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Volunteering has many benefits

BY BRANDY TODT

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REGION - As of 2016, Vermont stood at number eight in rank for top volunteering states in the US. Volunteering has been linked to lowered stress level, feeling healthier and an improved mood according to a national survey commissioned by the UnitedHealth Group.

In an article written for the Huffington Post by Hilary Young in 2013, the baby boomers are the highest age group to volunteer, spending 3.6 million hours volunteering. However, volunteering doesn't need to require hours of your week, even helping out with small task can make a difference.

One benefit to volunteering is the opportunity it gives to connect you with other people and make new friends. If you are new to an area, volunteering will "expose you to people with common interests, neighborhood resources and fun and fulfilling activities." states helpguide.org.

Perhaps you have a disability or a health condition and your wondering if you can still volunteer. Yes you can! Actually, research has shown an improvement to those that have a disability or a health condition, whether that is heart disease, diabetes, digestive orders or hearing loss.

Today volunteering can take place via phone or computer if lack of transportation, time constraints or a disability is a challenge. The only necessities for volunteering are passion and positivity: otherwise there are no boundaries!

The Springfield Warming Shelter, located in the North Springfield Baptist Church on 69 Main Street, opened in the winter of 2013. Their purpose is to provide a warm overnight place for adults in need to stay during the winter months of Nov.



The Springfield Warming Shelter is always looking for volunteers.

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through April. The shelter has eight beds that are filled on a first come, first serve basis; men and women sleep in separate rooms. Guests are made to feel welcome and are given dinner, blankets and anything else to make their stay comfortable.

The shelter is always looking for volunteers to take a shift during this time. The first shift is from 6:30 p.m. to midnight when the second shift comes to relieve at midnight to 6:30 a.m. Volunteers need to be at least 18 years old. During the week The Current picks up and drops off the homeless at the Shaw plaza but on the Saturday and Sunday the church State College. bus does this task.

ou, other volunteer opportunities what you see is what you get. As include donating a cooked meal, cleaning or picking up and dropping off guests with the bus. You can find more about them on Facebook @springfieldwarmingshelter or contact Patti Miller, coordinator of volunteers at 802-281-8947.

Are you interested in history and

preserving it for future generations to view? Volunteering as a citizen archivist might be your channel. This volunteer opportunity only requires a computer with Word and an Internet connection. The historical society of Cheshire County, funded by a grant given by The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), is preserving New Hampshire's history through training volunteer citizen archivists to transcribe documents. The next workshop archivist day will be May 20 at Keene

A few brief tips on how to If staying up all night is not for transcribe a historical document: an archivist, you transcribe exactly how it is written. Do not change or alter the text in any way, even if a word is misspelled, type it just like you see it.

Head over to the citizen

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Will voters agree to split up U39?

Mt. HOLLY / LUDLOW, Vt. voted to let their voters decide to Mill River. - After the Ludlow and Mt. on the option to join Mill River's Holly sub committee meeting supervisory union. Ludlow's board on Thursday, March 9 and a voted to present to their voters to lengthy struggle the outcome dissolve Union 39 agreement bewas going to be put to voters tween Ludlow and Mt. Holly and www.lpctv.org/act-46-sub-cmteof each town. Mt. Holly's board pursue sending Ludlow resident to ludlow-mt-holly-39

If voters decide against these options the sub committee will have to determine the next path.

To watch the meeting visit: http://

Ludlow Rotary hosts 22 international students for a weekend of fun —

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Ludlow Rotary Club hosted its 28 annual ski weekend for international exchange students from our district, as well as two additional rotary districts in Massachusetts and Connecticut. With the generous support of Okemo Mountain Resort, this event brings students together from all over the world for a weekend of fun on the mountain. The students, who are in the United States for a full high school year, spent the weekend in the homes of local Rotarians and community volunteers. Students who have never tried skiing or snowboarding before were given lessons and experienced were able to Ludlow. get up on the mountain and enjoy the great con-

ditions on the slopes. Saturday House on Sunday. night, the students enjoyed a dance along with members of the Black River High School interact club and ended the weekend with



those who were more 22 international students enjoyed a weekend of sking, snowboard and ice skating in

PHOTO BY DONALD DILL

The Ludlow Rotary Club is celebrating its 90 birthday this year and celebrates the spirit of international goodwill and understandice skating at Jackson Gore's Ice ing that is experienced by all of the

participants in this event. We wish to thank Okemo Mountain Resort, the town of Ludlow, Big Eyes Bakery, MC Sounds and all of the volunteers who made this year's event

Maple open house weekend celebrates Vermont's sugaring season -

BY KAREN ENGDAHL

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REGION - Local sugarhouses are firing up for the Maple Open House Weekend, March 25 and 26, a statewide event celebrating the sugaring season. Sugar makers throughout Vermont will open the doors of their sugarhouses, inviting visitors in to experience and enjoy this remarkable time of year when pure Vermont maple syrup is made. The sight of steam rising from the sugarhouse at the Farnsworth farm on Massey Road or the Wood's farm on Weathersfield Center Road, the inviting aroma of boiling sap, and the sweetly divine flavor of syrup will offer visitors an experience for the

Sugaring season got off to a fast start with warm temperatures in late February. Many sugar makers, large-and small-scale alike, took advantage of the early run and got some sweet results.

"I've been sugaring on this property since I was a little boy," said Rob MacKenzie of Springfield. "We've tapped these same trees over



Rob MacKenzie of Springfield has tapped these familiar maples on the family homestead for more than 50 years.



Walter Wallace of Springfield, new to sugaring, taps a maple tree in his yard. PHOTO BY KAREN ENGDAHL

the generations. Last year I of syrup. "I guess you can't go made about a half-gallon of syrup, just enough for us. This year the sap ran strong and I've already boiled at least that much."

Walter Wallace, new to sugaring, tapped three trees in his Springfield yard and is boiling syrup on his wood stove.

"It's fun," he said, "and the results are so reward-

Warm temperatures were halted by a cold snap and over the past week or so there hasn't been much steam rising from sugar-

Nonetheless, visitors are stocking up on maple syrup and other maple products at larger sugarhouses like Green Mountain Sugar House in Ludlow.

"Haven't made up my mind which kind to get," said John Mastrorakis of Queens, New York, as he examined different grades

According to Vermont Business Magazine, Vermont is the nation's leading producer of maple syrup, setting records in 2016 for annual production of maple syrup. Last year, Vermont produced almost 2 million gallons of maple syrup, the most it ever yielded, and 47 percent (almost half) of all syrup produced in the United States. That's enough syrup to generously cover more than 250 million pancakes, waffles or slices of French toast. In terms of revenues, that productivity accounted for more than \$350 million in total sales for the state's economy.

For more information about the Vermont Maple Open House Weekend go to vermontmaple.com where you can find a list of maple sugar producers statewide. Signature events and products associated with Maple Open House Weekend include tours of sugarhouses, maple syrup and maple specialty goods to purchase, delicious sugar-on-snow and venue-specific attractions, including pancake breakfasts, horsedrawn sleigh rides and live music.

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Celebrating National Dentists' Day at Chester Health Center

Day by welcoming the communi-

Center celebrated National Dentists' turned out to "meet and greet" two local dentists - Dr. Madhav ty for an open house on Monday Shrirao, the new dentist at Chester



Heiko, Dental Assistant; Judith, Dental Assistant; Anne, RDH; Kathleen, RDH; Jennifer, Dental Office Coordinator. PHOTO BY DONALD DILL

CHESTER, Vt. - Chester Health evening, March 6. Local residents Health Center, and Dr. Michael Foster, Director of Dental Services for Springfield Medical Care Systems (SMCS), who practices at the Ludlow Dental Center.

Joshua Dufresne, MBA, Chief of Practice Operations and HRSA Project Director commented, "We're pleased to increase our dental services. Chester's Health Center's family dental service will help expand access for new and existing patients in the region. We identified dental care as a priority need in our Community Health Needs Assessment and some patients have waited for services due to limited access, or insurance and/or financial reasons."

He continues, "The new Chester location doubles our existing FQHC dental capacity, offering care with fees based on a sliding fee scale and financial assistance available to those who may need it."

Dr. Shrirao shared his thoughts regarding his reception in the area, "I want to take this opportunity to

thank our community for the warm welcome. I feel proud to be part of SMCS and its mission to provide ease of access for dental care in our community. I look forward to using my skills and training to help make dental care available to all in the

southern Vermont area." Dr. Shrirao joined the Chester practice in January 2017 following the retirement of Dr. Stephen Saunders. Dr. Shrirao received his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from Boston University and completed his General Practice Residency at Montefiore Medical Center of Albert Einstein Medical College,

Springfield Medical Care Systems is a not-for-profit, communitybased health care system that includes a nine-site community health center network and Springfield Hospital. SMCS serves southeastern Vermont and southwestern New Hampshire. Health care services are accessible to all based on a sliding



Michael Foster, DDS, Ludlow Health Center; Marji Graf, CEO, Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce; Madhav Shrirao, DMD, Chester Health Center.

fee scale and include primary and able based on family size and inpreventive care for people of all come. For more information, please

ages. Financial assistance is avail- visit www.springfieldmed.org.

BRGN school vacation backpack program -

LUDLOW, Vt. - Black River Good Neighbor Services in Ludlow is pleased to announce that it is the recipient of a Stewart's Shop Holiday Match Grant. The amazing generosity of Stewart's customers contributed to yet another record-breaking season, allowing them to provide support to 1,737 organizations. There are no administrative costs with this program, meaning 100 percent of the funds collected and matched benefit children's organizations directly within their communities.

Stewart's Holiday Match funds will support BRGNS' backpack program that provides food to children during school vacations. The program, which began in 2016, served 34 children during the summer and winter school vacations this past year. It is one of many support programs run by BRGNS to benefit families in need of temporary assistance.

BRGNS is offering a school vacation backpack program during the April school vacation this year (the week of April 17-21). They will provide a week's worth of breakfast and lunches for school-age kids packed and ready for pickup at the Food Shelf on Friday, April 14. Pickup time will be from 1-3 p.m. on that day.



BRGNS will provide vacation breakfast and lunches.

This program is offered by registration only to school-aged children within their service area, which includes Ludlow, Cavendish, Proctorsville, Belmont, Mt. Holly and Plymouth. If you are interested in having your children participate, please stop by the Food Shelf for an applica-

tion. Registration deadline is Monday, April 3. They look forward to helping families out with meals during the upcoming school vacation week.

If you have questions please contact Krey Kellington, BRGNS Food Program Administrator, at 802-228-

Final week of "Cure for Cabin Fever Expo"-

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week of our "Cure for Cabin Fe- Candles, Mary Ann Kearns, Marver Expo." The arts and crafts cia Dockum - Painting in Acrylics, show and sale runs through Handcrafted Rocking Chairs - Bud March 19, so come on in and Nadeau, Quilting Arts - Susan Dasee the works of these and many mone Balch, Beth Ezold - Fabric bowls, Wooden Cutting Boards -Mark Yuengling, Found Object Art - Darlene Eisenhuth, Turned Wooden Bowls, Joe Langton, Cow Art by Woody Jackson and Payne Junker

"We are proud to invite this group of very talented folks to the Marketplace, the show is wonderful" says Payne and Elise Junker

103 Artisans Marketplace is open Thursday - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and is located on Rt 103 & Pineview Road, Chester, Vt. 05143. Call 802-875-7400, or visit them online www.103artisansmarketplace.com.

hamber Corner

REGION - We thank Four Seasons Sotheby's for hosting our March mixer. We congratulated Smith Maple Crest Farm for being chosen our March Members of the

Our next mixer is Wed., April 12 at Southern Pie Company, located in Chester from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Okemo Valley Regional Guide2018. Our new website launched and is the regions event calendar and place to go to find lodging, dining, shopping and services within the re-

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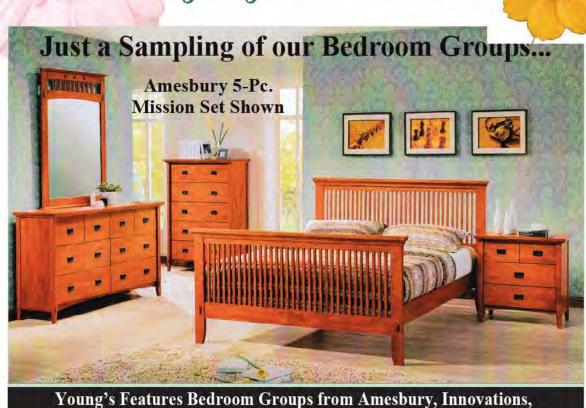
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Volunteering can renew creativity, motivation and vision as well as be a fun way to explore interest and passions. For those of us that are shy and are having a hard time meeting new people, volunteering presents the opportunity to develop your social skills and build confidence. Feel happier or bring more zest to your life by volunteering in your community. Other places with volunteer opportunities are historical societies, hospitals, food shelves, or libraries.

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Gardening wisdom or wishful thinking?

BY KAREN ENGDAHL

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REGION - Gardeners experiencing a touch of Spring Fever are eager to embrace the old Vermont adage to "start your seeds indoors on Town Meeting Day," but are they following good advice or setting themselves up for disappointment?

Lara Houghton-Robinson of Woodbury's Florist in Springfield said many people had already visited the shop during the warm first days of March looking for seeds.

"We just got the seeds in last week," she said, "but people were looking for them long before they

When asked for her advice about starting seeds on Town Meeting Day, Woodbury florist Stacie Murchie said she would only recommend starting peppers this early.

"Tomatoes will just be spindly and damp off," she said. "Better to wait until early April to start them." Ashley Cole at the Springfield

"We just got the High Mowing seeds in-they're great because they're non-GMO," she said. "People usually have their seeds started by mid-March."

Food Coop had similar advice.

Starting garden plants from seeds indoors can be an enjoyable project for any gardener and is a relatively inexpensive way to grow a wide variety of plants. Many garden favorites are found in a greater variety of colors, sizes and growth habits as seeds, rather than as started plants. Many long-season vegetables must be started indoors in early spring. Similarly, many annual flowers need an indoor start if they are to bloom

during the summer

instructions, as each species has its own requirements. In Vermont, annual flowers and heat-loving vegetables such as tomato, pepper, and eggplant are usually started in early spring.

Starting seeds indoors will include using special seedling containers and soil, supplying added light (fluorescent lights are often used) and bottom heat, such as a heating pad under the containers, for the tiny seedlings. Containers, soil products, and other gardening supplies are already available at local garden shops and hardware stores.

"I just wait and put my seeds right into the ground,"

Follow seed packet or catalog I understand how some people get want to get a

laughed Houghton-Robinson, "but so excited this time of year they head start."



Ashley Cole with non-GMO seeds at the Springfield Co-Op.
PHOTO BY KAREN ENGDA



Stacie Murchie at Woodbury Florist.

PHOTO BY KAREN ENGDAHL

OVRCC Member of the Month is Smith Maple Crest Farm —

LUDLOW, Vt. - Marji Graf, CEO of Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce presents the March Member of the Month to Mary and Jeff Smith of Smith Maple Crest Farm in Shrewsbury.

Criteria used to determine who

will receive the award:

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- Current on dues
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 - and co-op advertising. · Contributes in monthly
 - committee meetings. • Is an ambassador for the chamber and region.

Please come to their Open Sugarhouse on Saturday, March 25 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sample award winning syrup, syrup boiling demo (weather permitting), sugar-on-snow and refreshments. Support the Cairo shine's pancake breakfast at the Shrewsbury Meeting House from 8 a.m. - noon (across the street from the farm), located at 2450 Lincoln Hill Road, Shrewbury.

Chester Rotary scholarship auction —

CHESTER, Vt. - On Saturday, April 1 beginning at 6:00 p.m., the Fullerton Inn in Chester will be the site of the eighth annual Rotary dinner and auction. Everyone is invited to join us for a beautifully prepared buffet dinner and a glass of wine. Highlights of this year's event include many wonderful silent auction items, a basket raffle, and an "Out of this World" live auction thanks to the generosity of many local and regional businesses. All of the proceeds from

this evening benefit the Andrew and Heidi Ladd Scholarship Fund.

Tickets are available at the Chester Bookworm 802-875-5886 or by email: ChesterBookworm@yahoo.com . To preview some of the auction items, place a bid, or donate to the scholarship fund, please go to: Andrew-LaddScholarship@weebly.com. We look forward to seeing you this April Fools' Day!

For more information or questions contact Carol Gilbert 802-875-1599 or Gaminou@yahoo.com

KPAA welcomes visitors at Aubuchon Hardware

KILLINGTON, Vt. - The Killington Pico Area Association, KPAA, operates the Killington Welcome Center, located at 2319 US-4, formerly home to Bill's Country Store. In present day, not only is this site an official park & ride, but both Vermont Translines & The Bus' Diamond Express pick up passengers here daily to shuttle them throughout Vermont.

The Killington Welcome Center has also been utilized as a space in which to host business meetings, special events and fundraisers. The Rutland Economic Development Corp, REDC, Marketing Committee held a meeting in the Welcome Center recently.

Sara Gilbert, Assistant Director

of REDC, said, "I loved that it was easy to schedule the space - we just called Noellen, and she took care of everything. No one had trouble finding the location or parking, because it is in a very visible place on Route 4. The space itself is very inspiring."

Noellen has started planning this summer's signature event, the Killington Wine Festival, returning July 14 - 16, 2017. Baker Distributing & Farrell Distributing are both back and excited to show off their selection of wines for you this July.

"We are expecting record numbers at this year's event," she noted. "Our marketing plan will be expanded and we launched a wine festival-specific website in February: www.Killington WineFestival.com. The new website acts as the new "one-stop shop" for everything from learning about the event to purchasing tickets."

The next KPAA Monthly Mixer is taking place at Liquid Art Coffeehouse on April 4 from 5 - 7 p.m. The KPAA wishes to thank North Star Lodge for hosting the March Mixer.

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> Djemila Cavanaugh (802) 490-0225 djem.translator@gmail.com Facebook: Djem's Tai Chi Classes



Marji Graf left, and Mary Smith right, Jeff was boiling sap. PHOTO BY DONALD DILL

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CORRECTION:

Black Cyan Magenta

In the March 1 edition we printed that Rylee Ewald made the St. Lawrence University's Dean list. Rylee is a she, not a he. Also the academic average must be at least a 3.6 not a 30.6.

The benefits of tax-advantaged savings vehicles

REGION - Taxes can take a big bite out of your total investment returns, so it's helpful to look for taxadvantaged strategies when building a portfolio. But keep in mind that investment decisions shouldn't be driven solely by tax considerations; other factors to consider include the potential risk, the expected rate of return, and the quality of the invest-

Tax-deferred and tax-free invest-

Tax deferral is the process of delaying (but not necessarily eliminating) until a future year the payment of income taxes on income you earn in the current year. For example, the money you put into your traditional 401(k) retirement account isn't taxed until you withdraw it, which might be 30 or 40 years down the road! Tax deferral can be beneficial be-

- The money you would have spent on taxes remains invested
- You may be in a lower tax bracket when you make withdrawals from your accounts (for example, when you're retired)
- You can accumulate more dollars in your accounts due to compounding

Compounding means that your earnings become part of your underlying investment, and they in turn earn interest. In the early years of an investment, the benefit of compounding may not be that significant. But as the years go by, the longterm boost to your total return can be dramatic.

Taxes make a big difference Let's assume two people have \$5,000 to invest every year for a period of 30 years. One person invests in a taxfree account like a Roth 401(k) that earns 6 percent per year, and the other person invests in a taxable account that also earns 6 percent each year. Assuming a tax rate of 28 percent, in 30 years the tax-free account will

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This hypothetical example is for illustrative purposes only, and its results are not representative of any specific investment or mix of investments. Actual results will vary. The taxable account balance assumes that earnings are taxed as ordinary income and does not reflect possible lower maximum tax rates on capital gains and dividends, as well as the tax treatment of investment losses, which would make the taxable investment return more favorable, thereby reducing the difference in performance between the accounts

Investment fees and expenses have not been deducted. If they had been, the results would have been lower. You should consider your personal investment horizon and income tax brackets, both current and anticipated, when making an investment decision as these may further impact the results of the comparison. This illustration assumes a fixed annual rate of return; the rate of return on your actual investment portfolio will be different, and will vary over time, according to actual market performance. This is particularly true for long-term investments. It is important to note that investments offering the potential for higher rates of return also involve a higher degree of risk to principal.

Tax-advantaged savings vehicles for retirement

One of the best ways to accumulate funds for retirement or any other investment objective is to use tax-advantaged (i.e., tax-deferred or tax-free) savings vehicles when appropriate.

Traditional IRAs -Anyone under age 701/2 who earns income or is married to someone with earned income can contribute to an IRA. Depending upon your income and

ployer-sponsored retirement plan, you may or may not be able to deduct your contributions to a traditional IRA, but your contributions always grow tax deferred. However, you'll owe income taxes when you make a withdrawal.* You can contribute up to \$5,500 (for 2016 and 2017) to an IRA, and individuals age 50 and older can contribute an additional \$1,000 (for 2016 and 2017).

Roth IRAs - Roth IRAs are open only to individuals with incomes below certain limits. Your contributions are made with aftertax dollars but will grow tax deferred, and qualified distributions will be tax-free when you withdraw them. The amount you can contribute is the same as for traditional IRAs. Total combined contributions to Roth and traditional IRAs can't exceed \$5,500 (for 2016 and 2017) for individuals under age 50.

SIMPLE IRAs and SIMPLE 401(k)s - These plans are generally associated with small businesses. As with traditional IRAs, your contributions grow tax deferred, but you'll owe income taxes when you make a withdrawal.* You can contribute up to \$12,500 (for 2016 and 2017) to one of these plans; individuals age 50 and older can contribute an additional \$3,000 (for 2016 and 2017). (SIMPLE 401(k) plans can also allow Roth contributions.)

Employer-sponsored plans (401(k)s, 403(b)s, 457 plans) - Contributions to these types of plans grow tax deferred, but you'll owe income taxes when you make a withdrawal.* You can contribute up to \$18,000 (for 2016 and 2017) to one of these plans; individuals age 50 and older can contribute an additional \$6,000 (for 2016 and 2017). Employers can generally allow employees to make after-tax Roth contributions, in which case-qualifying distributions will be tax free.

Annuities- You pay money whether you're covered by an em- to an annuity issuer (an insurance

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company), and the issuer promises to pay principal and earnings back to you or your named beneficiary in the future (you'll be subject to fees and expenses that you'll need to understand and consider). Most annuities have surrender charges that are assessed if the contract owner surrenders the annuity. Annuities generally allow you to elect to receive an income stream for life (subject to the financial strength and claimspaying ability of the issuer). There's no limit to how much you can invest, and your contributions grow tax deferred. However, you'll owe income taxes on the earnings when you start receiving distributions.*

Tax-advantaged savings vehicles for college

For college, tax-advantaged savings vehicles include:

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This article was written by Huntley Financial Services.



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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

Rabbit hunting -

When I was young and living on High Street in Chester we always had two or three beagles for rabbit hunting. My father had some of the best beagles in the area.

He was particular about dogs the he would own. He would not tolerate a dog that chased deer. We were always training our dogs and as a result we had great dogs. My father named all female dogs Heidi and male dogs

We hunted rabbits all winter in Mount Holly and Shrewsbury. Sometimes we hunted off the Boynton Road near Weston Island.

would know today. He would take his bare hand and lightly press down on the snow. If the snow stuck to his hand it was the best conditions for the dogs to pick up the rabbit's scent.

A tip my father taught me that few

around 20 degrees in fresh powder. A good dog could run a rabbit even if the snow didn't stick to his hand, but if it did you knew you were going to have a good day.

Vermont has two species of rabbits, Cottontails 'Coonies' and Snowshoe or 'Varying Hare.' We didn't hunt Coonies. After being chased by the dog only a short distance a Coonie will 'hole-up' in a burrow or stonewall.

We always hunted Snowshoes. They are larger and run in very large circles when chased and never hole-up. They have very large feet that act like snowshoes enabling them to run effortlessly in deep snow.

In summer months Snowshoe rabbits turn brown and in the winter they turn white. Because they change color with the seasons they are called 'Vary-

ing Hare?

A silly little anecdote, I was about six years old and riding with my father in Shrewsbury when we saw a dead rabbit in the road. My father told me about a man he once knew that saw a dead rabbit in the road. The man stopped, got out of his car and poured something on the dead rabbit. The rabbit immediately got up and ran away. "What did he pour on the rabbit?" I asked my father. He replied "Hare re-

Anyway, back to Snowshoes running in large circles. We would situate ourselves in the proximity of the rabbit's last circle and wait. You would hear the beagle barking way off in the distance but soon the barking became louder as the dog came closer.

These conditions usually occur The excitement would start to build. Keep a sharp eye. A white rabbit on white snow is not that easy to spot.

If the snow is deep the rabbit will be running but not full speed. The dog has to buck through the deep snow, slowing him down so the rabbit doesn't need to run fast. But if there's a crust to support the dog, the dog can run much faster. Under these conditions the rabbit will be running full speed while dodging in and out of trees and brush.

Now the dog is within 100 yards or so. Suddenly you get a glimpse of the rabbit. You raise the shotgun to your shoulder hoping to see him again. And there he is 40 feet away running full bore through the thick balsam.

You might only get one shot so make it count. Boom, the rabbit stops in his tracks. You don't move or make any noise. The dog soon comes into sight and finds the dead rabbit. Now you make a big deal of it for the dog.

"Good girl Heidi. Get the bunny! Get the bunny!"

Pat her on the head as you pick up the rabbit. Soon the dog is hunting for another rabbit.

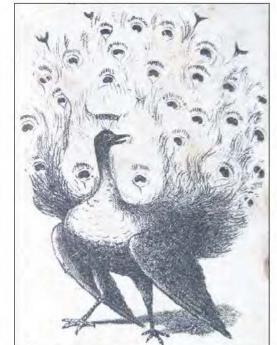
My mother made the best rabbit pie. Top and bottom crust with potatoes, peas, carrots, onions, seasoning and

The photo with this article I took in March of 1964. It's my father with his 12-gauge pump shotgun and his 1962 Scout he bought at Brownies Garage. The dog was my first dog Jill. She was a mutt and house pet. God I loved that

Dog owners today who love their dogs make them part of the family. The bond a man and his working dog have is a true partnership. You be-

The next meeting of the Chester Historical Society is Thursday, March 23, upstairs at Chester Town Hall at 7p.m. As always there will be a monthly slideshow of old Chester photos. All are invited.

This week's old saying is from my mother as she reached across the dinner table for something. "Excuse my border house reach."



1880 puzzle trade card

Ron Patch found this 1880 puzzle trade card. These were popular trade gimmicks of the 19th century to attract customers. When you look at it, it's a peacock. Turn it upside down and it's Mr. Bluebeard.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Newspapers are under attack

Two bills before the Legislature—S.97, introduced by senators Anthony Pollina and Jeanette White, and H.483, introduced by Rep. Mary Hooper (D-Montpelier), propose allowing public notices to be posted on electronic news media that have been authorized by the Secretary of State as "newspapers of record."

Generally speaking, "newspapers of record" must be authorized by government and be widely available to the public. Print newspapers currently fill that function, selling page space at varying rates. Our hometown and regional newspapers reach thousands of readers on newsstands, in libraries, by home delivery, or in the café or barbershop. In addition, many of them have companion websites.

Nothing in either bill as introduced says that electronic records will replace or compete with publication of legal notices in print media, but the possibility is raising issues within the newspaper industry at large.

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns website ("Ask the League August-September 2016") states: "The legislature has never addressed the issue of whether the 'newspapers' referred to in statute include online news platforms." S.97 and

One crucial role of an independent press is to inform the citizenry of government and court activities that require a response, from warnings of meetings to probate notices to advertisement for bids, foreclosures to hearing notices. Not only are these notices time-sensitive but they must also be permanent and universally accessible. As any archivist will tell you, historically that has meant paper and ink, even if scanned into a database later on.

We all know how vulnerable websites are to tampering, crashing, malware, discontinuation by fickle owners, equipment failure, power failures, domain purchases by entities having nothing to do with the original content, or inability to access on older equipment.

So in spite of the assurance under H.483 that the selected electronic news media would be defined to "reflect industry standards for journalism," offer "free, convenient and open access to public notices"; be "trustworthy," user-friendly and secure; provide for permanent archiving of notices; and be those already in common use by "Vermonters," the best-laid plans often go awry.

And while H.483 admits that the traditional newspaper posting would be preserved to accommodate Vermonters "without adequate internet access," how will those readers be identified? H.483 instructs the Secretary of State to determine, county by county, the extent of Internet coverage for households. But many will see that as invasive.

H.483 stipulates that a "certified, physical record" will be kept for "public inspection." In what room in Vermont government would that be kept? How many phone calls, hours, and miles would be required to hold a document in your hands that you could otherwise read over your morning coffee at home?

The Arizona Newspapers Association writes: "Research into readership of newspapers constantly finds that the public expects this type of information to be printed by governments, corporations, etc. And, research tells us that people read it"

A final consideration: Internet searches compel you to know what you're looking for with some precision. Readers browsing the newspaper classifieds will encounter important information they would otherwise not have. But where among the bazillion websites or government webpages would they be likely to find it? The Arizona Newspapers Association calls that "secrecy by fractionalization."

The above questions point to the gaps in these two bills. The mechanisms to carry out the proposal aren't specified. How will "newspaper of record" – already vague by any definition – be applied to commercial websites? Is there a potential for favoritism? Is there an opening for an eventual state-operated public notice site, pitting the state against the small papers that rely on the income stream generated by public notices?

There are alternatives to these awkwardly drafted bills.

The Arizona Newspapers' Public Notice database pools legal notices uploaded from participating newspapers throughout the state. This solution reaches a readership worldwide while not impairing the local relevance of the hometown newspapers. It has the benefit of avoiding duplication, a central, non-government source, instant access to those who want it, and preserving the independence of the press.

Worth considering before we get too far down the legislative road. ~BM~



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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



Op-Ed: St. Patrick's Day fun facts

REGION - With St. Patrick's Day around the corner and at least \$5.3 billion expected to be spent for the holiday this year, WalletHub released its report on 2017's Best Cities for St. Patrick's Day Celebrations, along with cool stats about the holiday. To determine the best cities for celebrating Irish-American heritage, WalletHub's number crunchers compared 200 of the largest U.S. cities across 16 key metrics, ranging from "Irish pubs and restaurants per capita" to "lowest price for a three-star hotel on St. Patrick's Day" to "weather forecast."

Top 20 cities for St. Patrick's Day: Buffalo, N.Y. Madison, Wis. Boston, Mass. Cedar Rapids, Ind. Worcester, Mass. Pittsburgh Akron, Ohio Tampa, Fla. Philadelphia Rochester, N.Y. Cincinnati Chicago Springfield, Mass. Springfield, Mo. St. Paul, Minn. Overland Park, Kan. Sioux Falls, S.D. Grand Rapids, Mich.

St. Patrick's Day Fun Facts: 72 Minutes – Interval at which alcohol-related car crashes claim a life on St. Patrick's Day.

\$3,762 - Cost of an Uber ride from Boston to Dublin, Ohio (versus up to \$24,000 for the total DUI cost).

\$1.22 Million – Market value of a leprechaun's pot of gold, which contains 1,000 gold coins weighing 1 ounce each.

13 Million – Pints of Guinness that will be consumed worldwide on St. Patrick's Day.

\$5.3 Billion – Amount that will be spent collectively on St. Patrick's Day 2017 (or \$38 per person celebrating)

Article written by Wallethub.

Op-Ed: Extend the right to a free press to Vermont student journalists

Cleveland

Naperville, Ill.

In the midst of the Trump administration, the rights of a free press are questioned daily in tweets and from the podium in the White House briefing room.

Concern about First Amendment rights is nothing new inside the less-than-democratic halls of public high schools. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled multiple times that various constitutional rights give way to public school administrators' orders about safety and — their favorite word of all — appropriateness.

Court rulings on the First Amendment guaranteeing that "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press..." have trended against high school newspapers for decades. A 1988 case, Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier, helped set the standard for censorship in public schools.

Vermont now has a chance to reverse that troubling trend and join more than a dozen other states that have approved or are about to approve legislation that allows free speech to return to schools. The Vermont Senate has now passed S. 18 -a bill that would allow for "student journalist(s) (to) exercise freedom of speech and freedom of the press in school-sponsored media." The Vermont House will now consider S. 18 as legislators return to Montpelier from town meeting week break.

The Hazelwood case began in 1983 when, according to a Sept. 13, 1987, New York Times report by Mark Uhlig, "the principal of a St. Louis high school deleted articles on sex and relationships from The Spectrum, the school's newspaper. Three students filed suit, asserting their First Amendment rights had been violated."

The principal of this school, Robert E. Reynolds, deemed both articles to be inappropriate and not protective enough of students' right to privacy and prevented them from being published in The Spectrum.

Uhlig reported, "In their lawsuit, three student journalists, Cathy Kuhlmeier, Leslie Smart and Leanne Tippett, argued that Dr. Reynolds had interfered with the newspaper's function as a 'public forum.' School officials argued that the newspaper, as an extension of classroom instruction, did not enjoy First Amendment protections."

The case worked its way up to the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled in favor of the principal 5-3, and stated that school administrators could censor an article if it proved "ungrammatical, poorly written, inadequately researched, biased or prejudiced, vulgar or profane, or unsuitable for immature audiences."

This is madness! Anybody can have the opinion that something is poorly written. This ruling gives school officials the ability to act like bouncers and decide what can go and what doesn't in a high school newspaper. This is not journalism; that's public relations...

During my two years as editor of the Bellows Free Academy Mercury in St. Albans, I have covered challenging topics that include school administrators receiving substantial pay increases when numerous teachers were cut from the budget, the Black Lives Matter group protesting outside BFA, the BFA school board's concern that Missisquoi Valley Union had higher test scores — and the list goes on and on.

After working hard with the paper's adviser, Peter Riegelman, and having successfully covered these issues, it is troubling to hear that, should my school administrators have wanted to, they could have blocked these stories from being published. However, recognizing the importance of the student press, BFA Principal Chris Mosca chose not to.

Burlington High School is a school that has been censored. This censor-ship came over a story that involved a Trump supporter being harassed at his or her school. By the Burlington High administration censoring the school paper and requesting prior review for the foreseeable future, the school is suppressing a legitimate issue that is not going away anytime soon.

What is this going to do longterm? Teach kids that whenever there is a controversial issue, to run away from it and hide?

Journalism students today should not be concerned with whether their feature story will be censored by their school's hierarchy. Instead, students should learn, and practice skills, that make a journalist successful.

Thankfully, S. 18 would rework school administrators' ability to meddle in student news publications, Support for the bill continues to grow, including from New Voices Vermont – a newly formed group of students, teachers, professional journalists and other believers in the Student Press.

As the bill reads, nothing shall "prevent a student media adviser from teaching professional standards of English and journalism to student journalists." These standards are similar to those listed on the Student Press Law Center journalism ethics site and practiced at BFA and other high schools across Vermont.

Since every journalism program

in the state has selected someone it deemed fit as an adviser, S.18 puts the judgment about what to publish and what to delete from the student paper in the proper, capable hands of the adviser.

S.18 needs the support of parents, professional journalists, and the voters of Vermont so that it is passed and student journalists are able to experience the free and full responsibilities that the First Amendment protects in our nation.

Article written by Robbie Maher is editor and marketing director of the BFA Mercury in St. Albans.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

To the community members

I want to thank all of you who approved our operating budget for the coming school year. For those who did not vote for the budget I promise to do all I can so that our school earns your trust and confidence.

Our students bring so much to our community. Besides participation in sports, theatre and arts, our students contribute to the community in numerous ways. They help the community by collecting and distributing food to those in need as well as coats, gloves, jackets and hats. They bring cheer to senior citizen by singing holiday songs. Each month for the past 10 years students have helped serve lunch to dozens of community members. They also contribute through Interact, a Rotary sponsored community service school club. Several Interact students have recently returned from installing water purification systems in Nicaragua. Our students are

amazing young people.

The Finance Committee, Budget Committee, School Board and I are keenly aware of our fiscal responsibilities. We go to great lengths to run our public school with efficiency and value in mind understanding that public education is still the backbone of our great democracy.

We should be proud of all of our community schools. They are vibrant learning centers, where we not only instill 'roots and wings' but also a place where students are being taught the 21 century skills they will need to make the world a better place.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns and again, thank you very much for your continued support,

Sincerely,

Tom Ferenc Principal, GMUHS

Dear Editor,

The Springfield Art & Historical Society thanks the voters of Springfield for, once again, supporting our special funding request. We understand that our request for funds to help preserve the town's history was very different from most of the other requests on the ballot.

Springfield is a little town set among the hills in a river valley; not a place one would have expected to find a world-renowned machine tool business. Preserving this local history is important so that future generations will understand our place in time. Understanding who we were helps us to know who we are today, and hopefully will help guide us in forming a new future for our community.

Thank you again. Rosanne "Bunni" Putnam President, SAHS

Dear Editor,

To the voters in the Town of Lud-

On behalf of the Brethren of the Masonic Lodge in Ludlow, I want to thank you all for the privilege of tax exemption of our property located at 22 Buttermilk Falls Road for a period of five year.

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Muriel

Parker Wheelock, 96, of Springfield,

Vermont, passed away Monday,

March 6, at Central Vermont Medi-

cal Center in Berlin, Vt. Due to de-

clining health, she left Springfield

to live with her son and his wife in

Calais, and subsequently moved to

Arthur and Christie (Parker) Parker

in East Montpelier. She attended

the Morse School on Horn of the

riage to Elroy Wheelock on May 8,

The couple moved to Springfield,

Vermont and had two sons, Brian

and Tim. She spent many years as

a special education teacher in the

ries, raspberries, and made many

trips to Alstead, N.H. for blueber-

ries. Muriel was on the yard sale cir-

cuit and could be found most Sat-

urday mornings searching out the

She enjoyed picking stra

Springfield school system.

friends along the way.

She was born on Aug 21, 1920 to

Lincoln House in Barre, Vt.

the County Road.

1942 in Newbury.

Obituaries

Celtic worship service at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.

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Muriel Parker Wheelock,

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North Springfield Baptist Church, 69 Main St.

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study Sunday from 9-9:45 a.m. Springfield Assembly of God, 269 River St.

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William C. Hannah, 1942 - 2017

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - William C. Hannah, 74, passed away on Tuesday morning March 7, 2017 at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. He was born November 14, 1942 in Springfield, Vermont the son of Fred and Hilda (Stone) Hannah. He attended Springfield Schools, and graduated from Springfield High School class of 1961.

On August 5, 1967 He married Sharon L. Heald in Springfield, Ver-

Bill was employed as an Inspector in the Machine Tool Industry with Jones and Lamson for many years; he was also employed with Vermont Research and Springfield Printing.

He was an active member of the Civil Air Patrol and worked on Airplanes at the Hartness Airport in North Springfield.

He enjoyed electronics, carpen-

ham radio enthusiast. He was also active with the North School Preservation Society in North Springfield, Vt. He is survived by his wife Sharon

try, bowling, roller skating and was a

L. Hannah of North Springfield, Vt. one daughter Dorene Barnette of Apopka, Florida, one grandson Jathan, one sister Shirley Reed of South Carolina, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Services will be held late in the

spring of 2017 and will be announced at that time.

Contributions may be made in his memory to the American Heart Association 110 Main St #203, Burlington, Vt. 05401 or to the American Diabetes Association P.O. Box 15829 Arlington, VA 22215.

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vermont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Colleen B. Fisk 1929 - 2017

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Colleen B. kins of Tucson, Ariz., Ronald Watkins evening March 8, 2017 at the Spring- of Springfield. Two daughters - Jean field Health & Rehab. Center in Handley and Susan Watkins both of Springfield, Vt. She was born March Springfield, Two brothers - Wavne at the United Methodist Church in 12, 1929 in Springfield, Vermont the daughter of Sydney and Beatrice (Putnam) Burke. She attended Springfield Schools and graduated from Springfield High School.

As a teenager she worked at Wheeler's Pharmacy in Springfield, later she worked in the Blue Print Room at Vermont Research Company in Springfield.

She was married to John Watkins, he predeceased her, she later married Lindell Fisk and he also predeceased

She was a member of the V.F.W. Post 771 Ladies Auxiliary and a member of the Springfield Garden Club. She enjoyed gardening, being outdoors and bird watching.

She is survived by five sons - Michael Watkins of Springfield, Thomas Watkins of Springfield, Jeffrey Wat-

Fisk, 87, passed away on Wednesday of Cavendish, and Rodney Watkins Burke of Springfield and Lyle Burke of S.C. Eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Also by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was predeceased by her parents, eight siblings and one grandson. A memorial service will be held

at 1:00 p.m. on Friday March 17, 2017 at the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield. Ernest "Puggy" Lamphere will officiate. Burial will be in the Oakland Cem-

etery in Springfield, Vermont at a later date. Contributions may be made in her

memory to the Ascutney Mountain Audubon Society, A Chapter of the National Audubon Society PO Box 191 Springfield, Vt. 05156. Arrangements are under the direc-

tion of the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.

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On July 28, 2001 in Winchester, N.H. she married Sherwood Campbell who survives. Also surviving is her mother Juliann Effert; her son Robert Allen of North Walpole; her daughter and son in law Michele and Scott Currier with her three grandchildren in North Walpole; and also survived by eight brothers and sisters in Germany. There will be services Friday, March

17 at the family home on 39 Church for anyone who wishes to attend.

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Springfield, Tim, and his wife Ann

of Calais, three grandchildren, sev-

en great grandchildren children, as

well as her sister's children and their families.

There are no calling hours. A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 18 at 11:00 a.m. Springfield. At her request, a pizza party and fellowship will follow the

Davis Memorial Chapel in Springbargains of the day, making many field, Vt. is assisting the family with arrangements.

Grace Mildred Squires, 1923 - 2017

Squires, 94, died Sunday, March 12, 2017 at the Springfield Hospital, Springfield, Vt. She was born Feb. 9, 1923 in Starksboro, Vt. the daughter of Ralph and Ada (Merril) Morrill.

Grace attended school in Starksboro, Vt. She was a Life Member of the Polish American Club.

Grace is survived by two sons, Ralph of Charlestown, N.H. and Peter of Westminster, Vt.; five daughters, Linda Colburn of Charlestown, N.H., Barbara Blodgett of North Walpole, N.H., Carol Yaihel of Israel, Nancy Lafoe of Bellows Falls, Vt. and

LANGDON, N.H. - Grace Mildred Pauline Supernaw of Langdon, N.H.; a brother, Earl Morrill of Rutland, Vt.; one sister Barbara Farr of Bristol, Vt.; 10 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren.

Grace was predeceased by her parents, husband Fredrick (Pete) Squires, son Fredrick III, brother Joseph Morrill, sister Wynona Stetson and a grandson Christopher.

There will be calling hours Friday, March 17, 2017 from 1 - 3 p.m. with a service at 3 p.m. at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home. Burial will be at the convenience of the

Elisabeth E. Campbell 1957 - 2017

NORTH WALPOLE, N.H. - Elisabeth E. Campbell, 60, of North Walpole, N.H. died Friday, March 10, 2017 in her home. Elisabeth was born on March 10, 1957 in Befhoven, Germany, thae daughter of Karl and Juliann (Appel) Effert. After graduating high school she attended a tech college in Germany where she trained as a prep cook. She worked in various factories and also cared for the elderly with visiting nurses. She enjoyed long drives and loved life - She was a very happy person.

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Spaghetti dinner and quarter auction to benefit Fletcher Community Library and the Pollard family—

dish Fletcher Community Library will be holding a spaghetti dinner and quarter auction on Friday, March 24 in the Cavendish Town Elementary School's multi-purpose room from 6 - 9 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend. This fundraiser will benefit both the library's programming budget and the Pollard family, whose home was damaged by fire in February.

of spaghetti with meatballs, rolls, The auctioneer names the value of quarters. The chip then goes back 7503 for more information.

drinks. Vegetarian meals and takeout are available.

The next two hours will feature the quarter auction. A quarter auction is similar to a bunch of raffles. Participants purchase a paddle with a number on it. A chip with the same number goes into a "hat" at the time of purchase. After dina spaghetti dinner. There is a price at tables with their paddles and a for dinner. The menu will consist bowl in front of them for quarters.

CAVENDISH, Vt. - The Caven- tossed salad, cookies and various the item and the "bid" in quarters. into the hat for the next item. Usually between \$.50 and \$1.50 depending on the value of the item. If a participant is interested, they hold up their paddle and put the specified number of quarters in the little bowl on the table in front of them. Volunteers collect the quarters. The auctioneer then draws chips out of the "hat" until a person whose had ner the auctioneer will have the placed a "bid" (i.e. paddle in the "hat" up front along with the items air, money in the bowl)'s number The first hour of the event will be up for auction. Participants will sit is called. They get the item for the small amount of quarters they put in and the library gets all of the

Participants may bid on whatever items they want. More than one paddle may be purchased. You do not have to buy dinner to partici-

Items we have for the quarter auction include a Patriots mirror, gift certificates from area merchants, art, wine, various baskets of items, including a dog basket, baked goods, and more. Direct sales vendors will also be at the event auctioning off items.

Please contact Kata at 802-226-



The spagnetti dinner and auction will benefit the library and the Pollard family.

"Beauty and the Beast" spring musical at Bellows Falls Union High School

lows Falls Union high school drama club presents their spring musical, "Beauty and the Beast" on Friday, March 24 at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, March 25 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

"Beauty and the Beast" tells the story of a cold-hearted prince who has been magically transformed into an unsightly creature as punishment for his selfish ways. To revert back Leah Barry, Choregrapher: Matt

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - The Bel- into his true human form, the Beast must first earn the love of a bright, beautiful young woman whom he has imprisoned in his enchanted castle before it is too late.

The BFUHS Drama Club production of "Beauty and the Beast" is directed by; Katy Emond, Orchestra Director: Nick Pelton, Choral Director: Rich Smith, Stage Manager:

Cast List includes, Assistant Principal, John Broadley as the narrator, Enchantress/ Old Woman: Madi Joy, Lyrical Dancers: Grace Cavenaugh & Dani Marchica, Belle: Ellie Guyon, Beast: Paulryan Chipman & Alden Parmelee, Gaston: Jackson Purdy, Maurice: Simon Bupp-Chickering, Cogsworth: Ira Richardson, Mrs. Potts: Grace Thompson

Lumiere: Emily Wunderle, Chip: Lia Clark, Babette: Andreea Pasare & Zoe Schemm, Madame De La Grande Bouche: Dakoda Carter, Lefou: Andrew Malshuck & Madi Joy, Silly Girls: Olivia Lauricella, Jessica Roberts, Kylie Comstock.

Ensemble includes; Emily Roll Lucy, Applegate, John Broadly, Chris Hodsden, Danyl Verbovenko, Jes-

sica Roberts, Molly Kelly, Madi Joy, Kylie Comstock, Michelle Marchica, Dani Marchica, Lola Subikhonova, Arianna Morton, Olivia Lauricella, Meagan Kelly, Kara Lescord, Bridgid Monsieur D'arque: Zoe Schemm, Hodsden, Jackson Maiocco, Grace Cavenaugh, Willa Sheehan, Keigan Illingworth.

> Be Our Guest Utensils include area elementary and middle school students; Hannah Ainsworth, Abby

Broadley, Desi Broadley, Isabella Bush, Kiahna Chamberlin, Cadence James, Saul James, Lily Justice, Alexis Keefe, Alyssa Keefe, Jordan Keefe, Levi Knowlton, Callyn Lisai, Delaney Lockerby, Maggie Parker, Paddy Parker, Lily Pinette, Haven Harty, Tela Harty, Emma Hillock, Ava LaRoss, Maya Rentas, Eryn Ross, Jacquelin Smith, Anna Taylor, and Mary Wallace.

Texas holdem' fundraising tournament

LUDLOW, Vt. - Put your poker face on and join in on the fun for a Texas holdem' tournament on Sunday, March 19, 2017 at the American Legion, 133 West Main Street in Ludlow. The tournament will begin at 1 p.m., and doors open at 12 p.m. This event will benefit the Black River High School Project Graduation.

There is a fee for buy in, and a bounty on each buy in, 100 percent paid to players. There will be unlimited rebuys for the first hour, starting stack or less. One add on will be allowed at the first break. \$20 of the initial buy in will be paid to charity. 100 percent of all rebuys and add on will go into the prize pool.

For questions and more information email vtpokerinfo@gmail.com



Join the Texas holdem tournament to benefit BRUHS Project Graduation.

Christopher Lloyd tours construction of new studio theatre at the Weston Playhouse -WESTON, Vt. - Last week, ac-

tor Christopher Lloyd and his wife, Lisa, visited the Weston Playhouse Theatre Company to take a tour of the construction site for the new studio theatre at Walker Farm. He has performed on the Weston stage throughout the years in numerous productions, including "Death of a Salesman," Lloyd is currently the honorary chair of Weston Playhouse Theatre Company's Capital Campaign Committee, which has raised to date \$10.5 million of its \$13.5 million goal. The company broke ground in August, and construction should be complete by late September.

The Weston Playhouse Theatre Company will perform in both the Playhouse and the new theatre in the 2018 season. The summer season will be extended, with a fall foliage production in October and a New Works Festival in the spring. Plans include using the space to help expand the New Works program by bringto foster play development and new studio theatre will also serve as



Envisioning the new studio theatre that will be complete by September 2017.

retreats. The education programs of the Weston Playhouse Theatre Company will expand with this new space, allowing it to host events, such as Weston 101 and a Young ing in creative teams and groups Playwrights Festival in Weston. The

artistic think tanks in the form of a new community center for concert and film series, educational lectures, receptions, local meetings, and much more.

> For more information about the construction project or learn how to get involved, please visit weston-

Gov. Jim Douglas speaks on "The Vermont Way" at next OLLI program

Douglas, will present the next Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, on Pleasant St. OLLI, program on Wednesday, March 22. He will present "The Vermont Way: A Republican Governor Leads America's Most Liberal State." It will be presented at 2:00

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Gov. Jim p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center frequently elected Republican next to St. Mary's Catholic Church

> Douglas, the former Governor of Vermont, will address the issues of political parties working together and compromising. Vermont is a deep-blue state, yet the voters have

governors. Jim Douglas served four terms and found ways to work across the aisle. Our nation is confronting a decline in civil discourse due to a rise in political polarization. Is there any hope? Hear our speaker's perspective from decades in public

Also a change in the previously published list is the topic of the following program on Tuesday, March 28. That program will be "How the Guitar Conquered America" by Tim Brookes. This will be the story of how the guitar became so popular and influenced the type of music over the last 100 years.

OLLI programs are geared towards seniors 50 years and older who want to engage in meaningful learning, "just for the fun of it!" All ages are welcome to at-

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

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

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

Yoga for grownups and kids -

ANDOVER, Vt. - Registered yoga teachers Lila and Ida Mae Specker will lead a Vinyasa Flow class series at the Andover Town Hall, Fridays April 7, 14, 21 and 28, 9-10 a.m. For this class, please wear comfortable clothing and bring your own yoga mat or rug. All are welcome and no previous yoga experience is required. This class, focusing on coordinating breath with movement, will feature a mild to moderate level of activity. Immediately following, on each of these same Fridays from 10-10:45 a.m., the instructors will switch gears and lead an exuberant kids' yoga and movement class series with live music featuring both familiar and made up nursery rhymes and songs. All children of all ages are welcome to join in with a caregiver. This class series will be loads of fun, with ample time to make new friends. The Specker Sisters are well known local musicians as well as yoga teachers. All classes are by donation. Come join us for the whole series or just one time, whatever suits your schedule. For questions, please contact lila.specker@gmail.com or call 802-922-



Yoga on the beach.

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Comedy Night

Comedy night, 2017 was a huge success. It was great to have our friends join us for a night out with tons of laughs. Bob Marley was a big hit this year; we are already looking forward to next year. Proceeds from tge show will benefit Okemo Mountain Alpine Racing Association (OMARA). We look forward to seeing you all next year.

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Daly and Thoma bring music across borders ——

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Music doesn't understand national borders. It can't be so easily constrained. Music grows, it travels, and it resonates. Traditions, sounds, styles all interconnect. The modal music that Ross Daly explores almost seems to exist outside time, weaving strands from so many parts of the world. He'll be bringing that beautiful musical magic to Stone Church Arts on Sunday, March 26 at 4 p.m. "Modal music – music that's

rather than Western scalescovers a region that stretches from the north west of Africa

to west China," Daly explains. "All of those areas have things in common, and they're all constantly changing and evolving."

Daly is a master of the Mediterranean lyra, a bowed fiddle that also has more than a dozen sympathetic on the island of Crete.



based around tones or modes Ross Daly and Kelly Thoma bring musical magic to Stone Church Arts on March 26. PHOTO PROVIDED

strings. He's spent his life exploring and fell in love with the lyra and the possibilities and connections in modal music, recording and performing all over the globe as well as hosting the annual Labyrinth musical workshop in his home village of Houdetsi

1975, drawn to the place as part of a musical odyssey that began when he was just thirteen years old.

He's lived there since

"I'm of Irish descent, born in England and raised everywhere," Daly recalls. "I studied classical music when I was young, but once I was in my teens and heard Indian and Iranian music everything changed. I went to India and Afghanistan and studied the sitar and rabab. On the way I passed through Crete

the music. I came back in 1975 and stayed. Some things in life grab you; Crete and its music did that for me."

To purchase tickets for the event visit: http://www.stonechurcharts. org/event-2431851

- LE STUDIO GYMNASTICS -

Malcolm Bell Attica book signing -

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - The 1971 89 others. His efforts were blocked Attica prison riot gained lasting prominence mainly from the rampage of police gunfire that ended it. Malcolm Bell, who was the chief assistant to the Attica special prosecutor, was assigned to prosecute the law officers who killed 29 inmates, 10 hostages and wounded

when he seemed likely to succeed.

Skyhorse Publishing has just released a revised and updated edition of his 1985 book on his Attica experience titled "The Attica Turkey Shoot: Carnage, Cover-Up and the Pursuit of Justice." On Thursday, March 23 at

5:30 p.m. Malcolm will be at The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections autographing his book, which will be on sale.

For more information, check out Neighborhood Connections website at www.neighborhood connectionsvt.org.

Soulful and heartfelt ballads by Matt Meserve —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. Matt Meserve has been entertaining in Southern Vermont and The Upper Valley for the past nine years. Crooning for patrons at many inns and pubs, he is equally adept at soulful belting and heartfelt ballads. He treasures being able to entertain at the Unitarian Universalist Coffeehouse and being part of the wonderful spiritual community there.



Doors open Saturday, Matt Meserve at Coffee House in 2016.

starts at 7 p.m. This is a family-friendly evening of music and fun. There is no cost to enjoy the music. You will be able to purchase delicious snacks and bever-

p.m. and the music

Held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Road, Springfield, Vt. All

John Gorka coming to Next Stage —

PUTNEY, Vt. - Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present contemporary folk singer/ songwriter John Gorka at Next Stage on Sunday, March 19 at 7:30

John Gorka is perhaps the quintessential iconic singer/songwriter of the 1980's folk scene. Hailing from New Jersey, he honed his craft and persona as a shy, wry and insightful singer/songwriter in the Greenwich Village "Fast Folk" and Boston music scenes. Gorka got his start at Godfrey Daniels, a neighborhood coffeehouse in eastern Pennsylvania, which is one of



John Gorka the folk singer/songwriter.

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the oldest and most venerable music institutions in the country. After releasing his first album with Minnesota-based Red House Records in 1987, he recorded five albums with Windham Hill's Will Ackerman's High Street Records between 1989 and 1996. Since then he has released six more solo albums on Red House, plus one with label-mates Lucy Kaplansky and Eliza Gilkyson under the name Red Horse. He continues to tour, playing festivals, theaters and clubs all over North America and Europe. Rolling Stone magazine calls him "the leading singer-songwriter

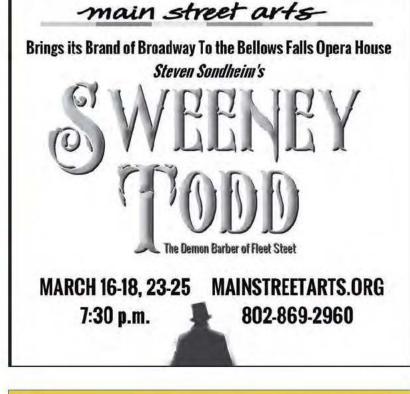
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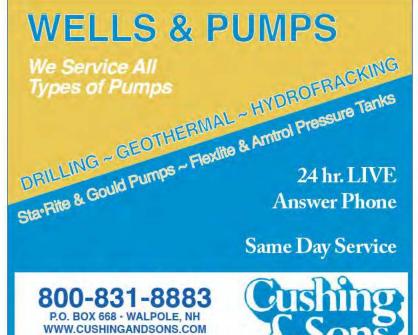
Many well known artists have recorded and/or performed John Gorka songs, including Mary Chapin Carpenter, Nanci Griffith, Mary Black and Maura O'Connell. His song "Where No Monuments Stand" is featured in the documentary "Every War Has Two Losers," about activist and Oregon Poet Laureate William Stafford.

Advance tickets are available at www.nextstagearts.org, Turn It Up in Brattleboro and Putney Food Co-op in Putney. Next Stage will provide a beer and wine cash bar.



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Bread & Puppet Theater to perform one day only! -

PUTNEY, Vt. - Bread & Puppet Theater returns to Next Stage in Putney, Saturday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. with a new play, "Faust 3," a proletarian rumination on displacement, heaven, and satisfaction in the tradition of Medieval "Faust" puppet shows and Goethe's epic verse drama. Tickets are available online, at Turn It Up in Brattleboro, and the Putney Coop. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. The newlyrenovated Next Stage is located at 15 Kimball Hill in the village center. The landmarked building was constructed in 1841, and is now fully accessible with an elevator and hearing assist system.

As thematically and formally diverse as Goethe's "Faust 1 and 2," Bread and Puppet's "Faust 3" draws its public through a dreamlike succession of scenes depicting various aspects of proletarian experience in our time: from refugee migration, to the ubiquity of the gun; from the hunger that accompanies food product diversity, to the daily experience of factory workers, the rebellion of prisoners, and the adoration of the sun. "Faust 3" himself is played by a small hand-puppet, darting between the hopper and the spout of a giant grain mill. A phalanx of black folding chairs menaces the masses with its resolutions of pity. The arms of a giant blue embracing puppet fill the stage. Lubberland choral dancers hop, wiggle, and whistle. And a pur-



"Faust 3" to perform only one day in April.
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ple brass band arrives to jitter levity Art" - books, posters, postcards, into the feet of the population.

Bread and Puppet director, Peter Schumann, describes "Faust 3" as follows: "After Faust 2's contract with the devil came to an end -- because the guest had been fulfilled and satisfaction had been achieved -- Faust 2 died. But the demand for more light which Goethe issued at his own death requires a new model of Faust, an actor in the history of light, a conspirator who pursues the disordering of the existing order of life, & sides with the Proletariat's demand for the radicalization of leisure. Gargoyles are employed to manage the uneasy masses. Both devil & angel, disguised as undercover agents, accompany Faust 3's journey through the mess of the modern empire all the way to the glorious final appearance of the Here."

After the performance Bread and Puppet will serve its famous free sourdough rye bread with aioli, and Bread and Puppet's "Cheap

pamphlets and banners from the Bread and Puppet Press - will be

The Bread and Puppet Practitioners-Of-The-Pursuit-Of-What String Band will welcome the public.

For more information on the event, please visit http://nextstagearts.org/ and http://bread

Eight voices, unlimited possibilities -

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - In the words of VPR-Classical's host Walter Parker, "Sweet close harmony and and jazzy swing" define the a capella octet, Maple Jam. These eight talented performers will fill Proctorsville's pitch-perfect Gethsemane Church on Sunday, April 30, with their dynamic interpretations of favorite jazz and big band melodies. Close harmonies, cool percussion grooves and soulful trumpet solos, all done entirely with their high-energy voices.

From Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Miles Davis to Chick Corea and Antonio Carlos Jobim, Maple Jam can do it all. Even though most of the performers play instruments ranging from guitar, organ, viola, piano, banjo, harmonica and violin, it's the magic of matching their voices in pure song that fuels their spirited performances.

Gethsemane Episcopal Church is at 89 Depot Street in Proctorsville, 802-226-7967. Maple Jam's performance will begin at 4.



Maple Jam at Gethsemane Church.

Celebrate VINE Sanctuary's "Growing Together" for spring —

Sanctuary is hosting its Vernal Equinox (spring)

Potluck from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 19, at the Springfield Community

Center, 139 Main Street. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend, and all are invited to bring a vegan dish to share. If that's not possible, VINE's potlucks always have plenty of wonderful food so anyone can attend, even if they do not bring something to share.

Either way, bring a good appetite! The only requirement is that any food brought to the event be vegan, which means free from all animal products such as meat, dairy, or eggs.

This free event was created to welcome spring, which arrives with the Vernal Equinox. This year, we will celebrate "Growing Together," VINE's first-ever seed swap. Experienced gardeners in the community will have seeds to share along with advice for both new and veteran gardeners.

Why vegan? Plant-based diets are more nutritious, less dangerous and expensive, and kinder to the earth and animals than diets that include meat and other animal products. Because some people who call themselves "vegetarian" eat eggs or dairy products, many people who eat no animal products at all call themselves "vegan." Whether new to

1986 - 2016

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - VINE the idea of veganism or looking for ming, with participants coming new vegan diet ideas, attending one of VINE's potlucks will offer an opportunity to ask questions and share ideas with other vegans.

> VINE Sanctuary is a non-profit bravebirds.org. farmed animal refuge

based in Springfield, Vermont.

More than 600 animals, including birds and cows seized by authorities in cases of extreme cruelty or neglect, live at the 100+ acre sanctuary, half of which is maintained ASA wildlife refuge. VINE organizes quarterly vegan potlucks as part of its local educational programfrom as far north as Burlington and as far south as Brattleboro.

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Bidi Dworkin to offer vocal improv workshops -

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Discover your unique voice during a two-part vocal improvisation workshop which is open to anyone who enjoys singing. Bidi Dworkin, jazz singer, recently completed a year-long vocal improvisation immersion with Rhiannon (All The Way In) - an intensive supported by the Vermont Council of the Arts.

The workshops are at The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections on Monday, March 20 and Wednesday, March 22 from 1 - 2:30 p.m. All are invited to come to one or both of these workshops which are offered at no charge. Reservations are necessary, so call 802-824-4343 to register. Each session begins with gentle stretching to tune the body and awaken the breath, so participants are asked to wear comfortable clothing. Check out The Mountain Marketplace, next Bidi's website at www.bididworkin.

At these workshops, participants

will play with melody, rhythm, language and harmony; explore the rainbow of colors inherent in our voices; and join with other singers to create vocal landscapes, soulful harmonies and impromptu sonic

The Meeting Place is located in to the Londonderry Post Office. Check out our website at www. neighborhoodconnectionsyt.org.

Walpole Players announce auditions for June Old Home Days production

WALPOLE, N.H. - The Walpole players were founded thirty years ago and had their first production staged in conjunction with Walpole Old Home Days in June 1987. That first play was Moss Heart and George S, Kauffman's "George Washington Slept Here."

The 2017 Walpole Players are going to present it again, this time on the weekends of the last two weeks in June in conjunction with this year's Walpole Old Home Days cel-

Auditions for the cast of nine males including one teenager and eight females will be held at the Helen Miller Theater on the top floor of the Walpole Town Hall Thursday March 30 and Friday March 31 at 6:30 p.m. No preparation is required to audition and all parts are open. Rehearsals for the production will begin after Easter.



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who, in the 1940s, moves his family from the city to rural Pennsylvania and an old farm. The problems that ensue involve endless repairs, disagreeable neighbors, a supposedly rich uncle, and many more sidetickling adventures.

For additional information contact either of the co-directors, Tara

The story follows Newton Fuller, Sad 603-756-4861 or Ray Boas 603-756-4545.

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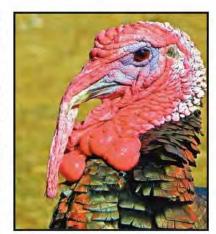
Turkey hunting seminars available in April

REGION - The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is hosting two free turkey hunting seminars this spring - one on Saturday, April 1, the other on Sunday, April 2.

"Both experienced and first-time turkey hunters stand to benefit from these seminars," said Hunter Education Training Coordinator John Pellegrini. "We will provide A-Z hunting information, including safe hunting practices, specialized equipment, calls, site setup, and other strategies for harvesting turkeys." Both seminars will be held from

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The April 1 seminar will be at the Barre Fish and Game Club on Gun Club Road in Barre. The April 2

Seminar will be at the Hartland Fire



Turkey hunting seminar includes hunting information, including safe hunting practices, specialized equipment, calls, site setup, and more.

Department in Hartland.

Certified volunteer Hunter Education Instructors Jeff Blanchard and Brett Ladue will be leading the seminars, with Jeff teaching on April 1 and Brett instructing on April 2.

You may register by going to VT Hunter Education Seminars at www.vtfishandwildlife.com. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch and outdoor clothing suitable for the weather conditions. Do not bring your own shotguns or ammunition to the seminar. If you have questions, please contact John Pellegrini by calling 802-272-2909 or emailing him at john.pellegrini@vermont.

Preparing for nesting season

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Nesting to match nesting boxes to specific season is fast approaching and now is the perfect time to get your nestfrom The Vermont Bird Place will be at The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections on Tuesday, March 21 at 10 a.m. to discuss how to prepare your nesting boxes; how

birds; and where to place your boxes to increase the chance of habiing boxes ready. Randy Schmidt tation. Randy will also talk about the return of some migratory birds such as Orioles and Hummingbirds and how to attract them to your backyard.

There is no charge to attend, but org.

space is limited, so call 824-4343 to register. The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections is located in Londonderry's Mountain Marketplace, next to the post office.

Check out our website at www. neighborhoodconnectionsvt.

Taste the Flavors of the Valley

WHITE RIVER JCT., Vt. - Where can you taste basil-infused maple syrup, locally made hot sauce, award-winning cheeses, and lamb sausage, all in the same place? At the 16 annual Flavors of the Valley, the region's premier local food expo hosted by the local nonprofit Vital Communities. This year's event is set for Sunday, April 9, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hartford High School.

The family-friendly event offers a chance for consumers to taste a wide range of fresh, local foods, meet some of the Upper Valley's farmers and food producers, and get inspired to incorporate local products into their regular shopping.

"Flavors of the Valley i annual event for many in the Upper Valley-not only is it a fun time to sample lots of delicious local creations, but the chance to interact with so many of the people who grow and make local food and farm products is unique. It's like a big indoor farmers' market, except you get to taste everything!" said Nancy LaRowe, Valley Food & Farm Coordinator at Vital Communities. "We know people discover products at Flavors that become household staples, and that's what the event is all about—building a strong local food system and economy."

In addition to sampling foods



Enjoy the annual Flavors of the Valley.
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from more than 45 unique local farms, restaurants, and food businesses, visitors can purchase cheese, vegetables, meats, baked goods, sauces, and more directly from vendors, and even sign up for Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares for the season. Kids can enjoy fun local-food activities with Upper Valley Farm

Everyone is welcome at Flavors of the Valley. Admission is per person, with children 6 and under free, and there is a family maximum. Proceeds help support the Valley Food & Farm program at Vital Communities. The event is presented with thanks to sponsors Co-op Food Stores, Mascoma Savings Bank, Skinny Pancake, King Arthur Flour, New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Yankee Farm Credit, and Great East-

Find out how much

snow is on the slopes!

Springfield's grappling Cosmos have been hard at work-

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The high school varsity team wrapped up the official season at the State Varsity Tournament in Vergennes Vt. on February 24 and 25. Senior Moira Stettner finished Friday night with two wins and one loss, making her the only female wrestler to make it to Saturday's competition. Junior Mason Olney joined freshman Brandon Bennett and sophomore Tim Bapp-Cederholm in scoring one match each Friday night. Juniors Trent Briere-Lewis, Matt Prosser, and Gillian Guy maintained their intensity and determination, ending the season with hard battles.

By the end of the two-day event, newcomer Skylar Wallace took sixth place, junior Jayson Webster battled to sixth place,

Boys at Schweitzer K-8 Tournament.

third in the 170-lb division, qualifying him to compete in Providence R.I. in the High School New England Championships.

On Saturday, March 4, Matt LaChapelle earned a spot in the top ten for his weight class with two excellent wins at HS New Englands congratulations, Matt!

Also on March 4, Springfield wrestlers all wore their green to Riverside Middle School for a pair of back-to-back annual wrestling tournaments: the Schweitzer Memorial K-8 Tournament and the Precision Valley Classic Girls State Championship. Amidst the nearly 300 wrestlers who hit the mats, there were lots of Springfield arms raised, hard battles fought, and champion shirts handed out. This

and junior Matt LaChapelle placed year's home-team champs include Seth Markwell, Dmitri Jasinski, Jayden Paul, Tristan Perry, Dillan Lacasse, and Hunter Fer-

> Senior Mo Stettner and 8th grader Skyler Congdon each placed 2nd in their divisions at the all-girls tournament, which boasted 40 girls in grades K-12.

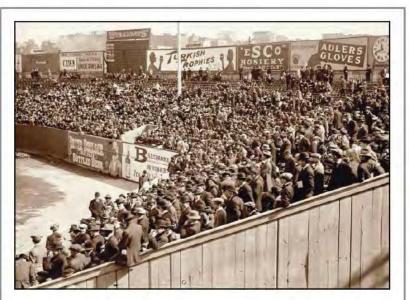
Youth wrestlers Hunter Ferland, Gabe McNeil, and Dillan Lacasse all recently qualified to compete in the Youth New England Championship in Salem MA on March 11th, while the rest of the youth team heads to Brandon Vt. to throw down at Otter Valley High School.

Keep up the great work, team! Good luck to Hunter, Gabe, and Dillan down in Salem!





Jameer and Jayden Paul.



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The 1912 World Series Red Sox vs N.Y. Giants. PHOTO PROVIDED BY RICH RUSSO

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NO **SPORTS** THIS WEEK

We are sorry to announce that our sports writer is sick with pnemonia, and was unable to cover any sports events this week, and may still be out of commission next week. We hope to have sports news again in our March 29 edition.

Parents and students are more than welcome to send photos and press releases to Brandy at editor@VermontJournal.com by Friday, March 17 for the March 22 edition.

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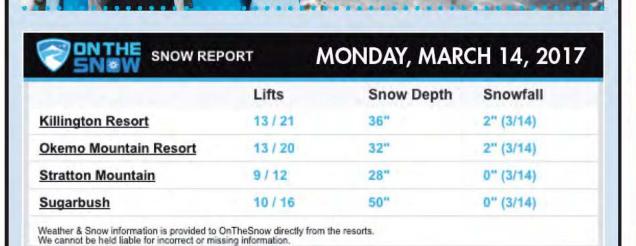
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business spotlight

Heritage Deli & Bakery 642 Route 103 South Chester, Vt. 802-875-3550



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Heritage Deli & Bakery was owned jointly until three years ago, when partner Michele Wilcox became the sole proprietor. "I've reinvented myself even though it's the same menu, it has a better vibe."

Her new espresso bar, Route 103 Espresso, offers cocoas, chais and espresso drinks made with coffee roasted and ground on the premises.

St. Paddy's Day through Lent Wilcox will feature hot cross buns, her grandmother's Irish soda bread, Guinness Stout cake, Bailey's Irish cheesecake, and corned beef and cabbage all week-

For folks working late or on the way home, there are supper casseroles, including comfort-food favorites like mac and cheese and chicken pot pie, hamburgers, salads and soups for take-out or eat-in. Everything is homemade with quality ingredients from local suppliers (King Arthur Flour,

Cabot Creamery, Maple Meadow eggs, Thomas Dairy).

The gift shop features Vermont etched glassware and Susan Leader's spectacular decorated pottery from Andover, as well as local preserves and this season's maple

The deli seats 80 and is available for large parties if table service is wanted, as well as rental and parties after-hours. Wilcox has an in-house beer and wine li-

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Property Owner & Applicant: United Church of Bellows

Location: 8 School Street

Date of Hearing: March 29, 2017, 7 p.m. Town Hall Purpose: Permit amendment - addition to rear of church for storage space

TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY SELECTBOARD CLERK

The Town of Mount Holly seeks to hire a Clerk to assist the Selectboard, as directed by the Board through its chairman, in the day-to-day operations and governance of the Town. The work may include planning, organizing, directing and/ or coordinating the affairs of the Town in areas not directly the responsibility of others as defined under State Statues or Town policies. This is a part time position, approximately 30-50 hours per month. Hours are very flexible and some evening hours are required. Pay range is negotiable, commensurate with experience.

Interested parties should contact Ted Crawford, Selectboard Chair, at mthollysb@gmail.com. A resume and letter of interest should be submitted. The complete job description may be requested at the town office, 802-259-2391 or Town of Mount Holly, PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 17-RUTLAND, Vt. - Join Rutland Area Farm and Food Link's (RAFFL) Everyday Chef program (EDC) for a four-class series on nutritious, authentic Mexican food. Chile Rellenos are lightly baked, packed with nutritious vegetarian ingredients, and have all the great Mexican flavor! Practice your knife skills, learn about different ingredients and have fun cooking and eating together with Chef Julie Redington Located at the Trinity Episcopal Church from 12-1:30 p.m. There is a fee for the class. For more information, call 802-417-1528 x5. Register at www. rutlandfarmandfood.org.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18-SOUTH LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Irish Elves and Fairy Tales: the South Londonderry Free Library is honoring St. Patrick's Day with a workshop for

Article III:

Article IV:

Ludlow School Board of Directors:

children on Saturday, March 18, 10:30 a.m. The workshop will be led by artist Casey Junker Bailey, who has been to Ireland to kiss the Blarney Stone and walk in the fairy glades. She will share stories and help children make their own green Irish landscapes and fairy folk to take home. The workshop is free of charge and appropriate for children of all ages. All materials will be provided. For more information, contact the library at 824-3371.

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - Spiritual Wisdom on Dreams from 2 – 3 p.m. You're invited to bring your own experiences and learn from others in an open discussion as you practice techniques to remember and interpret your dreams, get practical help in everyday life and experience spiritual growth. Brooks Memorial Library, 224 Main St. More info: www.eckankar-vt.org, 800-772-9390.

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WARNING

Annual Meeting

Ludlow Town Hall - Auditorium

Monday, April 3, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Town Hall in said Ludlow at 6:30 PM on Monday, April 3, 2017, to transact at that time business, not involving voting

equalized pupil is 3.47% higher than spending for the current year.

by Australian ballot or voting required by law to be by ballot. The business to be transacted to include:

each of its school Directors at \$1,200.00

Article V: To transact any other proper and necessary business.

The legal voters of the Town School District of Ludlow, Vermont are hereby warned to meet at the Ludlow

Article I: To act on the reports of the Town School District Officers for the year ending June 30, 2016.

Article II: Shall the voters of the Ludlow Town School District approve setting the annual honorarium of

Shall the voters of the Ludlow Town School District approve the school board to expend

\$2,241,917.00, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the

ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in

education spending of \$17,386.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per

To allow the School Directors to borrow money as necessary in anticipation of taxes.

LUDLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT

Saxtons River Art Guild, will be held at the United Church from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Robert Carsten will help us explore the exciting design elements of packaging combined with fruits or vegetables, fruit coming out of a horizontal paper bag, baskets, jars, cans, plastic wrap, and aluminum foil, all adding color, structure, and a contemporary flair to traditional still life forms. Robert Carsten is an award winning local artist and Master Pastelist. For more information and to register, please contact Carolyn Berglund at 603-352-7398 or Carolyn MacDonald at 603-358-6804.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - This

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FRIDAY, MARCH 31-

RUTLAND, Vt. - Join Rutland Area Farm and Food Link's (RAFFL) Everyday Chef program (EDC) for a fourclass series on nutritious, authentic Mexican food Located at the Trinity Episcopal Church from 12-1:30 p.m. Learn how to make regional Mexican desserts such as Oaxaca Chocolate, Cajeta—a traditional goat's milk caramel, and beloved Mexican Flan-a comforting and satisfying custard. There is a fee for the class. For more information, call 802-417-1528 x5. Register at www. rutlandfarmandfood.org.

MONDAYS -

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

TUESDAYS -

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

CHESTER, Vt. – Invigorating

and uplifting kundalini yoga series suitable for all levels, from 6-7:15 p.m. Located at The Fullerton Inn on the green. Part 4 series: April 11, 18, 25, May 2. Sign up by April 4. Sign up online http://www. buddhafulyoga.com/events. Contact Liza Eaton at 802-875-2868

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

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SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Play Group

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Edgar May 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

WEDNESDAYS -

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

CAVENDISH, Vt. -From 5:45

to 6:45 p.m., there will be a Tai Chi beginners' class at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Cavendish/Proctorsville, Vt., next to the Post Office at the corner of Rte 131 and Depot St. 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: https://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 -

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Call 802-885-2568 or info@ myreccenter.org.

WINDSOR, Vt. - Play Group 9:30 - 11 a.m. Come and enjoy an open gym, ball games and sometimes even a bounce house! Call Windsor Recreation Center (802) 674-6783.

FRIDAYS -

ANDOVER, Vt. - Registered yoga teachers Lila and Ida Mae Specker will lead a Vinyasa Flow class series at the Andover Town Hall, Fridays April 7, 14, 21 and 28, 9-10 a.m. Wear comfortable clothing and bring your own yoga mat or rug. All are welcome and no yoga experience is required. From 10-10:45 a.m., instructors will lead a kids yoga and movement class, with live music featuring nursery rhymes and songs. All children of all ages are welcome to join in with a caregiver. Join us for the series or just one time. For questions, contact lila.specker@amail.com or call 802-922-3067.

CHESTER, Vt. - Liza Eaton, founder of Buddhaful Yoga, will be offering Kundalini Yoga Dance every Friday 9:30 - 11 a.m. Held at the Fullerton Inn. on the Chester Green. For more information visit www. buddhafulyoga.com or call 802-875-2868.

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.

SATURDAYS -

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TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM APPOINTMENTS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

The Selectboard of the Town of Rockingham, Vermont, hereby gives notice of vacancy for the following committees and appointments: Tree Warden, Paper of Record, Energy Coordinator, Town Service Officer, Southern Windsor/ Windham Solid Waste Management District, Recreation Facilities Committee, Windham Regional Commission, Rockingham Conservation Commission, Revolving Loan Fund Committee, Town Tax Stabilization Committee, Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Review Commission, Rockingham Senior Center Representative and the Senior Solutions (Council on Aging. Any Rockingham resident interested in serving on any of these committees must forward a letter of interest to Rockingham Selectboard, P.O. Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT 05101, or execasst@rockbf.org by March 20, 2017. The Rockingham Selectboard is scheduled to consider applications and appoint new members to serve on these committees at its meetings on March 21, 2017.

Green Mountain Union High School

COACHES FOR SPRING AND FALL 2017

Green Mountain Union High School

in Chester, VT is seeking Coaches

Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of South Eastern Vermont

A Community Mental Health Agency Serving Windham and Windsor Counties

Rewarding Opportunities to make a difference!

Employment Specialist(s) – Per Diem - Hourly (per diem up to 20 hours per week) positions are currently available in the Windsor/Hartford, Brattleboro, Bellows Falls and Springfield areas to provide one-on-one employment support and training for adult people with developmental disabilities. Depending on experience this position could pay \$14.00 to \$15.00 per hour and including mileage reimbursement. Flexibility, positive attitude, strong organizational and customer service skills are required. Related experience is preferred, but willing to train the right person. Car and Clean driver's licenses required. Please refer to website for specific locations/positions

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. Please refer to website for specific locations/positions

Developmental Services Case Manager - Full Time 37.50 hours/week position available for a DS Case Manager will provide case management services to children and adults with developmental disabilities in the Windham County area. This case manager acts as a resource and advocate for individuals/families with developmental disabilities. Must have strong organizational, time management, computer and communication skills, and be able to multi-task. Must be willing to travel and be self-motivated. Experience in the human services field a must, preferably experience working with individuals with developmental disabilities. A bachelor's degree in human services, psychology or sociology preferred but will train the right candidate. Please reference job #1912

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HCRS - Attn: Human Resources, 390 River Street, Springfield, VT 05156 **Equal Opportunity Employer**

For the upcoming Spring season:

JV Girls Softball & Middle School Golf For Fall 2017 season: Varsity Girls Soccer & Varsity Boys Soccer

Responsibilities include but are not limited to, team management and program development.

Successful candidates must: • possess high quality communication skills, both oral and

written

• have the ability to plan and implement a practice plan with skill developing progression

• be professional in their approach • demonstrate the ability to work with a variety of people

• be flexible • 1 or more years of experience in a coaching setting is

desired. • must complete and clear expanded criminal history

background check. These are a part-time positions.

Please apply through SchoolSpring.com or forward a letter of interest and references to:

Todd Parah Athletic Director Green Mountain Union High School 716 VT Route 103 South Chester, VT 05143

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TOWN OF CHESTER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO **SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY**

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

Planning Commission Members **Budget Committee Members** Development Review Board Member Agent to Defend Suits Town Grand Juror

All interested parties should send their letter of interest to the Town Manager's Office at the Chester Town Office, P.O. Box 370, Chester, Vermont, 05143, or contact the Chester Town Office at 875-2173.

TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE **DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD**

The Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit at 5:25pm and a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 27th 2017 at the Town Hall, for a Re-Subdivision (application # 496). This is a modification of an existing Right of Way (ROW) in a previously approved Sub-Divi-

PROPERTY OWNERS: Gold River Partners LLC APPLICANT: Gold River Partners LLC LOCATION: 349 Pleasant St.

DISTRICT: Commercial Industrial (CI) & Residential Commercial (RC)

ACTION REQUESTED: Change the existing ROW access into lot 1B, by removing the 50' ROW through parcel 4 and adding a 50'ROW through parcel 1A for egress to Lot 1B.

Abutters are hereby notified that further information can be found at the Town Clerk's Office which is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Participation in this hearing is a pre-requisite to the right to take any subsequent

appeal. For the Development Review Board Michael Normyle Zoning Administrator (802) 875-2173

mnormyle@vermontel.net

LEGAL NOTICES

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CLASSES CONT.

SUNDAYS -WALLINGFORD, Vt. -Experience the joy of restoring movement to all areas of your body at the Wallingford Elementary School from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Classes & Workshop's will include experiential anatomy and a variety of yoga practices, courtesy of 5 instructors! Dress warmly. There is a fee for participation. Call 802-446-2499 to register. 3/5, 3/19, 4/2 Weekly updates available: www.facebook.com/

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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The free 10-week Nurturing Parenting Program from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. The sessions will take place at the Rockingham Free Public Library's Community Room on 65 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls. Dinner and childcare will be provided. The program is a skills-based workshop that supports parents and caregivers in raising happy and healthy tweens and teens. For families of children in grades 4 - 8. You can sign up by calling Suzan Marshall at 802-498-0606 or Deb Witkus at 802-463-9927 x212. An online sign up form is available at www.facebook. com/greaterfallsconnections. Ends May 9.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. Come swim with a great group of adults in our Masters Swim Group at the Edgar May Center. The group meets on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. The group is comprised of a wide range of abilities including new swimmers. Call 802-885-2568 or visit www. myreccenter.org

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Youth swim lessons are offered on Saturday and Sunday mornings and Tuesday afternoons. Current classes available including our Parent and Toddler class in our warm water therapy pool as well as levels 1, 2, and 3. Our adult swim lessons are on Thursday mornings and feature three levels: Stroke Development, Stroke Improvement, and Stroke Refinement. We also offer a special class, Swimming for the Petrified by appointment call 802-885-2568 or visit www. myreccenter.org

REGION -"Bone Builders" to combat osteoporosis. Free and open to 55+. Call 802-674-4547. Monday and

Wednesday: Brownsville Town Hall 9 - 10 a.m.; Martin Memorial Hall in Ascutney 10-11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday: Cavendish Baptist Church 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday: Andover Community Church 3 - 4 p.m.

CLUBS

MONDAYS -SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Community Chorus rehearsals are on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church on 21

Fairground Rd. Contact Terri at springfieldcommunitychorus@ gmail.com or call Barbara at 802-886-1777, www. springfieldcommunitychorus.

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

TUESDAY-

WOODSTOCK, Vt. - The Freelance Family Singers Community Chorus will begin practicing for the chorus's May 6 and 7 concerts. The weekly Tuesday rehearsals are held at the First Congregational Church, 36 Elm St., from 7 - 9 p.m. All ages may participate and there are no auditions. There is a small participation fee with scholarships available. For more information, call Ellen Satterthwaite at 802-457-3980.

THURSDAYS -

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

RUTLAND, Vt. - Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club meets from 7-10;30 p.m. at the Godnick Center in Rutland, Vt. Snacks provided. Come join for a fun evening. More info call 802-228-6276.

SATURDAYS -

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - The Mount Holly Artists Group meets at 10:30 a.m. in the community center room (under library) and set up a still life. The sessions are open to all and free of charge. All that is needed is pen and paper.

SUNDAYS -SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Catamount Composite

Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol at 4 - 6 p.m. at Squadron Headquarters, 13 Airport Rd., North Springfield. Membership open at age 12. Call Commander, Maj. Fellows at 802-263-5544.

WOODSTOCK, Vt. - The Upper Valley Curling Club will play each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. from March 5 -19 at the Union Arena in Woodstock. The dub invites anyone with an interest in the sport of curling to join them this winter. There is a non-member charge for the evening. 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.

MONTHLY -

CHESTER, Vt. - Please join the Chester Senior Citizens Club for their monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, March 20, at the Chester Congregational Church on Main Street. Come and enjoy lunch and jokes and funny stories. Just bring your place setting, if possible a dish to share, and a friend. If you need a ride, just call Georgia (875-6242). Hope to see you

COMMUNITY MEALS

THIRD TUESDAY-PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - Monthly potluck at the Perkinsville Community Church vestry located at 33 Church Street. Bring a hot dish, salad or

desser and have a nice visit.

802-263-9539

THIRD SATURDAY -N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Ham Suppers the North Springfield Baptist Church, 69 Main Street from 4 to / p.m. Handicapped accessible. There is a fee for the meal. Children five and under free. Call 802-886-

EVENTS

FRIDAY, MARCH 17-LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Come out and celebrate St Patrick's Day, from 7-10 p.m. with The Specker Family Band, John, Lila & Ida Mae, at Jake's Restaurant and Tavern in Londonderry. Jakes will be

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SATURDAY, MARCH 18-CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - The Charlestown Congregational Church, 71 North Main St., invites the public to a corned beef & cabbage supper Saturday, March 18, 5 p.m. until sold out. This traditional New England boiled dinner includes potatoes, carrots, turnips and onions, homemade Irish soda bread, assorted pudding cakes, and beverages. Come enjoy this tasty feast prepared by some of the best cooks in the Valley. Contact Terri Fisk, church moderator, for more information at 603-826-3335 or 603-558-0911.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Kids' Night at the Edgar May "Dive-In," 5 - 8 p.m. at the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center, 140 Clinton St., Springfield. Children 6 and up are invited to a supervised evening of swimming, pizza for dinner, water games, and a 95-minute, PG-rated Pixar Animation fantasy/comedy-adventure movie playing poolside. Call or visit our facebook to find out which movie will be playing. Pizza from The Subway restaurant, popcorn and beverages are provided. There is space for 25 children. Children under 6 are welcome to attend with an adult present. Register in advance online or with member services by calling 885-2568.

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - From 6-9 p.m., Community Hope & Action of Townshend will put on its second annual dinner and talent show. Dinner will be served from 6-7 at the Townshend Town Hall and the talent show will follow upstairs from 7-9. If you can, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. This event is substance free and is open to people of all ages, from all towns. If you'd like to participate in the show please contact Community Hope & Action at communityhopeandaction@ gmail.com or call 802-365-4700.

WINDSOR, Vt. - SHEPHERD'S PIE BENEFIT SUPPER at OLD SOUTH CHURCH, 146 Main St., from 4:30pm - 6:30 p.m. Serving shepherd's pie made with local grass-fed beef, rolls, corn bread, salad, and dessert. Proceeds will benefit the Lift Fund at OSC. For a take-out meal, call the church, 674-5087, at 4 p.m.

WESTMINSTER, Vt.- The First Congregational Church, Route 5, Westminster, will hold a St. Patrick's Day crockpot church supper with two seatings, at 5 p.m. and at 6:15 p.m. Dinner will be buffet style with many different entrees kept hot in crockpots. There will be something for everyone from chili, kielbasa & kraut to veggie casserole. Dinner will be accompanied by bread, tossed salad, coffee, tea, milk and dessert. Bring your sweetie, bring your family, all are welcome!

PLYMOUTH, Vt. - Join Jay Ottaway at the Five Corners Pub & Brewhouse at 7 p.m. located at the Salt Ash Inn, 4758 Vt.-100A.

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Bluegrass On The King's Highway located at 3435 Route 5, Westminster, featuring Feinberg Brothers and Kelley John Gibson. Doors open at 6 p.m. and show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at www. jennybrookbluegrass.com.



TOWN OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING Before the Planning Commission and Zoning Board

A Public Hearing before the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of the Town of Plymouth will be held on Tuesday, the 4th day of April, 2017, at 7:00pm at the Municipal Building, 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, VT, to

Applicant: Russell Hurlburt

Proposal: to construct a 12 x 20 foot addition

Location: 131 Scott Terrace

Application No. 2017-3

Dated: March 9, 2017 Michael Coleman, Chair

SUNDAY, MARCH 19-LUDLOW, Vt. – Texas hold'em tournament held at the American Legion at 133 West Main Street. Tournament will

begin at 1 p.m., but doors open at noon. The event is to benefit the Black River High School project graduation. There is a buy-in cost. For more information email vtpokerinfo@ gmail.com. The event is alcohol and drug free event.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Financial advisor Rhonda Lathrop will present a financial planning workshop, "Life's Priorities & Planning for the Unexpected," at the Springfield Town Library. Rhonda is a financial planner with Merrill Lynch in Manchester, Vt. This event is free, accessible to people with disabilities, and open to the public. Please call the Springfield Town Library at 885-3108 for more information.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23-

RUTLAND, Vt. - Please join

the Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter for a Paint Party from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 31, 33 Washington Street, Rutland. Participants will have the opportunity to create their own "Tree of Life" on canvas with instruction led by Theresa Gorman-Kahler of Cricket's Eye Art. Refreshments will be included and a cash bar will be available. Proceeds support the mission of RCWNS. Tickets are per person and include all materials. A limited number of tickets are available. Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling 802-775-6788 or visiting www.rcwn.org.

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Malcolm Bell will be at The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections at 5:30 p.m. autographing his book titled "The Attica Turkey Shoot: Carnage, Cover-Up and the Pursuit of Justice." Bell, the chief assistant to the Attica special prosecutor, was assigned to prosecute the law

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A Public Hearing before the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of the Town of Plymouth will be held on Tuesday, the 4th day of April, 2017, at 7:00pm at the Municipal Building, 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, VT, to consider:

Applicant: Kathy Frazier, Joan Connell, Linda Henderson

Proposal: to construct a 16 x 14 foot screened-in porch with a 12 x 10 foot deck on the side

Location: 7823 Route 100

Application No. 2017-5

Dated: March 9, 2017 Michael Coleman, Chair

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Put your restlessness to good use by indulging the Arian love of exploring new places and seeking new challenges. There also could be a new romance waiting to be "discovered."
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A

surprise message from someone in your past could lead to a long-awaited reunion with a once-close friend. Also, look for a workplace problem to be resolved in your favor. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your

self-confidence is rising, and that should be a significant factor in helping you adjust to a new social situation, as well as adjusting to a series of changes in the workplace. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Turn-

about could be lots of fun when someone who previously accepted your tender, loving care without question now suggests that he or she wants to start taking care of you. LEO (July 23 to August 22) Put the

lessons you learned from past disappointments to work in planning your future. The way ahead opens to opportunities "purrfectly" suited to the adventurous Lion.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to renew contacts with family members and/or old friends who somehow slipped off your personal viewing screen in recent years. Travel also is favored.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Most problems surrounding that recent personal situation have been resolved, and that means you should move on to other things that are important to you.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Spend this weekend recharging your physical and spiritual energies. When you return to your workaday world, you'll be ready to take on that new project. SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to

December 21) Be careful how you advise a troubled friend. Even your wise counsel could be misunderstood. Better to suggest that he or she seek professional help. CAPRICORN (December 22 to

January 19) Family problems once again dominate and, once again, everyone seeks your guidance in these matters. Later, you can indulge in some much-needed relaxation. AQUARIUS (January 20 to Feb-

ruary 18) Some mixed signals create confusion in the workplace. Best advice: Ask for explanations before you attempt to deal with any of these matters on your own.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A patch of roiling water in the workplace could be threatening, but stay the course and you'll soon be clear of it. Then go out and have a great time with loved ones.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your extraordinary leadership qualities mark you as someone people can turn to for guidance in difficult situations.

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THUR., MARCH 23 CONT. officers who killed 29 inmates, 10 hostages and wounded 89 others in the 1971 Attica prison riot. His efforts were blocked when he seemed likely to succeed. Check out Neighborhood Connections www. neighborhoodconnectionsvt.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24-PUTNEY, Vt. - Sarasa Chamber Music Ensemble presents "Trainspotting" at Next Stage, 115 Kimball Hill. A presentation of unique period instrument and multi-media experience. All aboard for Sarasa's special tour of traininspired music performed on gut strings, including works by 19th-century train enthusiast Antonín Dvo ák and Steve Reich's very personal account of railways in the 20th century. Train travel has never been so evocative! For further Information & online tickets: www.sarasamusic.org/concerts or call 617-429-0332.

MONDAY, MARCH 25-CHARLESTOWN, N.H.- River Valley Animal Protection

Directors.

Ralph Michael, Chair

View events in our

ONLINE CALENDAR!

League holds its 11th annual pot luck dinner, 5:30 am - 7:30 p.m. at the VFW in Charlestown. Bring a dish to share. All are welcome. The event includes raffles, door prizes, 50/50 raffle and our popular cake auction.

MONDAY, MARCH 27-

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - At 10 a.m., Rick LaDue, steward at the Equinox Preservation Trust Forest and Trails will discuss spring wildflowers, some that mainly grow in the Preserve and are not widespread in the Green Mountains and others that we can enjoy on hikes and walks around the area. There is no charge to attend, but space is limited, so call 824-4343 if you want to attend. The venue is the Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections, located in the Mountain Marketplace, next to the Londonderry Post Office.

LUDLOW, Vt. - Blood drive for the American Red Cross from 12:30 - 5:30 p.m at the Ludlow Community Center gymnasium located at 37 Main St. Streamline your experience by visiting redcrosblood.org/ rapidpass to complete your pre-donation reading and

Warning

The legal voters of the Town of Plymouth are hereby Warned to vote at the Plymouth Municipal

Building on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, for the purpose of voting by Australian Ballot to elect

Town Officers for the ensuing year(s): Town Moderator, Tow Clerk/Treasurer, Selectman,

Lister, Collector of Delinquent Taxes, Trustee of Public Funds, Cemetery Commissioner, Grand

Juror, Town Agent, School District Clerk/Treasurer, School District Moderator, and two School

Dated at Plymouth, Vermont, this 13th day of March 2017.

health history questions prior to the drive.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31-BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - "Farm to Fork Dinner." The Great Falls Regional Chamber of Commerce holds its 2017 annual dinner and Person of the Year award, at the Loyal Order of Moose, 59 Westminster St., Bellows Falls. Cocktails start the evening off at 5:30, followed by the guest speaker, dinner, Person of the Year award and auction, then dancing to Travis Parker. Contact Doreen Stoodley at 802-463-4280 for more information, or email info@ gfrcc.org.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1-SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Bring your skates and helmet and join a skate party from 7 – 9 p.m. at the Springfield Parks and Rec Center at 139 Main Street. For grades 3rd - 6th. Includes a live DJ and face painting. Also serving pizza and drinks for a small fee. All proceeds will benefit the Springfield high school girls in the DECA Business Program to compete at Nationals in California.

QUECHEE, Vt. - Attend the

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crossroads stamp and postcard show at the Mid Vermont Christian School at 399 Gilson Ave. from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Call John Lutz at 802-728-6212 or Chris Curran at 802-875-6211

CHESTER, Vt. - Beginning at 6 p.m., the Fullerton Inn in Chester will be the site of the 8th annual Rotary dinner and auction. Everyone is invited to join us for a beautiful buffet dinner and a glass of wine. Highlights include silent auction items, a basket raffle, and a live auction. Proceeds benefit the Andrew and Heidi Ladd Scholarship Fund. Tickets are available at the Chester Bookworm (802-875-5886) or by email: ChesterBookworm@ yahoo.com. To preview some of the auction items, place a bid, or donate to the scholarship fund, please go to: AndrewLaddScholarship@ weebly.com.

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.

THURSDAYS -

GASSETTS, Vt. - Bingo will be held every Thursday night at the Gassetts Grange, Starts at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 5 p.m. Supper, raffle and 50/50 tickets are on sale. Come and join in. Any info. needed call Donna at 802-591-4290 or you can call the hall at 802-875-1051.

SATURDAYS-

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Internet and jazz jam Saturday at the Flat Iron Exchange, located in the square. No cover charge, just a fip jar to listen to some great jazz music. Enjoy a coffee and relax. 5 – 7 p.m.

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

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LIBRARIES

THURSDAY, MARCH 16-LUDLOW, Vt. - From 3 -4 p.m. is learning how to make a special St. Patrick's Day inspired recipe at the Fletcher Memorial Library. 802-228-

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22-SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Town Library will host The Nature Museum at Discovery Hour at 4 p.m. with the program Magic Maple Syrup. Learn about how a tree makes sap, and the process of making sap into syrup. Hands-on items and a craft will keep all ages interested. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, please call the library at 885-3108 or visit www.springfieldtownlibrary.

TUESDAYS -

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

LUDLOW, Vt. -Fletcher Memorial Library off Main St. for "Crafty Tuesdays," from 3 to 4 p.m. for kindergarten through grade six age children. Weekly theme. Call for more information 802-228-3517.

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

WEDNESDAYS -

LUDLOW, Vt. - DCF Book Club meets Wednesday from 4 - 4:30 p.m. at the Fletcher Memorial Library. For grades four through eight. Join us each week as the librarian reads aloud from this months' book

club selection.

WESTON, Vt. - Come and enjoy a story hour with friends at the Wilder Memorial Library! 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Call 802-824-4307.

LUDLOW, Vt. - Weekly toddler and pre-school story time with a weekly theme, music, and activity. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Fletcher Memorial Library. 802-228-3517. Best suited for ages 5 and younger.

WINDSOR, Vt. - Preschool and Toddler Storytime every Wednesday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Windsor Public Library, 43 State Street. Each week features a theme, music stories and a craft, www. windsorlibrary.org 802-674-2556.

THURSDAYS-

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Join genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard on a quest to discover your family roots 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, or visit www. rockinghamlibrary.org.

FRIDAYS-

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

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

MEETINGS

MONDAYS -

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

TUESDAYS -

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - The Abenaqui 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. Weighin 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 Room at Rockingham Medical Group, 1 Hospital Court, with the summer BBQ and winter potluck at 12:30 at Mrs. Heale's residence. Spring season-Friday, May 12 at 5

MONDAYS -

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - NAMI Vermont Connection Recovery Support Group is a mental illness support group. It provides a forum to share experiences and learn about opportunities and challenges regardless of diagnostics. HCRS, CRT Room, 390 River St. Meets every Monday from 1 - 2 p.m. 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 dean and sober 12-Step Meeting, Support Group meets at Neighborhood Connections next to the Londonderry Post Office at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday.

THURSDAYS -

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Mental health peer support group from 2 - 3:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 77 Main St. The group is free and open to the public. Call Diana Slade at: 802-289-1982.

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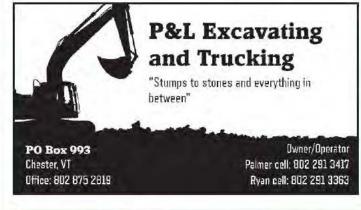


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across the state gave their approval to the vast majority of school district merger proposthe 10 proposals received voter approval.

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significant issues facing public education today," said Nicole als offered during Town Meet- opportunities contemplated Mace, executive director of the Vermont School Boards As-Ludlow, VT sociation. "As you can see by the historic results, Vermont's school board members have risen to the challenges posed by declining enrollment, rising costs, leadership turnover, and growing inequity in student opportunity, and are charting a positive course forward for public education in Vermont.

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> Voters in 40 school districts across 10 supervisory unions gave their approval to merge into larger school districts.

The successful merger votes

• Addison-Rutland (Slate Val-

Bennington-Rutland

(Taconic & Green); • Cal North & Essex-Cal (Kingdom East);

• Cal North, Essex-Cal & Essex North non-op (NEK Choice);

• Windham Central K-12 (West River);

Windsor Central.

Voters in 13 districts voted against merging, resulting in failed merger proposals in:

• Rutland Central & Rutland Southwest K-6 (Wells Springs); • Windham Central K-6 (Riv-

er Valley); • Windham Northeast.

While voters in Rutland Central & Rutland Southwest K-12

(Quarry Valley) approved their merger proposal, the merger will not occur because Rutland Central & Rutland Southwest K-6 (Wells Springs) defeated

their proposal. In many places, voters approved merger proposals by wide margins, including:

 Cal North & Essex-Cal (Kingdom East) 973-337 (74 percent)

Bennington-Rutland (Taconic & Green) 1,596-540 (75 percent)

• Windsor Central 900-296 (75 percent)

All told, 40 school districts will merge into a total of 12 districts, six of which will be new.

"In most communities, work by local officials to understand and confront the challenges facing schools and taxpayers leads to support for unification," said Jeff Francis, executive director of the Vermont Superintendents Association. "I am impressed both by these vote results and the sentiment behind it - which is creating better opportunity for students and greater affordability for taxpayers."

New pilot project will help 3SquaresVT recipients —

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - In 2015, Vermont was one of ten states chosen by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to develop and test strategies for reducing dependency on the national Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Vermont's SNAP Program, called 3SquaresVT and administered by the Department for Children and Families (DCF), was awarded a three-year \$8.9 million dol-

lar grant to develop a job readiness and training pilot program for people getting benefits.

Vermont's pilot, called Jobs for Independence (JFI), began accepting applications at the end of February 2016.

"The Jobs for Independence pilot will give participants the opportunity to develop skills, overcome barriers to work, and find and keep good jobs," said DCF Commissioner Ken Schatz. "Most importantly, it will help

them to rely less on government assistance and more on their own capacities for building strong futures for themselves."

Jobs for Independence (JFI) can help people even if they: don't have stable housing; have a mental health issue; are struggling with substance abuse or recovery; or have a criminal record. Vermonters who get 3SquaresVT benefits may be eligible to participate.

Those selected for the pro-

gram could get help to:

· Resolve issues that may be keeping them from work (e.g., criminal record, mental health, substance abuse, or unstable housing)

• Find new or better jobs

· Gain work skills and knowl-

• Pay for things they need to work like car repairs and work

· Earn the Governor's Career Ready Certificate at the Community College of Vermont (CCV)

· Achieve industry-recognized certification (e.g., CDL or IT

3SquaresVT participants who are interested in JFI should call SEVCA to see if they qualify. In Windham County, contact Elizabeth McEwen at 802 376-0362 or emcewen@sevca.org. In Winsor County, contact Elizabeth Meuse 802 376-0361 or emeuse@sevca.org.

Johanna Beliveau, BSN, MBA, RN is director of quality, patient safety, and compliance

WINDSOR, Vt. - Johanna Beliveau, BSN, MBA, RN has been named Director of Quality, Patient Safety, and Compliance at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC). The newly created position is part of the Hospital's Senior Leadership Team, reporting directly to Dr. Joseph Perras,

As Director, Beliveau will be responsible for the development, implementation, and evaluation of quality and patient safety initiatives, and ensuring compliance with state and federal healthcare regula-Before joining Mt. Ascutney

Hospital, Beliveau served as Associate Chief Nursing Officer at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC), as well as DHMC's Administrative Director of Patient Care Services, Director of Nursing Quality and Patient Safety, and Senior Clinical Quality Spe-DHMC she was Clinical Pro-

cess Manager and Quality Specialist at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and performed a variety of roles in hospice care organizations, from Nurse Manager to Director of Hospice Services. A registered nurse, Beliveau received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Fitchburg State College in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, in 1995, followed by a Master of Business Administration from Rosemont College in Rosemont, Pennsylvania in

Among her many certifications and professional accomplishments, she is a Nurse Director Fellow with the American Organization of Nurse Executives, earned the designation of Lean Sigma Six Black Belt, and is a member of the American Organization of Nurse Executives, the Americialist. Prior to her tenure at can Nurses Association, the Organization of Nurse Lead-

ers, and the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Dr. Joseph Perras, CEO of MAHHC, called Beliveau an important addition to Hospital leadership, saying, "We are thrilled to welcome her to the Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center family." He called Beliveau uniquely qualified to meet the Hospital's ambitious goals, as "an accomplished professional who brings a wealth of experience to MAHHC, with expertise in nursing, hospital and hospice operations, and a long history of mentorship and coaching. She has used her skills to exceed operational performance targets and improve clinical outcomes."

According to Dr. Perras, the new position creates a unified role with a focus on quality and compliance issues. Beliveau's initial tasks at MAHHC will include a hospital-wide assess-



Johanna Beliveau.
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ment of quality and patient safety programs as the organization prepares for an upcoming Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services survey. She will work closely with A.J. Tapley, newly named Associate Director of Quality, Patient Safety, and Compliance.



