you agree that everyone needs to be included in our new town plan, please let our Select Board hear from you with a letter, an email, or by raising your voice at town meeting on March 6. Chester's hard working trades-folk need our help.

Tim Roper
Chester, Vt.

status of adversarial governments and their military capabilities, deployments and threats. The security of our country could be in jeopardy due to the disruptive tactics and blame game used by the Trump Administration against our intelligence agencies.

Donald Moskowitz
Londonderry, N.H.

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OBITUARIES

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Charles "Bill" William Stallings, 1935 - 2017

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt.- Charles "Bill" William Stallings, age 81, died peacefully at home on February 9, 2017, with family at his bedside. Bill was born on September 28, 1935 in Cumberland, Md., son of the late William Henry and Helen Mae (Bear) Stallings.



Charles "Bill" William Stallings, 1935-2017

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Bill was predeceased in death by his two sisters, Irma Catherine Stallings and Wilda Mae Stallings Harrison. Bill is survived by his two daughters, Kimberly Ann Stallings Cohee and her husband, Stewart of Preston, Md. and Sarah Jane Stallings Noble and her husband, Gregg, of Saxtons River, Vt. He leaves behind two beloved grandsons, that he was very proud of, Benjamin Andrew Cohee and William Henry Noble. He is survived by his cousin, Charles "Bud" Merritt of Cumberland, Md. and many nieces and nephews.

He graduated from Fort Hill High School in 1954. Bill served his country in the US Army Military Police, stationed in Japan, from 1955-1958. He enjoyed retelling tales of his service days in Japan. He was employed in the Ready Mix Concrete Industry for most of his working career. Bill enjoyed traveling in his RV dur-

ing his retirement years and was proud of the fact that he visited all 50 states.

Internment will be at Mount Hermon Cemetery in Cumberland, Md. There will be a private, graveside service for family this summer. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the National Rifle Association in his honor. He was a strong proponent of our Second Amendment rights.

Robert Lewis Clark, 1921 - 2017

CHESTER, Vt. - On February 15, 2017, at Maplewood Nursing Home, Westmoreland, N.H., a day after celebrating his 75 wedding anniversary with his beloved wife Virginia, Robert Lewis Clark passed away.

Born July 17, 1921 to Lauren and Charlotte (Renaud) Clark of Chester, Vermont. He graduated in 1940 from Springfield High School, and in 1951 from State University of New York (Farmingdale), with a degree in Horticulture.

Robert was a loving and devoted husband of Virginia Blake Clark. Beloved father of Virginia Elizabeth Clark, Toronto, Canada; Lucinda Morton, Keene, N.H.; Diana Vargo (Steve), San Diego, Calif.; Patricia Weiskopf (Harry), Elgin, Ill. and adored grandpa to numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Good brother of Roger Clark (Barbara), Rutland, Vt., Eleanor Swanson, Farmington, Conn., Dorothy Pease, Springfield, Vt., Doris Turco, Chester, Vt. and Evelyn Carley, Windsor, Vt. Predeceased by brothers Luther and Norman and sister Betty Babson.

Rob was a Veteran of WWII, serving with the U.S. Coast Guard aboard ship in the Pacific theatre. He studied

horticulture after the war, and had a long career working on private estates and government properties, where he managed, developed and reconstructed landscapes and gardens in a number of states.

In 1978 he and Virginia were volunteers with the Peace Corps in Western Samoa, where he worked with Samoans to develop a food-growing nursery on Savi'i Island. After retirement, he and Virginia returned to the woods and hills of home, where they enjoyed their part-time work at the Student Conservation Association in Claremont, N.H., and their membership in Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Claremont.

He entered Maplewood Nursing Home in 2013. The family would like to thank Maplewood fourth floor staff and managers for their kind and loving care and Hospice at HCS for their tenderness during his last weeks.

A memorial for Robert will be held later in the year, when his beloved woods and gardens come alive again. You are invited to share a memory of Robert with the family or leave a message of condolence in the family guest book at www.royfuneralhome.com.

Wanda Elizabeth Way, 1960 - 2017

Walpole, N.H. - Wanda Elizabeth Way, 57, passed away on Feb. 5, 2017, from a brief, fierce battle with cancer. She was the loving wife of Ernest Way of Walpole, N.H. They shared 38 years of marriage. Born in Bellows Falls, Vt., she was the daughter of Walter Susee Sr. and Georgianna (Merrill) Susee Smith Roman. She graduated from Fall Mountain Regional High School. Wanda co-owned E&W Salvage with her husband Ernie. She enjoyed watching her girls play basketball, spending time with her grandchildren, cooking, gardening, doing puzzles, and playing cards. Wanda loved family dinners, the vacation home in Florida, and talking to all of the customers

of E&W. Wanda will be remembered for her compassion and caring, kind, loving heart and generosity.

She is survived by her husband Ernie; children: Marie and husband Tim of Townshend; Jessica and husband Brian of Swanzey; Rachel of Walpole; sister Gloria of Springfield, Vt.; brother Eric and wife Cindy; her grandchildren: Skye of Townshend, Vt.; Taylar of Walpole; Kal and Kam of Swanzey; and niece Nicole (and Owen) of Springfield. She was predeceased by her mother Georgianna and father Walter.

There will be calling hours from 6 to 8 p.m. on Feb. 24 at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt.

ALSTEAD, NH

Third Congregational Church of Alstead, River St. Sundays at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Maureen Lasell. Find us on Facebook (Third Congregational Church) or call 603-835-6358.

ASCUTNEY, VT

Open Bible Baptist Church, 168 Cemetery Rd. Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Morning service at 11 a.m. Bring your own meal to eat 12 p.m. Afternoon service at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday at 7 p.m. Sanctuary handicap accessible. Visit: obbvt.org.

BELLOWS FALLS, VT

Currier Hall, 12 Church St. Celtic worship service at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays. The service may include: song, chant, instrumental music; verbal and silent prayer; readings from the Old and New Testament; stories of Celtic saints; a brief meditation; social time follows the service.

BELMONT, VT

The Village Church: A church for all seasons, 35 Church St. Everyone is invited to come and worship with us. The Sunday service and children's church is at 9:30 a.m. followed by fellowship and coffee hour. Contact information: Pastor Glenn Davis

802-259-2440; <http://vbch.weebly.com/>

CAVENDISH, VT

Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main St. People from all sorts of spiritual journeys come together as a branch of God's family on Sundays at 10 a.m. with activities for children, followed by a coffee and snack time. More info and links to Facebook and YouTube at CavendishBaptist.com or call (802) 226-7131

CHARLESTOWN, NH

North Charlestown United Methodist Church, 34 Northwest St. Sunday worship begins at 9 a.m. followed by coffee hour. Church is handicap accessible. Located on Route 12A / River Road in North Charlestown. Contact Joan Kuncik at 603-826-0381 or email jkuncik@comcast.net

CHESTER, VT

St. Lukes Episcopal Church, 313 Main St. Rite 1, Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and Rite II Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. Wednesday March 1 is Ash Wednesday; there will be two services with Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at 12 p.m. & 6 p.m. 802-875-6000

First Universalist Parish of Chester, Rte. 103. 211 North St. Sundays at 9:30 a.m. between

Sept. and June. Fellowship with refreshments follows the service. www.chestervt.org or 802-875-3257.

CLAREMONT, NH

Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 99 Sullivan St. Services: Saturdays at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Please stay for coffee & refreshments after Sunday service. 603-542-6273; frandrew@tregubovstudios.com; hroc.org

GRAFTON, VT

The Grafton Church (UCC and ABC), 55 Main St. Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. Reverend Christine Dyke welcomes everyone!

LUDLOW, VT

The United Church of Ludlow (UCC and Methodist), 48 Pleasant St. Sundays starting at 10:15 a.m. followed by a time of fellowship. 802-228-4211 (Sandra Russo), Email: unitedchurch@tds.net. www.unitedchurch.us. Services by The Reverend Dr. Donald E. Harpster.

Ludlow Baptist Church, on the green, 99 Main St. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Fellowship at 10:30 a.m., Singing at 10:45 a.m. Morning service at 11 a.m. Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Prayer meeting on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. www.ludlowbaptist.org or Pastor Tom Deibler at 802-228-2631

PROCTORSVILLE, VT

Gethsemane Episcopal Church, 89 Depot St. Ash Wednesday Liturgy will be held on Wednesday, March 1 at 5 p.m. All are welcome. Email rabvt@tds.net for more information.

SPRINGFIELD, VT

Church of Christ, Route 11, Chester Rd. 10 a.m. Sunday School for all ages, 11 a.m. Worship Service; 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Devotional. Enter through the back downstairs door. FB ~ Springfield Church of Christ.

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 90 Park St. Services: Vespers on Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Liturgy on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour following Liturgy. More info: 802-885-2615, www.htcovt.org.

North Springfield Baptist Church, 69 Main St. Worship and Praise Service on

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. followed by a fellowship time and classes. 802-886-8107 or www.nsbvct.org.

Precision Valley Baptist Church, 69 Route 106 Sunday at 10 a.m. Adult Bible study Sunday from 9:45 a.m. We are located right next to Cota & Cota.

Springfield Assembly of God, 269 River St. Sunday school at 10 a.m. Sunday service begins at 11 a.m. Sunday night service at 6 p.m. Wednesday bible study for all ages at 6 p.m. The church also has a bus to pick up children for Sunday school; call anytime during the week to schedule a pick up. Call 802-885-4261

St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10 Pleasant St. Mass on Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Contact the rectory at 802-885-3400.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd. February 26, The Music Right Under Our Noses, at 10 a.m. with Lynne Wolf and the Choir. They will be presenting songs that have always been there in the hymnals but that we never sing in services. Come sing with us! 802-885-3327

WALPOLE, NH

St. John's Church, corner of Westminster and Elm St. Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.; services begin at 10 a.m., followed by coffee hour. More information about Art After School program, our outreach efforts, call at 603-756-4533.

First Congregational Church of Walpole / United Church of Christ, 15 Washington Sq. Sunday School at 10 a.m. with coffee hour at 11 a.m. Located on east side of the Walpole Common. Wheelchair accessible with ramps and elevator. 603-756-4075. e-mail: walpolechurch@yahoo.com.

Walpole Unitarian Church, Main St. Sunday Services: 10 a.m. in the church. Rev. Kitty Winthrop & Rev. Elaine Bomford. Check website: www.walpoleunitarianchurch.org

WEST WINDSOR, VT

Brownsville Community United Methodist Church, 66 Brownsville Hartland Rd. Sunday Worship 9 a.m. followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments. Childcare during church service. Bible studies, youth programs. ADA accessible. 802-484-5944 / www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org

Doris Gertrude Freeman, 1937 - 2017

LUDLOW, Vt. - Doris Gertrude Freeman, age 79 passed away Monday Feb. 13, 2017 at the Gill Odd Fellows Home, Ludlow. She was born in Chester, Vt. July 27, 1937 the daughter of Guy and Gladys (Mowry) Trombley. Doris was married to Vernon Freeman who predeceased her. Later she married Charles Bamforth, who also predeceased her.

Doris had worked for many years at Mack Molding in Cavendish before her retirement in 2002. Doris was an active member in the Ballard Hobart American Legion Auxiliary Unit #36 in Ludlow where she had recently received a certificate in reorganization of her 30 years of service. She also enjoyed camping, doing puzzles, bingo and spending time with her family.

Doris is survived by her sister Mabel Barlow; her children, Bill Freeman of Bethel, Vt., Kathy Melendy of South Royalton, Vt., Terrie Jackson, of Springfield, Vt., Martha Parker of Cavendish, Vt., Lloyd Freeman of Tunbridge, Vt., Kitty Lique of Perkinsville, Vt., Karen Freeman of Ludlow, Vt. and Kevin Freeman of Braintree, Vt. Sixteen grandchildren and several great



Doris Gertrude Freeman, 1937-2017.

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grandchildren, to whom she was known as Gram-Gram, also survive her.

She was also predeceased her son, Gary Freeman, one brother Ken Trombley and her sisters, Hope, Shirley, Beverly and Helen. Graveside services will be held at a later date in Mt. Holly. Memorial contributions may be made to the Gill Odd Fellow Home, 8 Gill Terrace, Ludlow, VT 05149

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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

Once upon a time, Springfield's Riverside Gymnasium was one of the centers of the Vermont Basket-

ball universe. It was spanking new, state tournament games were played there and everyone sang its praise.

Now over fifty years later, few people consider the once spiffy building special.

I have spent many enjoyable days in the confines of Riverside. Recently, I made peace with myself, that all its glory days had likely gone by. Each time I attend a game it hurts a little to see the size of the crowds. Some are bigger than others, but with the bleachers pulled out on only one side, I had settled there would not be another grand basketball experience between the walls.

Alex Naccarato wiping away some tears, as the moving ceremony was bringing tears from people on both sides. Alex took everything in and later that evening responded graciously through a Facebook posting he has allowed us to share with you.

"It started as simple as a benefit game hosted by the Booster Club. I accepted the offer, but never did I know that it would turn in to what it did. So many people have reached out to me: some even being from the pacific coast. So many people have helped me thus far, and it hasn't ended yet. Tonight, I experienced something special. I was in a gymnasium filled with people who wanted to deliver their support. Man, was it delivered ... I hope you know that it takes a lot for me to tear up, but tonight, I couldn't hold back. The kind words and actions from everybody tonight were overwhelming and my emotions took over. Every single person in the gym made me feel important and ensured me that my life is filled with great purpose and meaning. Because I absolutely hate public speaking, I've chosen a Facebook status as a way to extend my gratitude to everybody, whether you were at the game or not. I'm so, so lucky to be surrounded by amazing people. Thank you all for making tonight so special and for making sure that a negative health condition doesn't control my life."

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The Springfield Cosmos receiving last minute instructions before taking the floor in the meeting with Bellows Falls. The Cosmos had bowed to the Terriers 87-54 earlier in the season, but due to likely both, the emotion of the evening and an improved Springfield team, especially on defense, the score was much closer last Friday night, 49-34.

It is difficult when a team is having a down and possibly winless season, to measure progress, but, the two scores versus Bellows Falls are likely to do just that, show a great amount of progress. The Terriers went on from the Springfield game and showed they are likely competing at their highest level now, upsetting Woodstock and pushing a strong Twin Valley squad to overtime, before bowing in Whitingham, a further indication of improvement on the Cosmos part.

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there.

One might guess that it might take a Springfield-Bellows Falls match-up to create such hype and we are sure such a get together had a little to do with it, but this night went way beyond the emotion of any contest ever played between these two rivals. A night that "started as simple as a benefit game hosted by the Booster Club," according to a Springfield senior player by the name of Alex Naccarato, turned into a night that had Springfield people wearing and saluting the color purple (actually lavender to be exact) and left almost everyone with an emotional outbreak they never saw coming.

Naccarato is at the heart of this story. He was enjoying his senior season of being a Cosmo basketball player, when he was interrupted through no fault of his own.

"I just kept getting really tired," Naccarato told us Monday evening, adding, "eventually I came home one night and told my mother I couldn't do it anymore. I wanted to quit basketball," a sport that he loved. This proclamation led to a trip to the doctor's office.

While Naccarato felt tired, Springfield Cosmo Coach Mike Ruppel noted, "I had coached Alex for three years and he was always a kid who gave 100 percent. Both the staff and I noticed, he had become a step slower and had lost weight. Something wasn't quite right."

Mono was everyone's first guess, but unfortunately as bad as that can be in ones life interruption, it wasn't that simple. Tests and more tests and periods of wait, ended in a diagnosis of Hodgkins Lymphoma. A chest x-ray helped lead to the discovery of an enlarged lymph node in his upper right chest and a biopsy led to the diagnosis.

For those not familiar with Hodgkins Disease, Naccarato was told, "If you have cancer, it is a good kind to have." I know other sufferers who have been told the same thing, including yours truly, who fought the



Richard Swenson, a two time Hodgkins Lymphoma cancer survivor, served as the main speaker, at the fund raising event for Alex Naccarato last Friday night. Swenson sent a clear athletic lifelong message to Alex and anyone else who may be fighting through adversity. Swenson noted the words of former North Carolina State Coach Jim Valvano in saying, "Don't give up. Don't ever give up."

Later while focusing in on anyone fighting against cancer, Swenson again drew from the words of Valvano who said while he was personally battling the disease, "cancer can take away my physical abilities. It cannot touch my mind, it cannot touch my heart, it cannot touch my soul."

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disease in 1994. Beating the disease takes its toll, but the survival rate is high.

All of Naccarato's gears are lined up in the direction of overcoming this disease. The large crowd, which turned out for the basketball game, saw some incredible uplifting events.

It was a surprise to most, when the Bellows Falls team came out for warm-ups all wearing number 10 warm-up jerseys to salute Alex. Naccarato expected some money would be raised on this evening to help with medical expenses and to help his family overcome a loss of funds, as they fight through this adversity. However what happened was not in his wildest expectations.

"People said we would get a big crowd, but I didn't expect that big a crowd. My great uncle (Andy Bladyka) took me to a basketball game when I first moved here and there was a big crowd and a college type atmosphere. This is the closest to that it has been since I came to high school. I didn't expect the stands to fill up like that. It was really amazing," Naccarato said reflecting back three days later.

Bladyka, who is the Springfield High School Softball coach and



Both teams are lined up for the National Anthem before the Bellows Falls-Springfield Basketball Game at Dressel Gym in Springfield last Friday night. The game was a highlight of an evening set aside to celebrate fund raising efforts for Alex Naccarato's battle with Hodgkin's Disease.

In an effort to highlight everyone's solidarity in their support of Alex, both teams wore warm-up shirts with Alex's number 10 highlighted on the back. People who attended the event boasted of the incredible high emotion shown throughout the building on the evening.

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This is a photo of Alex thanking Bellows Falls Junior Varsity Coach Nate Haskell for the kind donation the Bellows Falls community made to help his family offset the cost of his battle with Hodgkins Lymphoma. Bellows Falls had become the center of this effort, thanks to the work of the Springfield Booster Club headed by Rachel and Denise Hunter, who set up the benefit game and have encouraged other fund raising efforts.

Green Mountain staged four basketball games in Alex's honor last weekend and donated all the receipts to the Alex, including what we are told an incredible all day barbeque put on by the Chester Fire Department. When Springfield visited Leland + Gray, the game day receipts were donated and Windsor is doing the same in a game with Springfield this week. The surrounding Springfield Area community has come through with flying colors.

Ongoing efforts are continuing to add to the totals raised. Anyone who wishes to make a donation may send their offering to: Rachel Hunter, President, Springfield Boosters Club, PO Box 666, Springfield, Vt. 05156. The Booster Club is also presently supporting the efforts of a raffle for the same cause, which can be accessed online by googling: Eventbrite: Alex Naccarato - Raffle Hoops For A Cause, which has a March 10 deadline and includes two major prizes.

First prize is 4 tickets to the Celtics versus Miami Sunday, March 26 and includes overnight accommodations. The second prize is a Snowboard Package which includes a board, a jacket and pants.

PHOTO BY DENISE E. PHOTOGRAPHY

the town's recreation director, told me that Alex is "a very intelligent, very likeable, young man and an outstanding student, who treats freshmen and seniors like they are equals."

Hours after Bladyka uttered those words a parent of a Cosmo freshman player said to me "Alex is the ultimate role model. He treats my freshman son like he was his best friend and it has helped with his confidence all over."

During my sit down with Naccarato, it was obvious this young man has special qualities galore.

Even Alex had wondered at times, if he would be able to attend his own night last Friday. He had a chemotherapy appointment that day and energy can certainly be a challenge

after that. If his own drive allowed him to arrive that evening, the gathering pushed him the rest of the way through.

"I know treatments were not going to be easy," he told me, "but they have been a lot better than I expected."

I asked him if he ever asked himself, why me and now?

"Yes, I have thought of that. I think I do things right, so you wonder, but I am one who believes that there is a reason for everything, so maybe I will some day find out," he answered.

His future is on hold, but at the same time it isn't.

"I am definitely going to college, but I am not sure where," Naccarato stated.

He has been accepted at the University of Vermont and would be more than happy to be in their Wildlife and Fisheries program, but he really wants wait to see what all the options are.

His assistant principal Jade Costello says, "he's an example of what teachers, coaches and school leaders hope for when we send young people off into our world."

Alex has spent his high school years building his skills and putting himself in a position to have choices about his future. He does and doesn't have full control now. His life has been interrupted and at some time things should return to normal.

In the meantime, the community is doing their part in nudging him over the top with his battle. Of all that community effort, Costello says, "there couldn't be a more deserving kid." There are a whole lot of people who agree.



Springfield assistant principal Jade Costello addresses the crowd during the fund raising event for Alex Naccarato. She thanked Bellows Falls for their big donation saying, "Over the past few weeks, Bellows Falls has come together to put the town rivalry aside in support of Alex and his battle with Hodgkins. At this time I would like to ask the Bellows Falls Boys Basketball team to come forward and present a check on behalf of the community."

Costello wittingly went on to say, "I have to say to the Terriers, to enjoy this night because it is the only night you will see Dressel Gym covered in Purple."

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Wrestlers win more than medals

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield wrestlers bring home the wins - medals as well as personal. The team brought home two JV State Champions, Mason Olney and Jayson Webster, from the competition in Barre last weekend. Brandon Bennett brought home second place; bronze medals were earned by Matt Prosser and Tim Bapp-Cederholm. In fifth place were Trent Lewis-Briere and Skyler Congdon; Mo Stettner claimed sixth place, and everyone cheered on teammates Gillian Guy and Skylar Wallace through some very tough matches.

There were lots of close calls, nail-biting moments, and excellent moves executed by all Springfield grapplers; the coaches are very pleased with the accomplishments and progress made by each wrestler this season. The team's sights are now set on Varsity States in Vergennes on Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25.

Running a K-12 team is not an inexpensive prospect; team co-manager Kelly Stettner calculates it costs roughly \$10,000 a year, without paying coaches or any staff. The team raises money through fundraising events such as hosting tournaments

and the annual Color Gauntlet 5K Fun Run. Stettner invites everyone to come out in support of these young grapplers and the sport they love by stopping in to watch some local wrestling on March 4.

Riverside Middle School will be host to two back-to-back tournaments that day: the K-8 Schweitzer Memorial Tournament, which kicks off at 9 a.m. and in the afternoon, the Precision Valley Classic Girls State Championship is launched for female wrestlers in grades K-12. The PVC will also offer an open folk style division for adult women who wish

to compete for the title of "Champion."

Donations to the team can be made out to Springfield VT Wrestling and mailed to Springfield Parks & Rec, 139 Main St, Springfield Vt. 05156.

The Springfield Redemption Center, near Riverside Middle School, will also take donations of cans and bottles for the team. For any questions about the team, donations, or home tournaments, please contact team co-manager Kelly Stettner at k.stettner101@gmail.com or leave a message at 802-738-0456.



Front row, l-r: Jayson Webster, Mason Olney, Coach Floyd Buck Jr., Coach Don Beebe, Skylar Wallace; Second row, Trent Lewis-Briere, Tim Bapp-Cederholm, Matt Prosser; Gillian Guy, Mo Stettner. Missing from photo: Brandon Bennett and Skyler Congdon.

PHOTO BY HEIDI OLNEY

arts & entertainment

10 Vermont artisans exhibit together

CHESTER, Vt. - A Cure for Cabin Fever is the exhibition featuring 10 Vermont artists and craftsmen display their work at the 103 Artisans Marketplace this month. With a wide array of styles, pricing, and mediums, there is something for everyone to enjoy.



Vermont Barn study series painted by Marcia Dockum.

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Vermont Barn Studies by artist Marcia Dockum, art quilts by Susan Damone Balch, sawdust kiln fired pottery by Kathy Stone, Cow art by Woody Jackson, reclaimed wood cutting boards and stools by Mark Yuengling, metal art by Payne Junker Studio, metal clay and sterling sil-

ver jewelry by Laurie Marechaux, hand crafted rockers and chairs from Vt. grown hardwoods by Bud Nadeau, Batik handwoven fabric bowls by Elizabeth E. Ezold, locally grown Lavender & Beeswax tea candles by Maryanne Kearns, Ewes in Vermont original art on t-shirts, cards and mugs by Brenda Lacroix, distinctive tapped Maple and curly Maple rockers and table by Brent Karner of ClearLake Furniture.

Each artisan lives in Vermont and has been inspired in some way by the beauty and materials surrounding them.

The show runs through March 19. Hours are Thursday - Monday 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. For more information call 802-875-7400, like the marketplace on Facebook, or visit their website www.103artisansmarketplace.com.

See more photos from the artists online at www.VermontJournal.com

Attend one of the performances of Elf Jr. the Musical

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield High School and Riverside Middle School are teaming up to produce the spring musical Elf Jr. It will be performed at the Springfield High School auditorium on Friday, March 3 at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 4 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 5 at 2 p.m.

The story follows Buddy, a young orphan, mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human, until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity. Faced with the harsh reality that his father is on the naughty list and that his half-brother doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember



Some of the student cast members of Elf Jr. the Musical.

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the true meaning of Christmas.

Admission is by donation. Any questions please call 802-885-7900 x3305 or email Rebecca Skrypeck

at rskrypeck@ssdvt.org. Check out their Facebook - SHS Theater Dept. to keep updated with future performances.

"Share a Tree Story" art contest

REGION - Arbor Day this year is held on Friday, May 5. It is a day to plant, nurture and appreciate trees and the difference they make in our lives. To help Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program spread the word about Arbor Day, they are inviting students to actively participate in the celebration by creating tree art.

This year, the Growing Works of Art contest theme is "Share a Tree Story." Celebrate the connections we share with trees by helping students create a work of art that showcases fond memories enjoyed because of the trees in our lives. The contest is for students in grades 1 - 8. Students will write a 1-3 paragraphs capturing their fond memory of their chosen tree, and create art illustrating the beauty of their chosen tree.

This art/science activity will en-

rich student knowledge about trees. Eight students, one per grade, will



Share your connection to trees with a piece of art.

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have their artwork professionally printed and developed into a poster that will be distributed to schools across Vermont.

Winning entries will be featured online, and receive: A Vermont State Parks punch pass, a gift bag full of tree-related items and be featured on WCAX's "Across the Fence" television show!

Only one entry per student, artwork must be original and no larger than 11 x 17 inches, entry is to include the art-

work and written portion. A completed entry form, which can be found on vtcommunityforestry.org, must accompany the submission.

The submission deadline is March 17. The winners will be announced April 3.

OLLI presents "Rethinking the Role of Psychiatric Drugs"

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Dr. Sandra Steingard, will present "Slow Psychiatry: Rethinking the Role of Psychiatric Drugs," the next OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program on Tuesday Feb. 28. It will be presented at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Catholic Church on Pleasant St. The program lasts about an hour and a half.

Steingard, the Chief Medical Officer at the Howard Center in Burlington, will examine alternative ways of treating schizophrenia and bipolar disorder rather than using drugs to target these specific conditions. She'll discuss need-adapted approaches, a treatment option that allows time for the complex discussions required to understand and help people

experiencing the problems that are labeled as psychiatric illness.

The OLLI series programs are selected with input from the local members and carry varied themes from semester to semester including history, art, music, literature, health, nature, science and current events.

Membership, which includes 9 programs, is available for the semester. The programs are open to the public. Non-members are encouraged and welcome to attend individual lectures for a single program fee. All fees may be paid at the program.

The following OLLI program will be on Wednesday, March 22. This is a change from the previously published date. Jim Douglas, former Vermont Governor will present a program around his book, "The Vermont Way: A Republican Governor

Leads America's Most Liberal State." He will discuss his experiences of working across the political aisle and how our nation is currently confronting a decline in civil discourse due to a rise in political polarization.

Another important change in the schedule is that the music program on March 28 is a change in speaker and topic. Tim Brookes will present "How the Guitar Conquered America."

The complete Springfield and statewide program list is available on the Internet at www.learn.uvm.edu/olli. Choose Statewide programs from the menu, and then scroll to Springfield.

Weather related changes can be found on the OLLI website and by viewing SAPA TV available through Comcast and VTel.

"Powerful Muses," seven artists

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Town Library is pleased to present "Powerful Muses: The Group of Seven Artists"

with award-winning local artist Robert Carsten on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 2 p.m.

Seven Canadian artists, along with Tom Thomson, weathered a storm of rejection by art critics and forged a new vision of art. Rather than painting the gentle countryside, they responded to the powerful muses of wilderness and rugged beauty, painting the Northlands of Ontario in all seasons. Nearly 100 years after their first group exhibition, today their heroic accomplishments are an integral part of Canada's identity in the visual arts and environmentalism.

Join Robert Carsten for this fascinating presentation on our neighbors to the north. Carsten, a master pastelist in the Pastel Society of America, studied at the Rhode Island School of Design and the Accademia di Belle Arti in Italy. He is a much sought-after art workshop instructor whose gentle teaching style and gen-

uine love for art are contagious.

This event is free, accessible to people with disabilities, and open to the public. Please call the Springfield Town Library at 802-885-3108 for more information.



Robert Carsten to present on "Powerful Muses: The Group of Seven Artists."

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Big Woods Voices

WESTON, Vt. - The a cappella quartet Big Woods Voices will perform in Weston at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 5, in Weston's Old Parish Church as the latest installment of OPC's "Hearts and Voices" performance series.

Big Woods Voices is the union of four veteran area singers to celebrate their common passion for a cappella harmony. The voices are (from soprano to bass): Amanda Witman, co-leader of the Brattleboro Pub Sing with Tony Barrand; Becky Graber, leader of the Brattleboro Women's Chorus, music director at The Putney School and the New England Youth Theater, and a life-long teach-

er; Will Danforth, an award-winning, multi-instrumental solo acoustic artist; and Alan Blood, long-time member of countless area groups such as the Blanche Moyse Chorale, I Cantori, Blue Moon, House Blend, and others.

Big Woods Voices is also the fulfillment of a creative transition for Will Danforth from his life as a roots-oriented performing songster to that of composer-arranger-style stealer who has married two loves: his love of American roots music and his love of the vast harmonic palette absorbed while singing with the a cappella world music chorus, The River Singers. The results are lyrical set-

tings of poetry by David Whyte, Mary Oliver, W. B. Yeats, and others; richly-harmonized standards of the American roots lexicon; and completely original compositions. Add to that pieces by musicians such as Pete Sutherland; The Finest Kind; and Lambert, Hendricks, and Ross, and you have the ear-thrilling experience called Big Woods Voices.

The Hearts & Voices Performance Series was established in 2009 in memory of G. Frederick (Fritz) Zeller, a longtime educator, community leader and a pillar of Old Parish Church. Revenues from the performances are donated to benefit deserving area non-profit organizations. In 2017, donations will benefit Just Neighbors, a volunteer organization that provides a variety of services to mountain town families in crisis.

Old Parish Church is located on Route 100, on the left as you enter Weston from the south. Anyone with questions can check www.oldparishchurch.org or call Bob Brandt at 802-824-5486. For more information about Just Neighbors, go to www.justneighborsvt.org.



Big Woods Voices will appear in Weston on March 5.

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Talented songstress to give a musical tribute to Hollywood musicals

LUDLOW, Vt. - Through special arrangements with the Weston Playhouse staff, FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) will feature the talented songstress, Marissa McGowan, in a musical tribute to Hollywood musicals on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. at

the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium.

Marissa McGowan is NYC based actress and singer, she will offer "Broadway at the Movies", a musical tour of over 80 years of Hollywood's greatest songs. She is a familiar actress at the Weston Playhouse where

she recently starred in "Man of La Mancha" and "Guys and Dolls."

The program is open to everyone and is free; donations are appreciated. For information, call (802) 228-7239 or visit www.fola.us.

"Black America Since MLK: and Still I Rise" film

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - The Rockingham Free Public Library, in partnership with VT PBS, will present the film "Black America Since MLK: And Still I Rise" on Thursday, March 2 at 7 p.m., followed by a discussion. Also participating in this program will be Parks Place Community Resource Center and Greater Falls Connections.

Through the eyes of Henry Louis Gates, Jr, this film looks at the last five decades of African American history since the major civil rights victories. Drawing on eyewitness accounts, scholarly analysis and rare archival footage, the film illuminates our recent past and paints a complex portrait of black America since 1965, while raising urgent questions about

the future of the African American community - and our nation as a whole.

The film is approximately 30 minutes long and will be followed by a discussion facilitated by Dotie Morris, Associate Vice President for Institutional Diversity & Equity at Keene State College and Chuck

Pizer, VT PBS's Community Engagement Coordinator.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Library at 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, go to rockinghamlibrary.org or stop by the Library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Books, brains & beer at an Irish themed trivia night

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Pre-register by March 1 to reserve a table at the Rockingham Library for the third annual Books, Brains & Beer Pub trivia night with a St. Patrick's Day theme being held on March 11 from 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

The Friends of the Library thank Donovan's for providing a cash bar, serving soft drinks, beer and wine. Complimentary

sweet and savory treats will be provided and John Bohannon will be the Master of Ceremonies. In celebration of the Irish theme, there will be a raffle of a basket of Irish goodies.

A trivia night is an evening of fun, friends and trivia questions. Each team table, up to 6 people, competes with other team tables to come up with the most correct answers to trivia questions covering

such topics as sports, art, history, music, food, current events and local lore. It is the team table that answers the questions, not the individual. Come and enjoy the fun.

Pre-registration is required before March 1. To pre-register or for cost, call the library at 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, or visit rockinghamlibrary.org. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Library.

Calling all local artists to enter work into next VAULT show

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - You are invited to show your work at the Gallery at the VAULT in their Open Wall show. This is a chance to display your work in a non-juried show. There is no fee. It is a great way for artists who would like to get their work out there for the first time as well as for seasoned artists. The next show's theme is "A Pigment of Your Imagination." You can bring in 2 works if they are 18" x 20" or smaller, or 1 if it is larger. Sculpture, pottery, etc. are appreciated just as much as wall art.

The work needs to be suitable for viewing by all ages. The time to bring your creations in is Thursday, Feb. 23 from 5 - 6:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 24 or Saturday, Feb. 25 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., if you cannot come during the week. The show will be on display from March 1 through April 27. The 2017 schedule of four shows is available at the front desk or by

email.

For more information please call or come into Gallery at the VAULT, 68 Main Street, Springfield. We are open 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Contact: 802-885-7111, email: gallervault@vermontel.net or visit their web page: www.gallervault.org



Open Wall show allows local artists to exhibit their work free of charge.

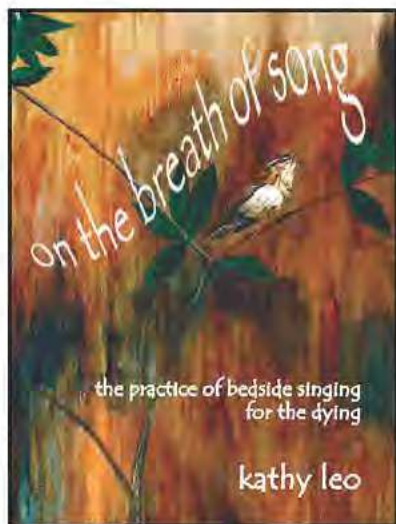
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An evening of readings from "On the Breath of Song"

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Please join Hollowell on Friday March 3 at the Village Square Booksellers from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. for an evening of shared readings from Kathy Leo's new book, "On the Breath of Song, The Practice of Bedside Singing for the Dying." The evening will consist of readings, stories, songs and conversation with Hollowell. Along with stories from the book, Hollowell will sing songs used at bedside sings and offer guidance for community conversation and discussion about end of life care, grief, loss and joy.

"On the Breath of Song" is a book that offers guidance and insight into the practice of singing for the dying and their families through the telling of true stories and over a decade of experience in song and spirit with the hospice choir Hollowell. Please

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"On the Breath of Song." PHOTO PROVIDED

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Two owls and a hawk will be available for viewing

WESTON, Vt. - The Wilder Memorial Library will be having the popular program Two Owls and a Hawk return to the Weston Playhouse on Saturday, March 11 at 10 a.m. The live owls and a hawk are from VINS (Vermont Institute of Natural Science).

This program includes live birds and audible sounds of local owls and their calls. This first-hand encounter enables participants to understand the defining characteristics and adaptations for life as a predator on the wing. Touchable artifacts and hands-on materials round out this special experience.

The event is free and great for families!



Live birds will be at the presentation.

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“Birds, Butterflies, Backyards and Beyond” in Chester

CHESTER, Vt. - Bryan Pfeiffer, biologist, field naturalist and writer, will present “Birds, Butterflies, Backyards and Beyond,” a fresh view of the wild on Wednesday, March 1, at 7 p.m. at Newsbank Conference Center, 352 Main Street, Chester. The lecture is sponsored by the Nature Museum in Grafton, Vt.

With vivid images from nature and tales from the frontiers of wildlife

science, Pfeiffer will offer practical advice for creating wildlife habitat in our own backyards and developing a wildlife ethic on a warming planet.

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A writer and field biologist, Pfeiffer explores the wild places where people and nature converge. His essays have appeared in The New York Times, Aeon Magazine, Orion, Northern Woodlands, Field & Stream and many other places. When he's not chasing nature, Bryan teaches writing to graduate students in the natural sciences at the University of Vermont. Otherwise he has been (or still is) a bread baker, a pot washer, a firefighter, a nature guide, a videographer, a beat reporter and a consulting biologist chasing birds and insects. Find Pfeiffer among friends at the diner in Montpelier or online at www.bryanpfeiffer.com.

This event is recommended for adults and children over 10. Discounted early bird tickets are available online at www.nature-museum.org until two days before the event, when tickets can be purchased online or at the door on the day until sold out. To register or for more information, please go to www.nature-museum.org.



Learn about birds, butterflies, and beyond at this nature talk.

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How to make growing roses pleasurable and easy

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Have you struggled with growing roses? Do you want to care for your roses with greater ease and less effort?

Green Mountain Gardeners (GMG) invites you to join your neighbors and local gardeners for “Easy Care Roses” with Teresa Mosher on Monday, March 6 at 10 a.m. The presentation is open to the public and will take place at the Londonderry Rescue Squad Building, 6068 Route 100, Londonderry. This presentation is for gardeners of all skill levels, from beginners to advanced.

Teresa Mosher is one of the leading garden and rose consultants in New England. Mosher is currently the president of the prestigious New England Rose Society and spends her free time as a Horticulture Rose Judge and Consulting Rosarian for the American Rose Society. She is the author of “A Year in My Rose Garden” and owner of Purple Roses Publishing.

Mosher will provide essential information to anyone interested in growing roses in addition to

sharing spectacular photos from her rose garden. According to Ms. Mosher, her passion for flowers, especially roses, started as a child when her dad would start seedlings and plant them in the family garden every spring. This passion led to her work in the garden and her focus on roses. She truly enjoys sharing her knowledge for gardening with others.

What a wonderful way to step back from winter and imagine the budding of roses to come in the spring. The GMG is pleased to have Teresa Mosher and to be able to offer this opportunity to everyone in our community. If you would like to attend, please R.S.V.P. by February 28 to May Bigelow at mbigelow@myfairpoint.net.

Information about Green Mountain Gardeners, can be found at their website: <http://www.greenmountaingardeners.net/>



Teresa Mosher with her roses.

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ECO AmeriCorps seeks service sites for 2017-2018

REGION - The Vermont Environmental Careers and Opportunities (ECO) AmeriCorps program is seeking partners interested in hosting a talented AmeriCorps member for the 2017-2018 service year. Towns and organizations with identified environmental project and outreach needs are encouraged to apply. The deadline to apply is March 13. Successful applicants will be matched with an AmeriCorps member by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, which administers the program.

The Program provides an opportunity for local organizations to add capacity for environmental work while training the next generation of environmental leaders. “ECO AmeriCorps has proven to be a tremendous resource in helping the state and our community partners achieve Vermont's environmental goals,” commented Agency of Natural Resources Secretary Julie Moore. “All of our members provide services and complete projects for the host sites that may otherwise go undone. The members truly are getting things done for the state of Vermont.”

More than 30 organizations have benefitted from working with ECO AmeriCorps since the program began in 2015, ranging from local watershed groups to the Vermont-based offices of federal agencies like the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. In the program's first year alone, ECO AmeriCorps provided 32,700 hours of service to host sites and organized 700 community volunteers, who logged 5,840 hours of community-based work. Members serving during this current

2016-2017 service year are on pace to match or exceed these first-year accomplishments.

Applications are currently being accepted from municipalities, state and national governmental agencies, and nonprofit organizations interested in acting as a service site. Applicants should identify projects where help is needed to protect and restore Vermont's water quality or to reduce the amount of waste entering landfills. In past years, ECO members have served as conservation assistants, volunteer coordinators and communications specialists.

Service sites are responsible for providing meaningful projects, supervision and support, a work space, equipment, and supplies. Service sites also provide a cash match of

\$6,500 for each AmeriCorps member they supervise.

The department provides administrative support for selected host sites, including providing living stipends, health insurance, and regular technical and professional development trainings for members.

Members are required to serve a minimum of 1,700 hours during their 11 months of service from August 2017 to September 2018.

ECO AmeriCorps is funded in part through an AmeriCorps state grant provided by SerVermont from the Corporation for National and Community Service.

To apply or find more information, visit the ECO AmeriCorps website at: <http://ecoamericorps.vermont.gov>.



ECO Members pose after a service project removing invasive species at Lake St. Catherine State Park during National Public Lands Day in September 2016. PHOTO PROVIDED

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WEDNESDAYS CONT. -

Molly 802-376-6204.

BELLOWS, FALLS, Vt. - Wednesdays through March 15 is the Celtic Knotwork Course. There is a class fee. Held at Currier Hall, 12 Church St., Bellows Falls. Call for more information 802-460-0110 or visit <http://www.stonechurcharts.org>

CAVENDISH, Vt. - Tai Chi beginners' class from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Cavendish/Proctorsville, Vt., next to the Post Office at the corner of Rte 131 and Depot St. There is a monthly tuition cost. 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: www.facebook.com/gemstaichi/

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.

THURSDAYS -
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@myreccenter.org

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Active Parenting is a great workshop for parents of kids of any age, especially tweens and teens. The workshop runs on Thursdays, through March 9 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. **(except February 23)** at The Collaborative, 91 VT Route 11, Londonderry, behind Flood Brook School. 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.

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - 9 - 11 a.m. creative movement activities and playgroup held in the gym of the Community Center. All parents with young children are welcomed. Contact Parks and Recreation Dept. at (802) 885-2727

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SUNDAYS -
WALLINGFORD, Vt. - Restore movement to all areas of your body at the Wallingford Elementary School from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Beginners and experienced welcome. Dress warm. There is a fee for participation. A portion of the proceeds will benefit: WES General Scholarship Fund; Green Hill Cemetery; Wallingford Bike Safety Day. Call 802-446-2499 to register. 3/5, 3/19, 4/2 Weekly updates available: <https://www.facebook.com/thrivecenterofthegreen>

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SUNDAYS- WOODSTOCK, Vt. - The Upper Valley Curling Club will play each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m., through March

19 at the Union Arena in Woodstock. The club invites anyone with an interest in the sport of curling to join them. There is a non member charge. For those who need it, the club supplies curling equipment. Union Arena is located on the grounds of

the Woodstock Union High School on Route 4 just 1½ miles west of the Woodstock village. For more information on league play, drop-in games, or clinics please e-mail uppervalleycurling@gmail.com or visit www.uppervalleycurling.org.

NOTICE TOWN OF NORTH WALPOLE

Residents of the North Walpole Village District are hearby notified of a hearing on the year 2017 Budget to be held at 7:00 pm, Thursday, March 02, 2017 at the Village Commissioners' Office at 70 Church Street in North Walpole, NH.

NW Village Commissioners

TOWN OF CAVENDISH WARNING OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING

February 28th, 2017

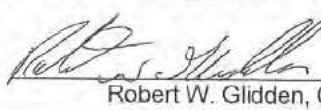
The legal voters of the Town of Cavendish, in the County of Windsor, are hereby notified and warned that an informational meeting will be held at the Cavendish Town Office, 37 High Street, Cavendish, Vermont at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, February 28th, 2017.


This meeting will afford voters the opportunity to get additional information on Article 2 of the Annual Town Meeting Warning. Article 2 reads as follows:

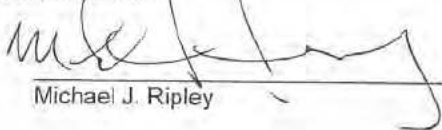
Shall the legal voters of the Town of Cavendish approve the issuance of a municipal bond in the amount not to exceed \$790,000 for the purpose of complete replacement of the Town Wastewater Treatment Plant Aeration system.

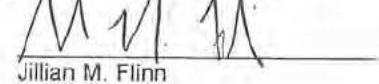
Article 2 is included on the Warning for the Town of Cavendish 2017 Annual Town Meeting which will be voted on by Australian Ballot on March 7th, 2017 between the hours of 10:00 am and 7:00 pm at the Cavendish Town Elementary School.

Dated at Cavendish, Vermont this 3rd day of February, 2017.

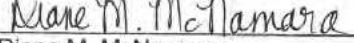

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Attest: 
Diane M. McNamara Town Clerk

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on March 13, 2017 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, to consider a Conditional Use in the Town Residential Commercial District.

APPLICANT: 24 Fox Lane, LLC
5 Northfield Road
Wallingford, Connecticut 06492
PROPERTY LOCATION: 24 Fox Lane
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 030322.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to consider a Conditional Use to raze the current structure and construct a new building with added parking. The new building would contain two (2) commercial units on the first floor and four (4) residential units on the second floor. The project is located in the Town Residential Commercial District. be any new lots created.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 449-17-CU

The above application is available for inspection at the Ludlow Municipal Offices. Persons wishing to participate may do so in person, be represented by an agent or an attorney, or by writing the Board. Written communications about the application should be filed with the Board either prior to, or during, the hearing.

Rosemary Goings
Board Clerk

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on March 13, 2017 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, for Local Flood Hazard Review in the Special Flood Hazard area of the Town Residential Commercial District.

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REASON FOR HEARING: Application for a Local Flood Hazard Review to raze the current structure and construct a new building with added parking. The new building would contain two (2) commercial units on the first floor and four (4) residential units on the second floor. The project is located in the Special Flood Hazard Area of the Town Residential Commercial District. be any new lots created.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 450-17-FHR

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Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

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by Linda Thistle

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're correct to want to help someone who seems to need assistance. But be careful that he or she isn't pulling the wool over those gorgeous Sheep's eyes. You need more facts.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine optimism soon will dispel the gloom cast by those naysayers and pessimists who still hover close by. Also, that good news you recently received is part of a fuller message to come.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Feeling jealous over a colleague's success drains the energy you need to meet your own challenges. Wish him or her well, and focus on what you need to do. Results start to show in mid-March.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're likely to feel somewhat Crabby these days, so watch what you say, or you could find yourself making lots of apologies. Your mood starts to brighten by the weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your pride might still be hurting from those unflattering remarks someone made about you. But cheer up, you're about to prove once again why you're the Top Cat in whatever you do.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A misunderstanding with a co-worker could become a real problem unless it's resolved soon. Allow a third party to come in and assess the situation without pressure or prejudice.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Call a family meeting to discuss the care of a loved one at this difficult time. Be careful not to let yourself be pushed into shouldering the full burden on your own.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An upcoming decision could open the way to an exciting venture. However, there are some risks you should know about. Ask more questions before making a commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Personal matters need your attention during the earlier part of the week. You can start to shift your focus to your workaday world by mid-week. Friday brings news.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You've been going at a hectic pace for quite a while. It's time now for some much-needed rest and recreation to recharge those hardworking batteries.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This is a good time to upgrade your current skills or consider getting into an entirely different training program so that you can be prepared for new career opportunities.


PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Keep a low profile in order to avoid being lured away from the job at hand. Focus on what has to be done, and do it. There'll be time later to enjoy fun with family and friends.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can be a dreamer and a realist. You dream of what you would like to do, and then you face the reality of how to do it.

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TUESDAY, FEB. 28 – SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Shrove Pancake supper at the First Congregational Church on Main Street. 5 – 7 p.m.

CHESTER, Vt. – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at St. Luke's Episcopal Church at 313 Main Street begins at 5:30 p.m. Featuring spectacular pancakes, sausage patties and fruit salad. The church

school waiters are the ticket for bringing the families to the tables. The supper is free and all are welcome. However, there will be baskets on each table for a free will offering to benefit Episcopal Relief and Development. 802-875-6000

EVENTS

SATURDAY, FEB. 25- BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Mark your calendars for a delicious dinner out with your friends and family. The Bellows Falls Rotary Club's annual spaghetti dinner is back. Dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m. - 7

p.m. at the Bellows Falls Moose Club 59 Westminster Street. The food is freshly prepared and served by the Rotary club members. Takeout is also available. Tickets will be sold at the door or you may ask a Rotarian. There will also be a signup sheet for delivery of a dinner to the Canal House and Riverview apartments. Any questions call 802-376-9972. Proceeds support Rotary sponsored community projects.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 – CHESTER, Vt. - Bryan Pfeiffer, biologist, field naturalist and writer will present Birds,

Butterflies, Backyards and Beyond, a fresh view of the wild right outside your backdoor. The program is at 7 p.m. at Newsbank Conference Center, 352 Main Street. Pfeiffer will offer practical advice for creating wildlife habitat in our own backyards and developing a wildlife ethic on a warming planet. For more information call 802-843-2111

SATURDAY, MARCH 4- WESTON, Vt. - "Steadfast Hope: The Palestinian Quest for Just Peace" is the title of a talk at the Weston Priory, 58 Priory Hill Rd at 4 p.m. Two women, Kate Stevens and Jean Carr, will reflect on their recent experience as part of a delegation that recently went to Palestine in search of greater understanding. Following their talk, everyone is invited to participate in an optional evening prayer with the Brothers of the Weston Priory.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The North Springfield Baptist Church will be holding their annual indoor Cabin Fever sale 69 Main St in North Springfield from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.. A corn chowder luncheon will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.. Other features of the sale are a food sale, Rada cutlery, a rummage sale to include clothing and footwear, housewares, holiday items and much more. There will also be an assortment of plants, toys and books. For

more information call the church at 802-886-8107.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS- LUDLOW, Vt. - Pickup ice hockey is running every Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Ice House at Jackson Gore. It's just pickup, no stress, and no worry about skill level - just have fun. Please join us! Questions? Contact 802-228-1406

WEDNESDAYS- WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Scottish Country Dance class, friendly, informal, and free. Meets during the school year, 7:30-9:00 p.m., Westminster Center School. Contact Jessie Haas: (802)387-2601 or email kjh@sover.net.

EVERY FOURTH SUNDAY – PUTNEY, Vt. – Dinner and A Movie. At each event, at 5:30 p.m., the chefs at the Gleanery will serve a special menu in time for diners to make it to the hosted 7 p.m. film screening around the corner at the newly-renovated Next Stage. For pricing or reservations call 802-387-3052. Limited seating available. 15 Kimball Hill Rd.

WEEKLY- CHESTER, Vt. - Whiting Library, will host a new pop-up exhibition from the National Archives, The Bill of Rights and You, commemorating the 225th anniversary of the ratification of this landmark document. This exhibit runs through March 2017. Please call the Library for more information at 802-875-2277, whitinglibrary@yahoo and visit us Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

CHESTER, Vt. - Come to Expo + Artisans + Craftsman = A cure for cabin fever exhibit at 103 Artisans Marketplace, 7 Pineview Rd & RT 103 South 05143. Visit www.103artisansmarketplace.com or call 802-875-7400. Exhibit ends Sunday, March 19.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Rockingham Free Public Library will host a new pop-up exhibition from the National Archives, The Bill of Rights and You, commemorating the 225th anniversary of the ratification of this landmark document. This exhibit runs through February 28, 2017.

LIBRARIES

SATURDAY, FEB. 25- ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Vermont folklorist Jane Beck shares the story of the Turner family: a multi-generational saga spanning two centuries. Her captivating narrative covers the early 19 century British-African trade, shipwreck, birth of a biracial child, slave trading, enslavement, plantation life, escape, Civil War, moving north, battling racism, buying land and settling on a hilltop in

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Clinical Supervisor/Area Manager - School Services - Looking for a challenging and very rewarding next step in your career? Join our team! The HCRS Children's Program is seeking a dynamic team player to be the Clinical Supervisor/Area Manager for School Services in the Hartford Vermont area. We are looking for candidates with extensive clinical experience working with children and youth with mental health and behavioral issues and likes working collaboratively with school districts. This individual is responsible for the day-to-day contract management, clinical supervision and administrative oversight of HCRS' school-based clinicians and behavioral interventionists in the Hartford/Windsor area. Candidates should have a supervision approach that blends relational, trauma informed, family systems and ABA models. Proven organizational and staff management skills needed. Clinical license with MSW, MA or PhD is required. *Please reference position #5125-5126*

Respite Providers - Hourly positions are currently available in the Brattleboro area. A desire to work one on one independently with children with mental health diagnosis. Experience working with high needs children related coursework or degree a plus: CPR and First Aid, CPI preferred, but will be offered. Must be energetic and have experience working with children from ages 4-15 after school hours and weekend schedule. Clean Driver's license and high school diploma required. *Please reference position #5341 - Brattleboro*

Community Outreach Specialist(s) - Full time 37.50 hours/week and part time positions working in the Windham County area, with focus in Brattleboro, providing support services to adults with Intellectual and Physical Disabilities in different community settings. Duties include but are not limited to community integration and assistance to increase Independent Living Skills. Assist in planning and participating in person centered, community based activities. Must be able to work some shifts until 6 PM. Must have reliable transportation and a valid driver's license. Must be comfortable with assisting individuals who are wheelchair bound or need assistance with personal care tasks. Experience in working with Adults with Intellectual Disabilities is preferred. *Please reference position #1030-Brattleboro*

Residential Specialist(s) – Brattleboro, Bellows Falls and Springfield – Per-diem and Full time positions are currently available. Opportunity to join a dynamic team working in a therapeutic community for individuals with serious mental illness. We are looking for creative, flexible and dependable people to teach independent living skills, socialization and community integration in the area. Applicants with relevant bachelor's degree and/or residential mental health experience preferred.

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pets of the week



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I thought I had one because I've been with the same family as long as I can remember. Then, the youngest family member became really sick and they soon realized it was because he was allergic to cats. So, I came here with my buddy, Mist. It's OK, though. We have lots of room to run and play, and I'm making new friends all the time.

going on long walks and runs in the snow, too. The people here have been helping me learn basic obedience behaviors, like how to heel, sit, wait, and lots more. I'm doing a great job with it all, if I do say so myself! My ideal home would have a safely fenced-in yard for me to play and run around in. There's a really good chance I could live with a dog-companion in my new home, as long as we got along. I'm sorry to say, I can't live with cats, though. If you've been looking for a fun-loving adorable canine companion, stop in and meet me today!

Yes, I may be older, but I still have lots of life to live. If you've been looking for a deserving cat that promises to fill your heart with love, stop in and meet me today!

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LIBRARIES CONT.

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Vermont that became a family center. This event is free and begins at 1 p.m. To register or for more information, call 802-463-4270, visit www.rockinghamlibrary.org or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls.

WEDNESDAYS -

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Do you have questions about how your computer or tablet works or want to know more about its capabilities? Computer whiz, Marc Fontaine, will be on hand to help you solve the mysteries on Wednesdays March 1 and March 8 at 7 p.m. at the South Londonderry Free Library. There will be instruction on writing with Word, making a spreadsheet with Excel, emails and saving or forwarding attachments and images. Please list what specifically that is and bring your laptop, digital device, or tablet with you. Signup is required. Please call the 824-3371 or email southlondonderryfreelibrary@yahoo.com.

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 information, call 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org or go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org.

FOURTH 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!

MEETINGS

FRIDAY, FEB. 24- BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The GFC Coalition meeting will be from 12 - 1:30 p.m. at Parks Place, 44 School St. Extn.. Discussion will be on future

funding opportunities; input is needed! Also Above the Influence group is going to be joining the meeting and share what they have been doing.

MONDAYS -

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

TUESDAYS -

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 at 802-869-2593.

WESTMINSTER, Vt. -

Westminster Fire & Rescue Department monthly meeting on the first Tuesday at 7 p.m. Rescue training is on the second Tuesday and combined drill on the third Tuesday. More information found at www.westminsterfireandrescue.org

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.

SUPPORT GROUPS

FRIDAY, MARCH 24-

BELLOWS 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. No cost to attend. 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

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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.

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.

BELLOWS 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

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.

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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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