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# Walker Bridge reconstruction to take 35 days-

BY AIYANA FORTIN

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LUDLOW, Vt. - In Ludlow on Rte. 103 Bridge 25, commonly referred to as Walker Bridge and located at the intersection of Main Street and Elm Street, will be closed for 35 days this summer for complete replacement. The existing bridge, built in 1928, is 86' in length and comprised of two 43' sections, with a width of 23.8', ten feet narrower than the approaching road. It is in fair condition with noticeable deterioration and spalling on all parts of the bridge structure. A few of the safety hazards include the bridge superstructure geometry, narrow roadway approach transitions, and substandard approach roadway guardrails.

In 2010, a study assessed the proposed design criteria based on alignment, utilities, natural and cultural resources, and hydraulics. The study recommended full bridge replacement under the Accelerated Bridge Construction program, with an off-site detour, to minimize impact on the public.

The replacement bridge will have a concrete deck, 11' travel lanes, 4'10" shoulders, and 5' sidewalks, and a Tenney railing with a partial height concrete parapet and steel



Deterioration of the pavement on Walker Bridge and sidewalk. PHOTO PROVIDED BY SOUTHCENTRALVTBRIDĞES.VTRANSPROJECTS.VERMONT.GOV

tubing. Its design will improve visibility and improve the overall safety of travelling conditions.

The bridge will be closed for a August 31, 2017, with two weeks before and after the project affected by alternating one-lane traffic during the daytime hours.

There will be several detour options for traffic during construction. Londonderry, and then turn right The maximum detour length is 30 miles, which adds 18 miles to the regular route. Local detours include High Street from the light or Gaze-

bo, and Pleasant St. from the light or Pleasant St. Extension. Southbound traffic on VT 155 would take VT 100 toward Londonderry, turn 35-day period between June 1 and left onto VT 11, continue toward Chester, turn right on VT 100 in Londonderry and travel northward towards Ludlow. Northbound traffic on VT 103 would turn left onto VT 11 and travel westward toward on VT 100 toward Ludlow.

> The total cost of this project is estimated at \$3,745,750, with contractor Cold River Bridges LLC



Map of the detour route.

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tion meeting on Thursday, April p.m. At this meeting, a brief presen-route, and sources of information to 20 in the Small Conference Room tation will provide information on monitor during construction

There will be a public informa- in Ludlow Town Hall from 6 - 7:30 the construction schedule, detour

# Ludlow SB holds reorganizational meeting

**BY JULIA PURDY** 

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - On Monday, April 3, the Ludlow Select Board convened at its regular meeting in Town Hall, which included its annual reorganization and appointment of town officers. All motions were passed unanimously.

The following Select Board appointments were moved, seconded and passed: Howard Barton, Board

chair; Bruce Schmidt, vice-chair; 6, 2017, were approved. In citi-Brett Sanderson, Board clerk; Bruce Schmidt and Brett Sanderson, union negotiating team members; Howard Barton and Brett Sanderson, Ludlow Enterprise Fund committee members; Lisha Klaiber, recording secre-

It was moved, seconded and passed to continue to hold regular meetings on the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. and special meetings, if needed, on the third Monday of the month at

In response to a letter request received from the Vermont Journal, it was moved, seconded and passed to continue to use The Vermont Journal as the "paper of re-

cord." Roberts Rules of Order will continue to be used.

In other business, minutes of the regular meeting of Feb.

zens' comments, Paul Orzechowski, formerly of another state, who said he has resided in Ludlow for one year, expressed praise and appreciation for the way Ludlow does business.

The board next took up town officer appointments, based on a list of candidates who had expressed interest. Bruce Schmidt expressed concern that while the incumbents had been approached to indicate their interest in serving, others not on the list might be interested as well. Town Manager Heald explained that the openings are advertised, and that people are welcome to stop in or reply by letter. Bruce Schmidt found that acceptable and felt it might become an issue only in the case of contention over a position. It was moved, seconded and passed to appoint the slate of candidates for 2017-2018 "as presented."

As appointments continued, John Denner, Jr. was reappointed to the position of Solid Waste District Representative Alternate. Dana Wilson had expressed interest in serving as an alternate for the Development Review Board;

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# "There is no them, only us"—

BY AIYANA FORTIN

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - Four of Black River's best and brightest students joined 1,400 others from more than 60 middle and high schools all over New England at the Anti-Defamation League's 23rd Annual National Youth Congress in Boston on March 30. They were representatives of A World of Difference; a group that inspires high school and middle school students all over the country to inspire their peers to end racial bias, bigotry, and prejudice for people of different cultures, religions, and backgrounds.

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) was founded in 1913 and is the leading organization that fights soldier who was killed in Iran. His anti-Semitism through programs that counteract hatred and prejudice in children through peer leadership programs. Black River clinician Deborah Harrison says,

"A World of Difference and the Anti-Defamation League teach the message that we can make a difference, even if it's just for one person. By teaching young people the power of their words, they are gaining the ability to change their environments, their schools, their families, and their communities."

The Youth Congress is the ADL's capstone event, with an annual theme: "There is no them, only us." This year's program featured keynote speaker Kahzir Kahn, the Gold Star parent of a Pakistani-born U.S.

wisdom, humility, and tragic story brought tears to the audience. Another speaker, an 18-year-old Haitian student, J.J., lost her best friend and her home during the earthquake in 2010. She came to Miami at age 11 and became the victim of harassment by her peers because of her accent, hair, and dress. Her message was: "Don't let the identity others give you limit who you are."

Each team of A World of Difference presenters prepares to facilitate a safe discussion about race and racism with either middle school or high school students and their teachers. The Black River High School team, led by Deborah Harrison and Maryann Gagner, included Olivia Burroughs, Bailey Matteson, Ryleigh

Corrigan, and Lukas DeArruda. Their diverse group of more than 50 students was excited to engage in the activities the team had prepared a couple of weeks before, discussing identity, safety, selfempowerment, and making a difference through the inspiration of others. After two hours of activities and discussion, the students and facilitators went to the closing ceremony and remarks, and headed home, full of thoughts and ideas to bring to their own schools and A World of Difference teams.

The entire team of over 20

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# Chester Select Board meeting -

**BY JULIA PURDY** 

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CHESTER, Vt. - The Chester Select Board meeting opened with the pledge to the flag and approval of the March 13 and March 15 minutes. The full board was in attendance, including Dan Cote, who participated by Skype, and Town Manager David Pi-

The second agenda item was citizen comments. Mike Leonard of Chester stated he would like to see a new firehouse but asked how much more debt can Chester citizens take on? He made a request to the Select Board to seek the opinion of auditors. Assistant town Clerk Julie Hance commented that the town is authorized to take on debt to the amount of ten times the value of the Grand List.

In old business, Town Manager Pisha reported that the contractor for the water tank and line have placed their equipment. He added that the cost is coming in low enough that the drinking water fund is able to provide a new line on Coach Road.

Regarding the historic Yosemite firehouse property, the Historical Society holds a deed but not clear title, preventing the society from trans-

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ferring title to the town as intended. Heirs to a previous owner have been sought out. Town Manager Pisha reported that town attorney Jim Carroll says one heir is about to sign a quitclaim and if no one else comes forward the transfer will be finalized in a "couple of months."

Item 4 concerned the choice of a paper of record to publish legal notices for Chester. Two publishers asked to present to the board: the Vermont Journal, a weekly out of Ludlow, represented by publisher Bob Miller, and Chester-based The Message for the Week, a member of Eagle Printing and Publishing, LLC, represented by editor Neil Allen. The Chester Telegraph was in attendance at the meeting but was excused from presenting by the board. Both newspapers are weeklies with online editions. There was much heated back-and-forth, turning on the definition of a "newspaper" and whether online media are authorized to be newspapers of record. State law is ambiguous on that

The Select Board weighed the options which included advertising rate and "credibility." Chair Arne Jonynas maintained that print media are being challenged by electronic media, creat-

ing a "gray area." The board members debated how best to reach the most people. Heather Chase was concerned to reach younger people more easily online, but that the older demographic tends to read paper editions. The issue then raised the question whether doing both would cost more and require more work. Bob Miller pointed out that until online media are authorized to be newspapers of record, they cannot charge a fee for legal notices. Arne Jonynas stated that the town's attorney recommended going with a hard-copy newspaper in any case. Dan Cote added that the issue is untried and untested and the attorney's job is to present the lowest possible risk. Cote stated his firm belief that online was the way to go and that if any item is "sensitive to non-online readers" it could be published in hard copy "non-routinely." Jonynas countered that he did not want the town to become a "Guinea pig." After more discussion, during which a conten-

moved that Chester choose Message for the Week as the newspaper of record, the motion was seconded and passed, 4-1.

The meeting then turned to a PowerPoint presentation by Town Manager David Pisha and Assistant Town Clerk Julie Hance, on the economic development seminar they attended in Montpelier March 22, put on by the Vermont League of Cities and

Hance followed with a summary of the new town economic development plan, saying that modest budget increases will be required. She reported that the town has been told many times by prospective business investors that "public investment raises private investment."

The Designated Village Center area will be the focus of the efforts. The zoning structure will be reworked, as its guiding philosophy is now over 40 years old. Municipal Planning Grant funds can be used and consultants can take the town through

the process. Also, in line with the recommendation, gleaned from the seminar, that "political consensus in essential," Hance said it will be a challenge to find the balance between the diversity of individual viewpoints and a unified vision across all boards and divisions "in order to move forward and not backwards."

With that, the board turned to the topic of setting interviews for the six planning commission open seats. It was agreed that the same questions would be used for both the planning commission and the development review board candidates. After much discussion it was decided that interviews would be conducted Friday, April 14, and Wednesday, April 19, with overflow on May 3.

Liquor license applications were reviewed and passed without a motion or a second, for Heritage Deli and Bakery and Dollar General (to sell beer and wine), effective May 1, 2017-April 31, 2018. Pizza Stone's applications for a first-class restaurantbar license and an entertainment license were postponed pending compliance with the state requirement to attend an enforcement seminar and

incomplete application, respectively. In new business, Lee Gustafson asked for an update on Act 250. David Pisha replied that the town was waiting for a Natural Resources

Board response. Just before adjournment, two members of the public stood up to comment on new items. A spokesperson from the Village Master Plan suggested partnering with the Yosemite firehouse restoration project to bundle fundraising efforts, saying that the restoration of old buildings are good for town pride.

A second spectator rose to request that the Select Board project documents and visuals onto a screen for citizens to view in order to follow the discussion better, or, if the Select Board did not want to entertain comments, to hold its discussions in ex-

# Vermont History Day

BY AIYANA FORTIN

tious tone was noted, Lee Gustafson

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MONTPELIER, Vt. - More than 330 students from schools across Vermont traveled to Montpelier Union High School to compete at Vermont History Day this year. Record participation and steep competition resulted in only the best projects qualifying for National History Day, which will take place at the University of Maryland in Washington,

D.C. from June 11-15. This year's

#### ATTENTION!

The Mount Holly transfer site will now be open Wednesdays from 4 – 7 p.m. and Saturdays

theme, Taking a Stand in History, was central in all projects as the students chose to focus on an individual, group, or event that effectively took a stand in history.

National History Day has grown since its founding in 1974 into an international competition, where students choose and research an historical topic in accordance to the annual theme, and present their research and conclusions to a panel of judges, who provide feedback and rate the projects based on historical quality, adherence to the theme, breadth and depth of research, and presentation effectiveness and coherence.

In creating a project, each individual or group may present their research as an exhibit, documentary, performance, website, or historical paper. When judged, participants are categorized by age, group size, and presentation format.

History Day gives students an op-



Aiyana and Natasha Fortin will be representing Black River High School at National History Day in Washington, D.C. PHOTO PROVIDED

portunity to research a topic they find interesting and intriguing, and

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that appointment was approved.

Turning next to liquor licenses, it was noted that there were several Okemo licenses to consider, as well as other local businesses. Bruce Schmidt initially conscientiously recused himself, but since he was one of only three Select Board members present, three signatures are required, and Bruce does not benefit materially from these businesses and therefore there is no conflict of interest, the majority prevailed and his vote was accepted.

In all, it was moved, seconded and passed to approve all 17 renewals and 10 outside consumption permits. Town Manager Heald noted that the MOJO Café outside consumption permit does not require a signature.

In addition, two new applications were approved "as presented" for the Tyson Store and the Pettigrew Inn (formerly Andrie Rose), both under new ownership.

Items 9-12 were passed unanimously. Item 9 concerned the annual certi-

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fication of compliance for town roads and bridge standards, which Ludlow does meet, according to Town Manager Heald. Item 10 concerned a petition to hold the 4th annual Wounded Warrior Race, May 27. Item 11 concerned VTrans' annual financial plan, which Town Manager Heald explained is an annual certification that the town is spending at least \$300 per mile on Class I, II and III highways - more than that amount, in fact, he said. Item 12 concerned adoption of the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP), which Town Manager Heald said is still "pretty much the same."

Next, a memo from Bob Thompson, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, was discussed, concerning four flood control dams. An initial study recommends the widening of spillways and heightening of dams. The town must authorize a planning study, followed by design and construction phases. Ludlow's

share of the cost would be \$435,750. Town Manager Heald said the dams served well during Irene and are considered "life safety infrastructure" and recommended getting "in the queue" at this time, given the likelihood of continued violent storms in the fu-

In other business, Town Manager Heald reported on the plan for traffic signals at the junction of routes 100, 103, specifically the intersection with Locust Hill. The state owns the rightof-way in front of the house. There are two options: to extend Locust Hill to a "T" with Route 103N, or to keep Locust Hill as is and make it right-turnonly. On the topic of fuel purchase for the town, the board's consensus was to let Town Manager Heald continue to use his discretion when negotiating and purchasing fuel.

Details of this meeting are available at ludlow.vt.us, Select Board Minutes for April 3, 2017.



facilitators at Black River is trained in the fall and presents to middle school and elementary school students. Right now, they're hosting a student-led forum to open discussion between students and administration, often discussing Act 46 and student environment.

A World of Difference is hoping to send students to the National Youth

Congress next year to represent Black River at this experience of a lifetime.

Olivia Burroughs comments on her experience: "I wish I could live in those moments all over again, because it is incredible to be in a room surrounded by people who love what AWOD/ADL stands for. It was amazing to be able to represent my school, but also be a model for the middle schoolers we presented to. It felt so good to lift them up and let them know that they are powerful, and they can change the world too."









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# Tyson Ladies Aid annual Easter bake sale

LUDLOW, Vt. - It's the time of year dies Aid (TLA) Easter bake sale. Lomany residents and visitors look cal, freshly baked scrumptious deforward to: The annual Tyson La- lights of all kinds are made by highly



Stop by the Easter bake sale.

skilled TLA bakers to make your holidays even more special.

Goodies range from pies, cakes, cookies, brownies, breads, deviled eggs and even a few cool surprises. Get easy help with your holiday baking. Join them at the Shaws Shopping Plaza in Ludlow from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Friday, April 14 to pick out your favorite goodies and help support the TLA who supports our Commu-

100 percent of the money earned by the TLA at this bake sale goes toward supporting our communities though high school senior scholarships at Black River H.S. and Woodstock H.S., support of the free and historical Tyson Library, Reach Out Luncheons, and various other charitable activities throughout the year.

For further information call Sue Poirier at 802-228-3308. Hope to

# Flood Brook School second trimester Honor Roll —

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - A big shout out to the following students for achieving honor roll for second trimester

Sixth Grade High Honors Sophia Witkin

Sixth Grade Honors Angus Bellingham Mia Ciccone Sam Henning Sebastian Lennon Isabella Lindgren Rorie Mara Ella Sheehan Wyatt Teaford

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The Flood Brook School is a K-8, 300-capacity school located in the heart of ski country in Southwestern Vermont. The Mountain

Towns Regional Education District School Board consists of 8 school board members from the towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru and Weston.

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Congratulations to the Honor Roll students.

#### HISTORY

allows them to compete in a healthy, academic way. Students utilize their creativity and drive for knowledge as they practice research, collaboration, and presentation and hopefully advance in the competition.

In addition to placing and qualifying for Nationals, there are several special prizes available for projects in certain subject areas. Sadie Kobak and Tate Greineder were awarded the Vermont Academy of Arts and Sciences Award for their project, "Marie Curie Takes a Stand," and Ai-

vana Fortin was awarded the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation History Prize for her project, "Superman's Anonymous Informant: Stetson Kennedy."

Several students placed in the competition as well, including Lukas DeArruda, who won third place with an excellent rating for his senior individual website, "Storming the Bastille: Taking a Stand Against a Failing Government." Graeffn Anderson and Jonathan Oakes also won third place with an excellent rating for their junior group documentary,

"Abraham Lincoln." Two Black River High School

students placed and qualified for Nationals, and will be attending the competition in June. Natasha Fortin won second place with an excellent rating for her senior individual documentary "Stomp on the Moon Instead of the Soviets." Aiyana Fortin won first place with a superior rating for her senior individual documentary, "Superman's Anonymous Informant: Stetson Kennedy."

Both Fortins will be competing at the National competition in June, and will be working over the next couple of months to revise their projects to represent Black River to the best of their ability at Nationals.

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# Madison Cota to represent Vermont in Miss USA pageant —



Celebrate with Madison Cota, Miss Vermont USA.

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WINDSOR, Vt. - Please join us to celebrate and support Madison Cota before she leaves to represent the State of Vermont at the 2017 Miss USA pageant on Sunday, May 14, which will broadcast live on FOX. Festivities will take place on Sunday, April 23 from 2-5 p.m. at the Harpoon Brewery and Riverbend Tap Garden located at 336 Ruth Camey Dr. in Windsor. Let's send her off knowing she has the entire state behind her.

Come enjoy light hors d'oeuvres, a photo booth, great drinks and the beautiful Harpoon Brewery. Madison will also be signing autographs and taking photos. We'll be collecting encouragement cards for Madison that will be delivered to her throughout her time at Miss USA. These cards will provide constant support to her as she spends nearly two weeks in competition. Knowing she has our support will be invaluable her during this time.

So make plans to join us - we can't nifer Jury Cota at jennylou@sover.net.

wait to see you! If you have any questions email Jen-





# Giant Vermont solar array may curtail other, cheaper renewable energy projects

CAVENDISH, Vt. - A new solar project spanning 38 acres and generating 20 megawatts of capacity stands to become the largest solar installation in the Green Mountain State, but it may curtail cheaper renewable energy projects.

Comments from a prior technical hearing indicate that electric power from the Coolidge Solar project could crowd out hydroelectric power from TransCanada's Wilder Dam on the Connecticut River. During a Jan. 10, 2017, hearing, Public Service Board Chair James Volz raised the issue with Ed McNamara, director of the Department of Public Service.

"The reason other plants would be curtailed instead of this one is because this one would be a lower price than those other plants? ... Do we in fact know this would be a lower price than the other bidders?" Volz asked.

"We do not," McNamara replied. "That's part of the analysis that we need to find out."

In a nutshell, McNamara's response

ed for Windsor County will not necessarily benefit local ratepayers.

"The potential for curtailment, in my very limited knowledge of the transmission system in this area, is that the curtailment would probably be limited to the Wilder hydroelectric facility," McNamara added.

No official analysis has been conducted, despite the fact that the PSB has already issued a certificate of public good.

Annette Smith, director of Vermonters for a Clean Environment, said that analysis would be part of a system impact study to see how these new megawatts are going to affect an established grid.

"How can the Public Service Board do its job and evaluate all the issues surrounding these projects without a system impact study?" Smith asked, adding that having one renewable source displace another doesn't seem consistent with environmental goals.

"This whole idea that you are build-

hints that the giant solar project slat- ing renewables to displace fossil fuels doesn't hold up when you look at the details of this particular site, where it could be displacing hydro, which is a renewable instead of a fossil fuel," Smith expressed.

Tom Potvin, who lives in the area, said he was unhappy to learn that the energy project has been approved.

"It's too bad that just three members of the Public Service Board get to decide on the outcome of all that beautiful farm land. I think the townspeople should have more say on stuff like this," Potvin said. "I just think it's going to be a big eyesore."

Another concern raised during the technical hearing is that both the project's electricity and renewable energy credits are to be sold out of state to Connecticut. That means the project will not help Vermont reach its year 2025 renewable energy goals. There is currently no set buyer for the electricity, but Smith said negotiations are in play for a power purchase agreement in Connecticut.

Harvey Scudder, an energy consultant from Brattleboro, said forced curtailment indeed could become an

"If the transmission system is limited in how much energy it can take from the solar and hydro, there could be an instance on a sunny day with lots of hydro, then the system can't take it," Scudder said. "This happened a little bit with some of the wind projects in the Northeast Kingdom, and they had to cut power."

Scudder said another matter is the intermittent nature of these projects. He said that the scenario for this project is especially cumbersome because, if the alternate nearby energy sources (in this case hydro) is also intermittent, that leaves little control over grid management.

He added that there seems to be a rush in Vermont to build ambitious wind and solar projects before financial incentives, such as federal production tax credits and renewable energy credits, sunset.



Barker Farm prime agricultural land at the Coolidge Solar Project area, viewed from Barker Road.

PHOTO BY JULIA PURDY

"There's such attractive incentives for solar that it gets built whether there's really a need in the local system or not," he said. "This leads to situations where it can't be delivered to where it can be used."

Article by Michael Bielawski Vermont Watchdog.org.

# I-91 Rockingham Bridges update ——

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - The up- is 802-862-6085 or 866-602date of the construction on the I-91 Rockingham Bridges #24S & 24N over the Williams River has been scheduled to take place beginning April 10, 2017. Weather permitting, southbound lane closures over the bridge will allow crews make repairs to the deck and curbing.

The Public Relations telephone number to call with any questions 6868. You can also find updates/ changes online at http://countonitinc.com/rockingham-vt-

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# Drive. U Text. U Pay.

REGION - Sheriff's Department and other local Departments will be out in force looking for distracted drivers as part of the U Drive. U Text. U Pay. campaign, a high-visibility effort to enforce distracted-driving laws.

"Everyone knows texting and driving is illegal and dangerous, and everyone knows they shouldn't be doing it-but we see it happen all the time," said Lieutenant Kevin E. Geno. "Officers will be stopping and ticketing anyone who is caught texting and driving. If you text and drive, you will pay."

Too many drivers are ignoring their responsibilities behind the wheel, and distracted driving is a growing and deadly threat on our roadways. Rutland County Law Enforcement Agencies are teaming up with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to make sure all motorists keep their eyes on the road and their hands on the wheel.

Violating Vermont's distracted driving laws can be costly. The first violation for using a cellphone while driving is \$162.00 and \$230.00 with two points in a work zone.

According to NHTSA, 3,477 people were killed and an estimated 391,000 injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers in 2015. This is a 9-percent increase in fatalities as compared to the previous year.

An analysis by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety of 2009-2012 data found that while more than 80 percent of drivers believed it was completely unacceptable for a motorist to text behind the wheel, more than a third of those same drivers admitted to reading text messages while operating a passenger motor vehicle themselves.

"Do the right thing-put your phone away when you get behind the wheel. Save yourself the embarrassment and expense of getting pulled over-or more importantly, maybe save someone's life," said Lieutenant Kevin E. Geno.

Please put your phone down when you get behind the wheel. If you need to text, pull over and park your vehicle first.

Remind your family and friends to never text and drive: Texting and driving is more than just personally risky. When you text and drive, you are a danger to everyone around

No one likes to be criticized by a friend for doing something wrong, but it's even worse to get caught by law enforcement and have to pay a

Don't follow the pack, be a leader. When you get behind the wheel, be an example to your family and friends by putting your phone away.

Speak up. If your friends are texting while driving, tell them to stop. Listen to your passengers; if they catch you texting while driving and tell you to put your phone away, put

Texting while driving is dangerous, and getting caught can be expensive and embarrassing. Save face, your money, and maybe save a life-your text message can wait.

Remember: U Drive. U Text. U





#### Five Questions about Long-Term Care 1. What is long-term care? Skilled care: Generally round-the-For many, the cost of long-term care Long-term care refers to the ongoclock care that's given by professional

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health care providers such as nurses, therapists, or aides under a doctor's supervision.

· Intermediate care: Also provided by professional health care providers but on a less frequent basis than skilled care.

Custodial care: Personal care that's often given by family caregivers, nurses' aides, or home health workers who provide assistance with what are called "activities of daily living" such as bathing, eating, and dressing.

Long-term care is not just provided in nursing homes--in fact, the most common type of long-term care is home-based care. Long-term care services may also be provided in a variety of other settings, such as assisted living facilities and adult day care centers.

2. Why is it important to plan for long-term care?

No one expects to need long-term care, but it's important to plan for it nonetheless. Here are two important reasons why:

The odds of needing long-term care are high:

· Approximately 70 percent of people will need long-term care at some point during their lifetimes after reaching

· Approximately 8 percent of people between ages 40 and 50 will have a disability that may require long-term care services\*

The cost of long-term care can be expensive:

can be expensive, absorbing income et? and depleting savings. Some of the average costs in the United States for long-term care\* include:

· \$6,235 per month, or \$74,820 per year for a semi-private room in a nurs-

· \$6,965 per month, or \$83,580 per year for a private room in a nursing

\$3,293 per month for a one-bedroom unit in an assisted living facility \$21 per hour for a home health aide \*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, December 1, 2016

3. Doesn't Medicare pay for long-

Many people mistakenly believe that Medicare, the federal health insurance program for older Americans, will pay for long-term care. But Medicare provides only limited coverage for long-term care services such as skilled nursing care or physical therapy. And although Medicare provides some home health care benefits, it doesn't cover custodial care, the type of care older individuals most often need.

Medicaid, which is often confused with Medicare, is the joint federalstate program that two-thirds of nursing home residents currently rely on to pay some of their long-term care expenses. But to qualify for Medicaid, you must have limited income and assets, and although Medicaid generally covers nursing home care, it provides only limited coverage for home health care in certain states.

4. Can't I pay for care out of pock-

The major advantage to using income, savings, investments, and assets, such as your home, to pay for long-term care is that you have the most control over where and how you receive care. But because the cost of long-term care is high, you may have trouble affording extended care if you need it.

5. Should I buy long-term care insurance?

Like other types of insurance, longterm care insurance protects you against a specific financial risk. In this case, the chance that long-term care will cost more than you can afford. In exchange for your premium payments, the insurance company promises to cover part of your future long-term care costs. Long-term care insurance can help you preserve your assets and guarantee that you'll have access to a range of care options. However, it can be expensive, so before you purchase a policy, make sure you can afford the premiums both now and in the future.

The cost of a long-term care policy depends primarily on your age (in general, the younger you are when you purchase a policy, the lower your premium will be), but it also depends on the benefits you choose. If you decide to purchase long-term care insurance, here are some of the key features to consider:

· Benefit amount: The daily benefit amount is the maximum your policy will pay for your care each day, and generally ranges from \$50 to \$350 or

· Benefit period: The length of time your policy will pay benefits (e.g., 2 years, 4 years, lifetime).

· Elimination period: The number of days you must pay for your own care before the policy begins paying benefits (e.g., 20 days, 90 days).

· Types of facilities included: Many policies cover care in a variety of settings including your own home, assisted living facilities, adult day care centers, and nursing homes.

· Inflation protection: With inflation protection, your benefit will increase by a certain percentage each year. It's an optional feature available at additional cost, but having it will enable your coverage to keep pace with rising prices.

Your insurance agent or a financial professional can help you compare long-term care insurance policies and answer any questions you may have.

This article was written by Huntley Financial Services.







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# Erskine's Feed Store



Waiting for day-old chicks at Erskine's 65 years ago.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

Erskine's Feed Store is the oldest family run business in Chester. Richard "Dick" Erskine founded the business in 1952. Erskine's original location was near the old Yosemite Fire Station. This location was last used as the Chester Family Center. It was about 1960 that the grain store moved to its current location behind the train station in Chester

The first thing you'll notice entering the store are the old creaky, well-worn wooden floors. Next you'll notice the store is stocked from floor to ceiling with feed and grain, cat and dog food, straw, grass seed and vegetable seeds. They carry plant soils, farm tools, work gloves, electric fence, poultry needs and horse and goat supplies.

Clayton Jennison drove truck for Dick Erskine in 1963. Clayton drove the 1962 International Harvester box truck, delivering grain to farmers in the area. Also working at Erskine's at this time was Henry Wilson. Henry was a carryover from the 19th century and drove a Model A. Talking with Clayton, I was reminded of Henry's nickname that I had long forgotten. Henry's nickname was "Spot-cash."

In 1963 grain came in boxcars on the railroad but not to Chester. Clayton drove to the railroad station in Bellows Falls and manually unloaded the 100-pound bags of grain from the boxcar to Erskine's truck. They had three days to empty the boxcar or pay a fine.

Clayton told me how he had lost his driver's license for 20 days. During this time, Spot-cash was driving and Clayton was riding shotgun. They were coming up "Liquidometer Hill"\* when the truck began to bog down. The truck had a twospeed rear-axle, something old Spot-cash knew nothing about. Clayton reached over and shifted the rear-axle to the lower gear and the truck powered up the hill.

Clayton explained how he delivered bags of grain to area farms. He delivered to Arthur and Don Farrar, Kingsbury Farm, Leonard Eddy and have been 1956-1957.

Talking with Mary (Eddy) Semones, she recounted her memories. Her father, Leonard Eddy, worked for Dick Erskine in the early years at the old location in the 1950s. Leonard worked the counter, loaded customers' trucks and delivered grain to farmers in the area.

Mary told me what a kind and generous man Dick was. He had charge accounts for many of his customers. Occasionally a farmer would fall behind on his bill. Dick would make an arrangement with those farmers that if they paid something on their account every month he would continue to extend them credit. Dick didn't want the animals to go hungry and he knew the farmers would catch up when they were able.

Ted Spaulding spoke about his her doing business at the Park & Pollard Feed Store where Erskine's is now located. Prior to Dick's opening his own feed store, Dick worked for Park & Pollard and learned the trade. When Dick opened his store in 1952, Ted's father gave Dick all of his business as did many others in the area. Dick was a highly respected man in the area.

Every spring people went to Dick Erskine's to get day-old chicks. Danny Clemons remembers going there as a young boy and getting day-old chicks. I remember my mother taking me there when I was very young so I could get chicks. This would

I got 10 chicks and some grain. We kept the chicks behind the woodstove in the kitchen to keep them warm until they were strong enough to be moved to the barn. I loved to hear them peep and would sit for hours watching them. I became attached to my chickens and gave them all names. The only name I remember today is Dumb Cluck. Jimmy the Skunk got Dumb Cluck.

In the 1950s, at the old location, if you showed up with a box on chick day, Dick would give you 10 chicks free, provided you bought 25 pounds of chicken feed. In the left foreground in the photo with this article is Richard Erskine's feed store. You'll notice the long line of customers and that they are holding boxes. This was chick day, circa 1955-1957. I may have been in that line with my mother.

If you haven't been to Erskine's before, I recommend you pay them a visit. Walk around and take a look at the wide variety they offer. You won't see a computer and all sales are handwritten on a sales slip. And you'll meet John Knisley, who has worked there 20 years and is Mike Erskine's right-hand-man.

\*Liquidometer Hill is just north of Bellows Falls on Route 5. It's the location where you are coming uphill and there's a passing lane.

This week's old saying. "Progress is man's ability to complicate sim-

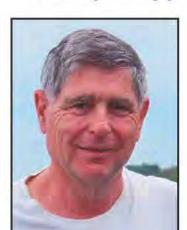


# Introduction to Genealogy workshop -

you always wanted to research your family tree, but don't know where to start? Hugh Putnam of the Springfield Art and Historical Society will present Introduction to Genealogy at the Springfield Town Library on Thursday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Hugh will cover the various aspects of getting started in genealogy. The talk will give a general overview with particular information about doing research in Springfield and Vermont. Please join us!

This event is part of the pop-



Hugh Putnam will host a workshop on Genealogy.
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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Have ular statewide Vermont Humanities nity this spring. Council program, Vermont Reads, at

the library this spring. The 2017 book selection is Jacqueline Woodson's "Brown Girl Dreaming." This beautiful memoir of the author's childhood, written in verse, tells the story of a young person finding her voice and examines the strength of family bonds. The library has been awarded multiple copies of "Brown Girl Dreaming," for patrons to borrow and share in our commu-

The Springfield Food Co-op has graciously agreed to make copies of the book available. Stop by the Library or the Springfield Food Co-op and borrow a copy today! Look for more Vermont Reads programs at the Library this spring for all ages!

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



SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2017

Happy hour is 6:00pm till 7:00pm with dinner at 7:00pm.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# The legal notice conundrum

At its post-Town Meeting annual meeting, each Vermont city or town selects the "newspaper of record" it will use for the next year to print public notices, as required by law, from warnings of meetings to probate notices to tax sales, foreclosures, advertisements for bids and hearing notices.

But as the traditional hometown newspaper has often added, or even been replaced by, an online edition, the conventional definition of a newspaper is being challenged, and that in turn raises the thorny question of whether a news website can act as a newspaper of record in addition to or instead of an ink-and-paper one.

Select boards must weigh the sizeable numbers of readers who do not consume their news via internet or mobile app, for whatever reason, against the predominance of the internet as an information source for the digital consumer. The numbers of readers who live outside the print edition circulation area, especially if the paper is not available by subscription, is also a consideration.

The law has been behind the 8-ball when it comes to establishing the definition of "newspaper," resulting in much tearing of hair and gnashing of teeth among publishers vying for the legal notices contracts.

While Vermont law 1 V.S.A., Sec. 174, Notice by Publication, specifies that a newspaper carrying legal notices must be either local or statewide (vague enough), from law dictionaries to law schools, it seems there is no consistent legal definition of a "newspaper," Custom and practice say a newspaper is - as its name says - printed on paper. But technology has its own jargon, in which any form of broadcast communication becomes "media."

Further, in Vermont, the state has kept a light touch on how towns interpret their duty of disseminating public notices. The lack of clearcut definitions and protocols puts the internet news sites in an adversarial relationship with the print papers and destroys the collegiality and mutual respect within the news community. Unless they can resolve their differences, the final result could be that the state will step in more forcefully.

Senate Bill 97 may be just such a move. If it passes, it will take effect January

Titled "An act relating to the publication of State, county, and municipal notice on electronic news media" and sponsored by senators Pollina and White, the bill keeps the language of Sec. 174 but adds news sites, to be designated by the Secretary of State. Notices "may" be published online but notices about property "must" be published in a paper edition.

The bill has further stipulations.

As with the loose understanding of "newspaper," S.97 defines qualifying "electronic news media" almost as loosely, as websites that are "dedicated to Vermont news ... regularly accessed and used by the people of Vermont," published primarily in English, and accessible to the "majority" of residents in the county referenced in the legal notice. Further, the website must be "able to accept and publish official and other notices" and it also must "regularly" publish items of general interest. Notices must be clearly labeled, stored and easily searchable. Records must be kept and the notices must also be stored in "a physical form," following the current practice with newspapers.

But even with these stipulations, the term "electronic media" is so general as to be meaningless. Why not simply use the term "online newspaper?" After all, e-zines and the reputable online news outlets are essentially facsimiles of print publications. S.97 does not state what kind of "electronic media" would NOT be allowable. The door is open for unqualified websites to solicit (and bill for) legal notices illegally, requiring yet another legal opinion, if not expensive litigation.

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# Amber Waves









#### Op-Ed: Experts warn no good options as Scott moves to shut down VHC

Last week, Gov. Phil Scott announced that his administration is preparing to move away from Vermont Health Connect, the state's insurance marketplace that has cost taxpayers over \$200 million.

'We're looking to bring a proposal forward before the next legislative session ... [and hope to move] away from VHC by next January," the governor told reporters at his weekly press conference.

While the governor has not released detailed information about the changes, he claims the proposal will be an innovative plan "others throughout the country could take a look at and follow."

Scott inherited VHC from the Shumlin administration. The insurance marketplace failed multiple benchmarks set by Gov. Peter Shumlin, yet the former governor refused to pull the plug.

The marketplace has likely cost more than \$200 million, though the exact figure is not certain due to the state's failure to report expenses, a violation of federal law. Despite the continued investment in the health exchange, workers still have to process changes of information by hand, and customers remain frus-

Scott said his decision was based on the health care reform slowdown from lawmakers in Washington as well as recent security breeches, including the disclosure of social security numbers online through the online system. "This is a new world for us. [Data breeches aren't] going to subside. This is going to inten-

sify," Scott said. But health care experts tell Watchdog that Scott has few good options, including his idea of merging marketplaces with states like Connecticut to stabilize the system and share

Robert Graboyes, a senior research fellow at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, says the logistics that caused the plan to fail apply to other health care proposals thrown out by Republicans.

"State officials, especially insurance commissioners, are highly protective of their turfs," Graboyes told

Graboyes said the state also would have to mediate legal battles con-

stantly, such as how to make rates and insurer regulations the same for each state. Even consumer complains, he added, would become more complex to manage.

The logistical conundrums this idea presents underlines one big reason I am deeply skeptical of conservatives' favorite reform idea buying and selling health insurance across state lines," he said.

"My guess is the state's real option is to follow the example of Oregon: close the state exchange and accept the federal healthcare.gov website as the state's exchange. There are costs involved, but there are no costless options."

In December, a state-commissioned independent review of VHC advised against joining the federal exchange due to costs and lack of ease. However, those findings may lack objectivity since the group conducing the study, Strategic Solutions, is often hired to fix state exchanges.

When Nevada transitioned to the federal exchange in 2014, lawmakers estimated the change would cost about \$20 million. That is roughly half the cost of annual VHC operational costs. However, the transition would likely cost more due to penalties written into the Affordable Care Act relating to states pulling out of state exchanges.

Additional problems keeping Vermont from the federal exchange are that health policies have less flexibility and are extremely dependent on federal funding.

Michael Cannon, director of health care policy at the Cato Institute, says that it is not possible for states to opt out of both a state and federal exchange.

There really is nothing that states can do to fix Obamacare's problems," he told Watchdog. "All Obamacare provisions apply in all states, regardless of what the state does."

The failed exchanges of Hawaii, New Mexico, Oregon, and Nevada collectively cost taxpayers \$733 million. Vermont Health Connect may add millions to lost taxpayer dollars spent on state exchanges.

Written by Emma Lamberton a reporter for Vermont Watchdog.org

#### Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

What are your kids saying?

Social media, when not used properly, can be a terrible thing! This week we have had an un-

characteristically large number of situations. While investigating issues, we have discovered that several students have Instagram and/or Snapshot accounts and have been "texting" some very inappropriate messages to each other. Shocking may be a better way to describe the language and the things some of the students have been writing.

There are age requirements for

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kindness in allowing us to use your

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these social media accounts, but we know that students still have access ... perhaps sometimes with parent knowledge. There are reasons for students involved in negative social the age requirement. Among the top is younger students do not have the savvy to use the media appropriately. They say inappropriate things, use vulgar language and even bully one another. What could be a positive communication tool has just the opposite effect, both outside and inside the school. Please note the statements of two of the most common social media tools.

Instagram requires everyone to information from children under be at least 13 years old before they can create an account (in some jurisdictions, this age limit maybe higher). If your child is younger than 13 and created an account on Instagram, you can show them how to delete their account.

In compliance with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), the full interactive version of Snapchat is meant for people ages 13 or older. COPPA prohibits commercial sites and apps from collecting personally identifiable 13, which includes photographs.

Please - if you are allowing your child to have one of these accounts, check it regularly. You might be very surprised at what you find there. You, as the parent, should always monitor and delete these accounts if you find they are misusing

Respectfully submitted,

The Cavendish Corner newsletter, Cavendish Town Elementary School, ctes.trsu.org.

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Sincerely, John Murphy Jr., President Ludlow, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Dear Editor,

on your property.

Nitka's notes from the State House

This session there were two Uniform Act bills that wound up in the Senate Judiciary Committee and were presented on the floor this week.

House bill H.152, the Vermont Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act (sounds like instant sleep for those having to listen to the presentation), turned out to be a little more interesting in that it deals with the content of electronic communications. This includes email, the cloud, on line banking, bitcoin and other technologies for electronic storage and not readily accessible to the public.

This law can apply when someone dies, has dementia or has a guardian appointed and their executor, administrator, personal representative or agent needs to deal

with their assets or liabilities. This law outlines how all of this will work and has been passed by 22 states and is pending before 16 legislatures this

This law came before the National Uniform Commission in 2014 but was objected to by Google. There are a lot of privacy issues here. Since then the kinks have been worked out and

it is supported by Google, Facebook, AARP, the American Bar Association, the National Elder Law Association and others. The Vermont House and Senate have both passed this bill and it will next go the governor.

House bill H.35, relating to adopting the Uniform Voidable Transactions Act, was a bill I presented on the floor and another potential sleep-inducer. It also passed, without a single question, and addresses the issue of a person transferring assets to a relative or third party by a debtor to avoid having a creditor gain access to what is owed to them.

This updates and clarifies the 1984 law. It was originally instituted in Vermont in 1918 but had its roots in England in 1575. Clearly this has been a problem through the ages. Forty five states have adopted the revised law, while a few are still operating on the 1918 law. Clarification was one of the goals of the bills and it also dealt with "Series Organizations" of limited liability corporations, something I had never heard of before and not something Vermont has. However, other states have them and they operate here, so needed addressing. I don¹t think anyone cared what I was talking about when I got to this part.

House bill H.290, relating to clarifying ambiguities regarding real estate titles and conveyances, also made it through the Senate. This takes care of title issues concerning older condominiums that don't have floor plans recorded in the land records, when servicers and banks fail to sign off on mortgages that are paid and some other pet peeves of persons who have to deal with these issues. Clear titles are the goal.

Speaking of titles, the Vince Lombardi Trophy that the New England Patriots won will be on display at the

State House for a few hours on April 7th. Some days here are more interesting than others!

Visit the State House, have lunch in the cafeteria and listen to testimony in the committees on many of the bills. Contact me at home at 802-228-8432 or anitka@leg.state. vt.us. I am able to read all of your e-mails and appreciate you sending them; however the volume received makes it impossible to respond to all of them.

Senator Alice Nitka Montpelier, Vt.

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# church services

#### ALSTEAD, N.H.

Third Congregational Church of Alstead, River Street Lenten Services:

April 14, 12-4 p.m. Quiet meditation in the sanctuary; visitors welcome to come and go as they wish. The church will be open for three hours. 6 p.m. Good Friday service.

April 16, 6 a.m. Easter sunrise service at Millot Green, followed by a complimentary breakfast at the church. 10:30 a.m. Easter service.

All are welcome The Paramount Theatre will host next-to-last broadcast from the National Theatre of Great Britain this spring.

#### ASCUTNEY, VT.

Open Bible Baptist Church, 168 Cemetery Rd.

Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Morning service at 11 a.m. Bring your own meal to eat 12 p.m. Afternoon service at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday at 7 p.m. Sanctuary handicap accessible. Visit: obbcvt.

# BELLOWS FALLS,

Immanuel Retreat Center, Currier Hall, 12 Church St.

Celtic worship service at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays. The service may include: song, chant, instrumental music; verbal and silent prayer; readings from the Old and New

Testament; stories of Celtic saints; a brief meditation; social time follows

Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.

The stone church on the hill is where baptismal ministry lives. Holy Eucharist Services are offered at 8:00 (quiet service) and 10:00 am (with music) every Sunday. Immanuel Church is accessible and everyone is welcome.

#### BELMONT, VT.

The Village Church: A church for all seasons, 35 Church St.

Everyone is invited to come and worship with us. The Sunday service and children's church is at 9:30 a.m. followed by fellowship and coffee hour. Contact information: Pastor Glenn Davis 802-259-2440 or vbch. weebly.

### CAVENDISH-PROCTORSVILLE,

Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258

People from all sorts of spiritual journeys come together as a at 10 a.m. with activities for children, followed by a coffee and snack time. More info and links to Facebook and YouTube at CavendishBaptist.com or call 802-

Thursday, April 13 - Maundy

branch of God's family on Sundays

Gethsemane Episcopal Church,

#### **Obituaries**

#### David P. Wells, 1928 - 2017

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - David P. Wells, 89, died on March 29, 2017. Born January 29, 1928 in Marshalltown, Iowa the only of Kenneth and Margaret Wells. David grew up in Minneapolis, MN, became an Eagle Scout, served in the US Air Force 1946-47 and graduated from University of Minnesota in 1951 with a

He married Ruth Beals in 1958 in Westminster, Vt. and they lived in Saxtons River for over 30 years where they worked in the antique business from 1973 to 2003.

Dave is survived by two sons, three daughters, seven grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and three great, great grandchildren. His wife Ruth passed away in 2015.

A celebration of life will be held at the Christian Family Circle Church



David P. Wells, 1928 - 2017

on Back Westminster Road on May 20, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

#### Maria M. Bergqvist Guihan, 1927 - 2016

ANDOVER, Vt. - Maria M. Guihan, 89, passed away on October 27, 2016 at Rowan Court Nursing Home in Barre, Vt. She was born on June 1, 1927 in Andover, Vt. to Arthur Villiam Bergqvist and Elda Johanna Pohjonen Bergqvist.

Maria grew up in Andover, Vt. She graduated from Chester High School in Chester, Vt. in 1945. After high school she travelled around the country and settled in Brooklyn, N.Y. where she met and married an Irish immigrant named Peter Guihan in 1951.

Maria is survived by her son Peter W. Guihan and her daughterin-law Marian Whitcomb Guihan

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D. Bergqvist Kann of Longmont,

parents Arthur Villiam Bergvist and Elda Johanna Pohjonen Bergqvist, and her brother George J. Lehtonen

planned for Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the Andover Community Church in Andover, Vt. at 11 a.m.

of Morrisville, Vt., her brother and sister-in-law Reino W. Bergqvist and Dorothy Bergqvist of Andover, Vt., her grandchildren Benjamin Liam Michael Guihan of Providence, R.I., and Samuel Whitcomb Guihan of Morrisbille, Vt., and her niece Nicole

Maria was preceded in death by her

A celebration of her life is being

Special Event

Thursday liturgy, 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 16 - Easter Day -Holy Eucharist, 11 a.m.

All are welcome. For information, email rabyt@tds.net.

Charlestown, N.H.

North Charlestown United Methodist Church, River Rd.

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

#### CHESTER, VT.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 313

Rite 1, Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. and Rite II Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. Call 802-875-6000 for more information.

Good Friday, April 14, noon Stations of the Cross; 6:30 p.m. Rite II Service

April 15, 7:00 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter (Procession of Paschal Candle)

Easter Sunday, April 16, 8 a.m. Rite I; 10 a.m. Rite II with music

First Universalist Parish of Chester, Rte. 103. 211 North St. Sundays at 9:30 a.m. between Sept. and June. Fellowship with refreshments follows the service. www.chestervtuu.org or 802-875-

#### CLAREMONT, N.H.

Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 99 Sullivan St.

Services: Saturdays at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Please stay for coffee & refreshments after Sunday service. 603-542-6273;

on April 3, 2017, after a long illness.

Born in Springfield, Vt., Oct. 9, 1945,

she was the daughter of the late Mel-

ba (Stearns) and Edward Reynolds.

Gould and began a family.

her gardens were lovely.

husband and twin sister.

In August 1969 she married James

Karen loved reading, kayaking on

rivers and ponds and enjoyed ca-

sual golf with her husband, Jim. Her

home and yard were always beauti-

fully decorated for each holiday and

years at Howard Johnson's. Later she

was the banquet coordinator at KJ'S

Place in North Springfield with her

Left to cherish her memory are her

husband Jim; daughter Shawna Spire

and husband Cedric of Morristown,

After graduating from Springfield High School, she worked for 29 frandrew@tregubovstudios.com;

#### GRAFTON, VT.

The Grafton Church (UCC and ABC), 55 Main St.

Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. Reverend Christine Dyke welcomes everyonel

#### LUDLOW, VT.

The United Church of Ludlow (UCC and Methodist), 48 Pleasant St.

Sundays starting at 10:15 a.m. followed by a time of fellowship.

Easter Sunday, April 16, 10:15

Services by The Reverend Dr. Donald E. Harpster. 802-228-4211 (Sandra Russo), email: unitedchurch@tds.net.

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

# SPRINGFIELD,

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Kristine Hurd of Springfield; two

brothers, Keith Reynolds of Florida

and Kenneth Reynolds of Spring-

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Jason Hurd, Brock Dwinell, and Ed-

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ward Reynolds.

Karen Lee Gould, 1945 - 2017

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Karen Lee Tenn.; son Jeffrey Gould of Spring-Gould. 71, left her family and friends field; and two loving grandchildren

### North Springfield Baptist Church, 69 Main St.

Worship and Praise Service on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. followed by a fellowship time and classes. 802-886-8107 or www.nsbcvt.org.

Precision Valley Baptist Church, 69 Route 106

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Springfield Assembly of God, 269 River St.

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

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April 16, 10 a.m. "A Celebration of Easter and Spring" with Rev. M'ellen Kennedy.

When things are tight or desperate, there is something in us that grasps for a way out, for hope. Around us a the natural world begins to awaken, breaking out of winter's grasp, let's open our hearts for spiritual renewal as well. Join us for a celebration of the glory of Spring, including special music by the choir. All welcome!

#### TYSON, VT.

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Resurrection Worship Service on April 16 at 10:30 a.m. and enjoy our flower-laden cross. For more information call 802-228-4770.

#### WALPOLE, N.H.

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

Walpole Unitarian Church, Main

Sunday Services: 10 a.m. in the church. Rev. Kitsy Winthrop and Rev. Elaine Bomford. Check website: www. walpoleunitarianchurch.org

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# Earth Day documentary film | A capella group raises the roof

Change" will be shown April 22, 7 p.m. at the Walpole Town Hall, 34 Elm St. This 45-minute film documents how the Monadnock region currently addresses our changing climate and its challenges. It highlights regional responses, which will be helpful in the years

Fritze Till, who started the Walpole Community Gardens and who taught environmental education in the Walpole schools, will introduce the film. There may be group discussion after the film.

Important from both an environmental and his-

WALPOLE, N.H. - In observance torical perspective, the film includes matic meteorological event in reof Earth Day, the documentary scenes from the Hurricane of 1938. cent memory in the region. In its film "From Hurricane to Climate That hurricane was the most dra- aftermath, towns came together

to rebuild streets and construct the Mc-Dowell Dam as well as other projects.

This showing will be free and all are welcome to attend. The Fall Mountain Alliance is sponsoring the film. This alliance was recently formed by local residents feeling the renewed need to protect natural and environmental sources. For more information please contact Diane Nichols at diane.nichols53@ gmail.com or at 603-756-3089.



Watch the film "From Hurricane to Climate Change."

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PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - Sweet harmonies and jazzy swing define the Vermont 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 melo-

Close harmonies, cool percussion grooves and soulful trumpet solos, are all done with their high energy voices - that's right, no instruments! From the music of Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Miles Davis, to Chick Corea and Antonio Carlos Jobim - Maple Jam can do it all. Even though most of them 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.

Walter Parker notes that Maple Jam's "clever, often amusing, arrangements, sweet close harmony, and jazzy swing make for Jam's performance will begin at 4:00 your calendar!



Maple Jam a capella group will be raising the roof in Proctorsville.

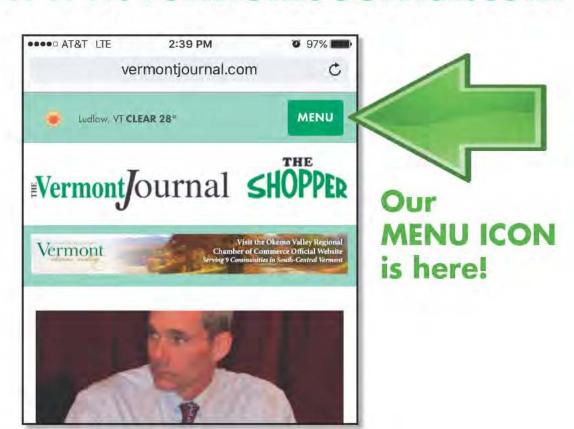
Vermont Public Radio host an irresistible blend. It's a cappella singing in the finest tradition."

Gethsemane Church is at 89 Depot Street in Proctorsville. Maple p.m. and there is an admission fee at the door.

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# "The Killing" is FOLA's next film —

cluding film in the 50s classic movies program, "The Killing," will be presented by FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) on Saturday, April 15 at 7 p.m. at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium.

"The Killing" is a 1956 film noir directed by Stanley Kubrick and written by Kubrick and Jim Thompson, based on Lionel White's novel, "Clean Break." The drama stars Sterling Hayden, Coleen Gray, and Vince Edwards. Supporting characters are played by Marie Windsor, Elisha

LUDLOW, Vt. - The third and con- Cook Jr., Jay C. Flippen, Kola Kwariani, Joe Sawyer, Ted deCorsia and Timothy Carey.

> The plot turns around a robbery in which career criminal Johnny Clay (Sterling Hayden) plans one last heist before settling down and marrying Fay (Coleen Gray). He plans to steal \$2 million from the moneycounting room of a racetrack during a featured race while staging several shocking distractions. But the teller, George, tells his wife, Sherry, about the impending robbery. Sherry is bitter at George for not delivering on

the promises of wealth he once made her, so she enlists her lover (Vince Edwards) to steal the money from George and his accomplices. What follows is a story of the robbery and its aftermath as only Kubrick could

As with all FOLA movies, the film is free and open to all on a donation

Popcorn is provided courtesy of Berkshire Bank, with FOLA offering water. For information, call 802-228-7239 or visit FOLA's web site, www.

# Chris Rimmer to speak on "Saving our Songbirds"——

WALPOLE, N.H. - "Saving our the myriad threats facing our Songbirds," a talk by Chris Rimmer, songbirds. A "full life cycle apsponsored by the Hooper Institute, proach" to conservation will be will be given on Friday, April 21, at highlighted by two charismatic the Walpole Town Hall beginning species - the Bicknell's Thrush at 7. The speaker is Chris Rimmer, and Bobolink - that VCE has executive director of The Vermont Center for Ecostudies.

The long-awaited chorus of spring songbirds will soon unfold around us, as migrants return from their southern winter quarters. Sadly, this magical chorus has lost volume in recent decades, as many of our most iconic songbirds in New Hampshire and Vermont have declined, some of them dramatically.

This richly illustrated talk will examine songbird population changes - both natural and human-caused - and what is being done to address

studied intensively for the past 25 years.

Sponsoring the talk is the Walpole Hooper Institute, which provides educational opportunities for youth in Walpole based in agriculture, conservation, soils and ecology. Refreshments will be served.

For more information contact Karen Galloway at 603-756-4781, tickets may be purchased at Galloway Real Estate, the Walpole grocery store, or Jake's Market in Walpole, N.H.



"Saving our Songbirds" lecture.

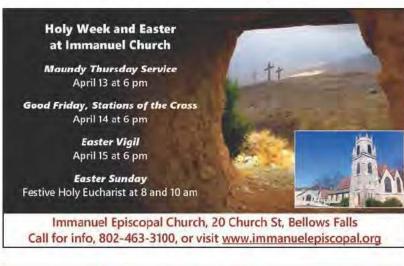
Woodchuck's Revenge performing a variety of music —

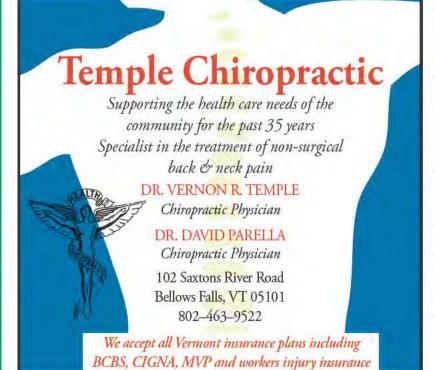
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Formed in front of the fire on a winter's night in 1990, Woodchucks' Revenge brings together as a performing group three friends who have combined their lifelong love of music. They offer their audiences an eclectic and refreshing mix of traditional and contemporary folksongs played with spirit and an old time country sensibility.

The Woodchucks' repertoire, which has been described as encyclopedic, ranges from New England fiddle tunes to modern cowboy songs, from Irish ballads to 60's folk, blues and bluegrass. Songs about Vermont, mountains, and life in New England are staple of the group's performances. They also add a healthy dose of humor to their performances, and a small but growing number of originals.

The Woodchucks have performed throughout Vermont and the adjoining states, in Wyoming and Montana, at colleges and community events and festivals, in coffeehouses and summer concert series, country fairs and bluegrass festivals. They've

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# Lecture on bicycling in Vermont, 1880-1920

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. The Rockingham Historical Commission is pleased to announce the fourth event of our Spring 2017 Historic Speakers Series, "Of Wheelmen, the New Woman, and Good Roads: Bicycling in Vermont, 1880-1920." Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m. at the Windham Antique Center, 5 Square, Bellows Falls.

UVM professor Luis Vivanco explores the fascinating early history of the bicycle in Vermont, a new invention that generated widespread curiosity when it arrived here in the 1880s. During the 1890s, enthusiasm exploded statewide as bicycles became safer, women took to the wheel, roads improved, and retailers de-



A couple bicycling.

veloped novel advertising techniques to draw in buyers. By 1920, popular interest in bicycles had waned, but it had not just been a fad: the bicycle was tied to important changes in industrial production, consumerism, new road policies and regulations, gender relations, and new cultural ideas about auto-mobility and effortless speed.

Dr. Vivanco is professor of anthropology and codirector of the Humanities Center at UVM. This is a Vermont Humanities Council event and is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Windham Antique Center, 802-732-8081.

# Bread anyone? -

CHESTER, Vt. - Have you ever wanted to create your own artisan breads - a crusty sourdough loaf with a delicious, chewy, tangy flavor or perhaps a traditional Cuban bread or a fluffy Irish Soda bread? How about some delicious dessert shortbread? Well, you are in luck!

On Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Martha Mitchell will be bread baking secrets at Dream Barn

Martha will go over the basics of sourdough fermentation and during this class, folks will learn how to mix, shape and bake different types of bread at home, continuing in ancient bread-baking tradition.

Call and register now, as space is

story," Li said during an interview

The Kim Loo Sisters, or the Kim-

mies, as they were known, shared

top billing with such stars as Frank

Sinatra, Jackie Gleason and Ann

Miller, and their jazzy singing

style took them on tour around

the country. During World War II,

three of them joined the USO and

on a Minneapolis radio station.

sharing her sourdough starter and limited: 802-875-1717 or email: dreambarnhollow@gmail.com. Participants - please bring a notebook and wear clothing you won't mind getting messy!

This workshop, brought to you by SPACE, Inc. includes sourdough starter, fresh bread, baking instructions and recipes. A vegetarian lunch is also included.

### Kim Loo sisters' documentary -

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - A singing quartet dubbed the Chinese Andrew Sisters that was all the rage in the 1930s and 40s will be making a visit to Main Street Arts Saturday, April 15 when Leslie Li offers her documentary "Portrait in Four-Part Harmony" for a private screening.

Li, a former resident of Saxtons River, is the daughter of one of the Kim Loo Sisters, who grew up in Minneapolis as the children of a Chinese father and a Polish refuge mother, overcoming poverty and prejudice to perform, first in kiddie revues and then on vaudeville China in the throes of revolution. circuits around the country and. finally, on the Broadway stage and Hollywood screen.

Through videotaped interviews

Maggie, Jenee and Patricia, (nicknamed "Bubbles"), conducted individually and collectively, Li has created an homage to love and loyalty among siblings whose roots are Chinese but whose reality is American, while shedding light on issues such as cultural identity, immigration, discrimination, race and gender.

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"At first I thought maybe it was only interesting to me because it's my family, but people kept saying this is a really important story because it's an American

also played at the New England

Folk Festival (NEFFA), as well as the

Northeast Music, Arts, and Dance

Festival (NOMAD). They have performed on Public Radio in Vermont and New York, as well as local access television. Their audiences have in-

cluded students, seniors, and visitors to Vermont, historical reenactors, and folk music fans of all ages.

will be held on Saturday, April 15 at

the Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd., Springfield, Vt.

All are welcome. Doors open at 6:30

p.m., music starts at 7 p.m. This is a

family-friendly evening of music and

There is no cost to enjoy the music, but there is a "free-will" offering, and

any money collected goes directly

to support the featured performers.

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cious snacks and beverages.

The Woodchuck's performance

shipped out with the fleet to entertain GIs stationed in Europe. The fourth married the son of the vicepresident of China and headed to her father's homeland — a divided

Li will be on hand for the screening at 7 p.m. A donation is suggested as a contribution to Main Street linary memoir was translated into Arts. Li is also accepting donations with the bi-racial sisters Alice, towards the post-production costs

of finishing the documentary, whose fiscal sponsor is the New York Foundation for the Arts.

Li is the author of three books - Daughter of Heaven: A Memoir with Earthly Recipes (Arcade), Bittersweet: A Novel (Tuttle) and Enter the Dragon, a book of children's plays based on Chinese folktales (Main Street Arts Press). She has written feature articles and personal essays for numerous publications, including The New York Times, Gourmet, Saveur, Travel & Leisure and Garden Design. Her books have been translated into German, Dutch, Thai and Chinese, and in early 2011 her cu-Portuguese.



The singing Kim Loo Sisters are the subject of a documentary to be previewed.

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# What does it take to be a raptor? -

CHESTER, Vt. - Whiting Library in Chester offers a chance to meet birds of prey on Earth Day, April 22, at 11 a.m. at the Chester Andover Elementary School cafeteria. The Southern Vermont Natural History Museum in West Marl-

boro will bring live hawks, owls and free. falcons for a face-to-face exploration of what it takes to be a raptor. Each of these birds has been rehabilitated but would be unable to survive in the

The Whiting Library program is dances and legends, and in Celtic lore.

Birds of prey, or raptors, are represented across many cultures and historic periods. They are in hieroglyphics of Egypt, Greek mythology, the Aztec calendar, Native American

# "Vermont Wildlife: The Working Landscape Edition"-

GRAFTON, Vt. - The Nature Museum and The Windham Foundation announce a celebratory event in honor of Earth Day entitled: "Vermont Wildlife: The Working Landscape Edition." This special occasion will take place on Saturday, April 15, at 10:00 a.m. at the Phelps Barn, The Grafton Inn, Grafton, Vermont.

Musician and singer Will Danforth will get the show started with songs of nature before introducing the main event. Then enjoy a multi-media presentation with renowned wildlife expert Mike Clough complete with live wild animal guests from the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. Discover how the history of farming and forestry has changed the landscape and the species that live on it. Stick around to enjoy a piece of Earth Day cake with Mike Clough, who will stay to answer questions. Then take a short walk to explore and enjoy The Nature Museum's exhibits and interactive displays

"We're thrilled that The sponsor for this Earth Day

Celebration. The Windham Foundation's dedication to preserving the vitality of our rural communities directly aligns with our mission to engage and enlighten audiences of all ages, and inspire stewardship of our natural world," explains Laurie Danforth, president of the board of The Nature Museum.

The Nature Museum is dedicated to providing programs and speakers for adults related to biology, earth science and natural history. Most importantly, the museum fosters discovery-learning programs to engage youth in the wonders of nature to develop the next generation of earth stewards. The museum is delighted to offer free admission to youth aged 5 and up. This program is not geared to younger children. Pre-register at www.naturemuseum.org and let us know how many children will accompany you. This is a popular program, participants are encouraged to register in

advance to guarantee

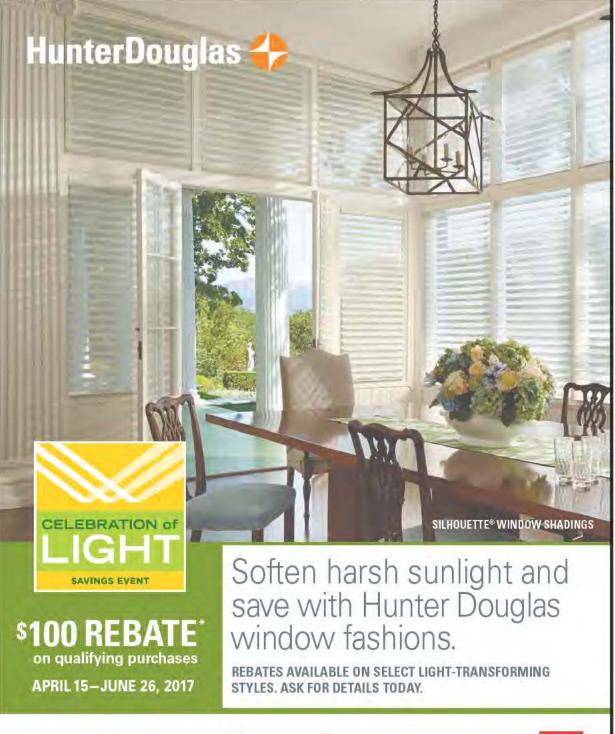
The Phelps Barn at Grafton Inn is located at 92 Main Street and The Nature Museum is located at 186 Townshend Road in Grafton, Vt.

In honor of Earth Day, The Nature Museum will be open to the pub-lic during Spring Break from Tuesday, April 18, through Friday, April 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Museum's Environmental Educator will be on hand from 11:00 a.m. to Noon each day for eco-education, hands-on activities, nature games and creative art activities.



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# sports



BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

Last Monday, former Red Sox infielder Lou Merloni said on TV, "today is my favorite day of the year, Opening Day." In the scheme of things, I guess his remarks didn't really surprise me, but it did get me thinking. What is my favorite day of the year?

To begin, I am a big birthday guy, or let's say, I was, until I stopped counting. Now that I'm thinking about it, Lou may be on to something. The first Monday in April just might be my favorite day of the year, but my thinking is bigger than Merloni's.

First I had to think of all my special days and yes, they all have to do

In January is the Rose Bowl and the NCAA Football Title game. In February, comes the Super Bowl. In March, just sit me down somewhere for the NCAA Basketball Tournament.

I'll skip April for now, but in June both the NBA and NHL titles are decided, in July, there use to be wonderful July 4th doubleheaders in baseball, but not any longer. August brings you the smell of football approaching in the air, followed by the Patriots opening game in September. October brings the baseball play-offs, followed by the conclusion of the World Series, now usually in November. The month of November also has Thanksgiving, where Turkey games are always an attraction, however I miss Texas-Texas A + M. Then in December, there are exciting NFL games down the stretch. Sprinkle in, the opening of the high school sports seasons in April, September and December and you have all your candidates, for the best day of the year.

Lou, if you care, I agree, this year April 3 is the best day of the year. I love baseball's Opening Day too, but most years, the NCAA Basketball Title Game is that same night, making it one great day. As you can see, there are many great sports days throughout the calendar year.

Spring- The most difficult time of year for area athletic directors is definitely spring and in our area, the difficulty of the job seems to be greater the smaller the school you are at. Long time, long retired, Springfield baseball coach Richie Wyman was so right in general, when he use to tell anyone who would listen, that the fields would be ready around the second week in April, but around really becomes the operative word in a couple of ways.

First, around means likely between April 1st and 21st and then around means around the area. The bigger schools seem to have fields that get ready faster than the smaller schools. Green Mountain AD Todd Parah told us that his outfield at Green Mountain has loads of snow still on it.

Some bigger schools AD's might say, "wait a minute, don't say the smaller schools jobs are easier because we have a lot more sports to deal with," but both track and tennis are much easier to schedule/ reschedule and try dealing with a baseball field you cannot utilize until May.

Green Mountain has a new baseball coach Matt McCarthy, who has been active in both baseball and basketball in the community for years and is the Chester Rec Director. Fall Mountain has a new softball coach, Molly McManus, a former Stevens star athlete, who also stood out athletically in the college of St. Joseph's in Rutland.

# Spirits and determination levels were off the charts -

to cap the season for the third-sixth grade Springfield wrestlers! Trekking to Vergennes early Saturday morning, spirits were high and the determination levels were off the charts. Our boys did not disappoint!

Excellent mat-work was displayed by every kid - Nate Smith faced down his arch-nemesis from Fair Haven; no wins for Nate, but his sportsmanship, team spirit, and determination are a real asset. Armando Stettner faced down three opponents and scored his first win by tech-fall! John Jasinski had a rough day on the mat but demonstrated outstanding support for his teammates all day, sharing his own experiences and encouraging them through defeat. Cole lot to be proud of. Well done!

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - What a way Wright put out excellent effort against strong opponents, nailing an early win.

> Placing sixth in their brackets were Noah Markwell, Kyle Bauer, and Gabe McNeil; each of these boys continues to impress with their grit and skill, showing marked improvement from the start of the season. Hunter "The Punisher" Ferland battled fiercely for a very respectable fourth place win, facing extremely strong and challenging opponents. Dillan Lacasse, defending State Champ, came in second place after a tremendous fight against his final opponent - it had a gladiatorial feel to it! Every one of these boys has a

### **Shires Marathon goes** from Bennington to Manchester

REGION - Are you up for a challenge? The Shires of Vermont Marathon will be on Sunday, May 21 this year, starting at Bennington College at 8 a.m. Sign up! Shape up! Toe the starting line and qualify for your marathon bragging rights 26.2 miles later at Riley skating rink in Manchester. You can do it, especially the bragging part. I'm still bragging and my marathon was Boston, 1960.

The Farmers' Almanac says the weather will be cool, dry, and sunny, typical of southern Vermont in May. Registration is available on line at http://www.lightboxreg.com/shiresof-vermont-marathon-2017.

Looking for more? The Shires offers

shady, scenic roads; water stations every two miles; tables of refreshments at the finish; hot showers; and a finisher's medallion created by 8th grade students of the Mountain School in Winhall.

One of the students also sent in a puzzler:"A runner in last year's Shires ran the full 26.2 miles but only moved two feet. Is this pos-

Race details can be found on the website of the Batten Kill Valley Runners Club, bkvr.net/shiresof-vermont-marathon. For more information, call 218-790-0504 or email shiresmarathon@gmail.

# Vermont Academy basketball was center stage

BY BILL MURPHY

The Shopper

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - Area sports fans looking for high-level high school basketball have flocked to Vermont Academy in recent years. There have been a whole lot more wins than losses, but in the end, the biggest thing is that future Division 1 college players have made their way into the Black and Orange uniforms and you can really get a preview of coming attractions at the college level.

This was never truer than recently in the NCAA Mens Basketball Tournament. No less than five former VA players played in that event. Few schools could ever claim such a number. This is likely a peak that might be hard to equal in the future.

When I spoke to current VA coach Alex Popp about this accomplishment, he admitted, "I pinch myself a little bit. We did catch lightning in a bottle."

Popp went on to talk about his recruiting ways a little saying, "We try to locate kids who are willing to do the work and are passionate about the game of basketball. It helps with my collegiate background and experience because there are guys that say, he has been where we want to go."

Popp was on the basketball staff at Holy Cross, before coming to Vermont Academy.

Some readers may wonder if Popp was at the collegiate level, why go back to a lower level to take a coaching job. Isn't it about working your way up the ladder? Popp

"I really wanted to have the chance to call my own timeouts, make my own decisions, even mistakes. I am learning a lot in this position and I really enjoy working with these players."

Looking at the players, who were on the NCAA Tournament teams rosters, one is a senior and four were currently freshmen in terms of eligibility in the 2016-17 season.

The senior was Georgi Funterov of UCal Davis and chances are, even though every NCAA player lives a dream of actually being in the tournament, Funterov and UCal Davis really didn't expect to be there. Their season does prove that dreams can come true. Funterov saw limited action, but being part of the experience on a successful team, is something special. He averaged a point a game in the 13 games he saw action in and was on the floor an average of almost six minutes during those contests. Funterov was at VA prior to Popp's arrival.

Pat Fisher and Sam Japhet-Mathias also saw limited time this winter, but both are shining stars aligned for the future and in Fisher's case, he will still have four years of eligibility remaining. Fisher unfortunately came down with mono early this winter, his freshmen season at Winthrop.

Popp called Fisher, "the best kid ever, He was part of our foundation. He was a rare combination of high SAT's and grades and a tough kid. Usually kids like this are soft, but he was a unique talent. Believe it or not, I found him because I ended up in the wrong gym, when I had gone to see another player."

Japhet-Mathias was another athlete brought to Vermont by an indirect route. Popp tells us, "we were suppose to get Emmit Holt (present starter for Providence College). We learned late, he wasn't coming and we had some

summertime money and we were able to get Japhet-Mathias. He is a Nigerian from London. When we saw him, he was such a big dude and displayed play at an advanced level with footwork and good hands. This year with Wake Forest, he was a role guy, who showed physicality, but his time is coming."

The other two former Wildcats were smack dab in the middle of all the action for their teams. Bruce Brown, the face of Wildcat basketball for three years, played a major role as a freshman for the Miami Hurricanes in the storied Atlantic Coast Conference. He jumped on to the scene in an early season game, when he provided the school with the second triple double in the school's history. He not only made VA proud with his play on the court, but he was also recognized on the All ACC Academic Team, a tremendous accomplishment for the Sports Administration major.

Popp was not surprised at all with Brown's contributions on the hardwood. "How could I be surprised after all I witnessed him do. He was one of those players who would always rise to the occasion. The bigger the game, he would come in laser focused. When we played a bigger opponent, he would come and do what he had to do."

Popp went on about Brown, "Looking back at when I first met him outside the gym at the Boston Shootout, I've had the privilege of being around a lot of great basketball players and there was something about his presence I noticed right away. He was confident, he was always self-assured and showed love to all."

Brown put on quite a display against national champion North Carolina during the regular season scoring 30 points in the game. For the season, Brown played about 32 minutes a game, and averaged 11.8 points and 5.6 rebounds and 3.2 assists. The Hurricanes were eliminated from the tournament in their first game, but Brown was impressive in defeat.

Tyrique Jones and Xavier went much deeper into the tournament and Jones was even shown on screen, shouting out some love to Vermont Academy. Popp calls him for his performance, "the star of the group." Like

Brown, Jones is quite a success story.
Popp notes: "he's been opportunistic with what has come his way. Xavier is very well known to develop power forwards." Popp tells us that it is something he obviously can give in return to his athletes. "We work hard to fit the players we have here to the right program for them."

Jones shot a very strong 60.2 percent from the floor for Xavier during the winter, averaging 4.2 points and 3.1 rebounds in a typical 11 minutes of action each game. Asking Popp about Jones' shout out to his school for the part they had in his growth, the VA coach said,

"That moved me to tears. Coaching at times can be a thankless job. To hear Tyrique articulate that was priceless."

Priceless is also close to what the Vermont Academy Basketball experience can be like. Each winter, the Wildcats are in the mix with the best teams in New England. For area fans, who already are part of the big crowds at Williams Gym, you already know this. For the rest of you, put a mark on your calendar for next Halloween when next year's schedule will be out. You won't need to trick, because checking out some games during the winter months, will be your treat.



Pat Fisher.

PHOTO COURTESY OF VERMONT ACADEMY



Sam Japhet-Mathias.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF VERMONT ACADEMY



Tyrique Jones.

PHOTO COURTESY OF VERMONT ACADEMY

### Windham County coaches learn connections between performance and substance abuse -

cently, 23 coaches from Windham County schools attended the Life of an Athlete (LOA) Coaches Clinic. The coaches at the training learned not only about improving performance of athletes, but also the impact of substance use on athletes. John Underwood, the founder of the Life of an Athlete-Pure Performance-Human Performance Project, facilitated the full day training. Underwood is a former NCAA All-American, international level distance runner, World Masters Champion, and

BRATTLEBORO, Vt - Re- was coached by legendary Bill Bow- US & International Olympic Com- substance use. Coaches are a critical erman.

Underwood has been a crusader for drug-free sport at all levels. He is an internationally recognized human performance expert, specializing in recovery, peaking training and lifestyle impact on mental and physical performance. Underwood has worked extensively with Olympic and professional sports and with nearly all of the sport federations including the National Federation of High School Athletics, NCAA, NHL, NFL and the NBA. He has worked for three decades with the

mittees and Sport Canada and is a Human Performance Consultant for the Navy SEALS.

The LOA training was sponsored by the Windham County Partnership for Success- a collaboration of four Windham County substance abuse prevention coalitions including the Brattleboro Area Prevention Coalition, the Deerfield Valley Community Partnership, Greater Falls Connections and West River Valley Thrives.

Prevention coalitions employ multiples strategies to prevent youth partner in this mission, as they have an important role and influence in the lives of their student athletes. The LOA training covered human performance, training, and all the typical coaching topics, as well as substance abuse-how it affects athletes, promoting a "no use message," as well as confronting behavior con-

The training was funded through the Vermont Department of Health - Division of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs Regional Prevention Partnerships grant.

Black Cyan Magenta Vellow

# spring home

# Six ways to update home décor this spring-

time re-evaluate your home's décor and color palette. After the long winter season, interiors often need a facelift.

Get inspired to freshen up your home with these six 2017 décor trends from interior designer and DIY television personality, Taniya

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1. Add timeless touches. Taste-

StatePoint - Spring is the perfect ful updates can help create an el- together with bold colegant family room that will never ors and patterns that go out of style. Display heirlooms help bridge the gap beand vintage-inspired items, such tween rooms. Accomas traditional candle holders or a vase, and pair with a modern color scheme such as white or navy, to achieve a tailored and timeless look in your living room.

2. Apply modern morphing tech- which tricks the eye as niques. Morph a wide-open space

plish this with a large piece of geometric artwork or by utilizing color-blocking techniques to paint an accent wall, to where one room ends and another begins.

Before painting an accent wall, it's important to tape off windows, doorways and trim to prevent splatter. One of the most important tools for any painting project is a premium painter's tape, such as FrogTape brand painter's tape, which is treated with patented PaintBlock Technology to help ensure your work looks seamless and to deliver the sharpest transition lines between the newly



Update your home décor this spring with a facelift.

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adjacent walls.

3. Interweave textures and bold patterns. Be bold and embrace this indie-meets-mid-centurv trend to add character to a space. An easy way to attain this look is by pairing patterned pillows with deep, intense colors from an area rug. Or, take it one step further and create a wall design comprised of overlapping paint using rich shades such as blue, pink o red, for a truly authentic look.

4. Create luscious layers. Allow yourself to feel wrapped in luxury with this emerging trend. When creating a peaceful nest, immerse yourself in layers by integrating different textures and soft patterns in colors, such as blush pinks, creams and soft grays. Start by adding blankets

and sheer drapery. Place a rug on top of carpet. Finish the look with ruffled pillows or a faux fur throw

painted accent wall and for a space that is cozy and chic.

5. DIY haute homemade projects. Elevate your home with handmade personal touches that bring comfort and warmth into a room. Go bold and paint stripes on an area rug, or give flea market finds a chic update with metallic paint. If you want to start small, try transforming an ordinary basic into a fun planter by painting the bottom with fresh white paint. For professional looking results, you can use FrogTape brand painter's tape to achieve a crisp line.

6. Incorporate nature's influence. Integrate fresh flowers and surprising pops of color, like yellow or teal, with natural finishes, such as wood, to create an unexpected yet whimsical look. Or create a statement accent piece by painting a nature-inspired pattern like florals or feathers. All you need is paint and painter's tape to DIY a look that brings nature's outdoor influence inside.

More inspiration and popular trends are available at frogtape.

Get started on your décor projects now so that you can ensure your home is up-to-date with the latest design trends.

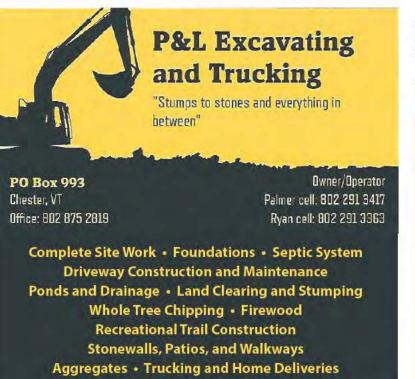


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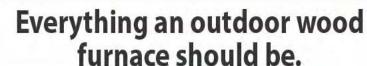
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# <u>Improvement</u>

# Eight things to consider when choosing a trash can-

sums, raccoons and rats to get into

trash, leaving a mess and hazard in

their wake. Choosing a certified ani-

mal-proof cart with a locking lid can

eliminate this problem. Many prod-

ucts claim to be animal-proof, so

look for a rating by an outside group,

nicipalities or waste haulers provide trash carts and cans, most let residents and businesses use more as needed.

"It can be tempting to select an additional trash can based on cost, but looking at other factors can make your life easier," says Andy Bards-

StatePoint - While nearly all mu- ley, Vice President of Retail and Pro mon for small animals like opos-Sales at Toter, a leading manufacturer of trash cans and carts.

> Bardsley advises consumers to take the following factors into consideration:

> • Animal-Proofing: While this is a major consideration in high bear population areas, it's extremely com-

such as the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC), which performs exhaustive testing to determine which products are strong enough to withstand repeated clawing, toppling and chewing. · Odor control: Carts stored indoors or in areas prone to heat can pose an odor problem. Select brands offering accessories like cart liners or odor eliminators to keep your cart clean and aid in deterring animals.

pose an injury risk, so look for lighter containers with a higher strengthto-weight ratio to ensure safety and ease. Wheels are critical, but be sure to "test-drive" the cart first to see how it maneuvers. This will tell you how much force is needed to tip roll the cart, and how stable it is when

· Durability: Waste haulers and consumers alike are tough on cans and carts, so choose one designed for industrial use. Plastic cans are lighter and more portable than metal ones, but avoid lightweight plastics that wear quickly. Drilled areas create weak spots, so look for solid-molded plastic carts that are reinforced in key areas, such as along the rim, han-

• Design: Hoisting heavy carts can dles and bottom. Remember, a wellmade cart can last 10 to 15 years under normal use, and will likely come with a warranty.

• Local Regulations: It's becoming increasingly common for municipalities or haulers to regulate cart size and weight, so check for any suggestions or restrictions first. The number to call for this information is usually stamped on the can pro-

· Capacity: While 96-gallons is generally the hauler standard, carts are available in 32-, 48-, 64- and 96-gallon capacities. Seniors and individuals with physical impairments often prefer to use a 48-gallon "half cart" to keep weight to a minimum.

Sustainability: If you're con-

cerned about your carbon footprint, select products made with a higher percentage of recycled plastic, which are easily recyclable when they reach the end of their service life. A higher-quality can will last longer and prevent being landfilled.

• Alternative Uses: Trash cans and carts can be used for more than refuse collection. Popular alternative uses include storing sports equipment, organizing lawn tools and providing a pest-proof container for dog food, bird seed, rock salt or mulch.

For more information on choosing the right can for your needs, visit toter.com/consumers.

Dealing with trash is never fun, but making informed choices can help make the chore hassle-free.



Before buying a new trash can consider these eight things.

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# Join the all-organic community garden now —

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Ludlow Area meetings on Wednesday, April United Church of Ludlow (cor-Community Garden will hold two 19, at 12 noon and at 7 p.m. at the ner of Elm and Pleasant streets).

All beginning and experienced gardeners are invited to attend, ask any questions and sign up. Plot assignments will be done on a first come, first serve basis.

The fenced garden is located in the Fletcher Farm on Route 103, at the border between Ludlow and Proctorsville. UVM Extension master gardeners are available to assist gardeners.

Individual 10' by 10' plots are used to grow vegetables, flowers, herbs and strawberries. Larger plots will be shared for growing asparagus,

rhubarb, a mini-orchard, pumpkins and squashes. These shared plots require less labor per person and are open to all gardeners. New waist-high raised beds are now available. These are suitable for anyone having difficulty bending over, kneeling or using a wheelchair.

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A small fee includes the use of many garden tools, hoses, tiller, carts, water for irrigation, compost and other materials. Scholarship plots are available upon request. Free seeds will be given out at the April meetings and later on at the garden while they last. The garden is open to individuals and groups residing in Ludlow and all neighboring towns. Come to one of the meetings or for more information, call Fran Webb at 802-875-2064, Bob Kottkamp at 802-228-6282, Gary MacIntyre at 802-228-7178 or Rosa Donohue at 802-228-7496.



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# Backyard composting workshop on Earth Day-

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Earth Day is Saturday, April 22. Appropriately, a Backyard Composting workshop is scheduled for 10 a.m. at The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections in Londonderry. Presented by the Northeast Resource Recycling Association and the Londonderry Solid Waste Group, a limited number of backyard compost bins, countertop food scrap containers, and 5 gallon scrap buckets will be available for purchase that day. Personal checks are accepted - made payable to The Town of Londonderry.

In 2015, the EPA reported that 20 - 30 percent of waste sent to landfills consisted of food and yard waste. The use of backyard



Neighborhood Connections will host a backyard composting workshop.

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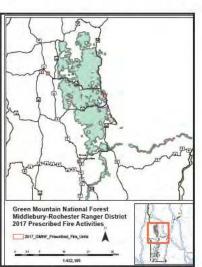
composting systems diverts this 2020. waste, and gardens benefit from fresh compost, which add nutrients to the soil and help retain moisture. Also, in 2012 the Universal Recycling Law, Act 148 was passed, completely banning residential food scraps from Vermont landfills by

This workshop is offered at no charge, but 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

# Forest Service to use prescribed fire to improve wildlife habitat —

RUTLAND, Vt. - On Thursday, April 6, 2017, Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF) officials announced that they, in partnership with local fire departments and land management agencies are planning to use prescribed fire to treat approximately 200 to 300 acres of the more than 400,000acre national forest. The Forest Service says that it will use prescribed fire as a management tool to reduce heavy accumulations of grass and brush to reduce the potential for large uncontrollable wildfires, to restore critical wildlife habitat, regenerate early successional growth, and improve overall watershed conditions on the national forest in Vermont.

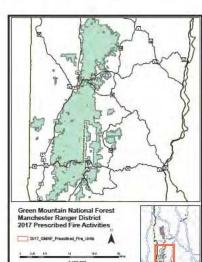
In the coming weeks, GMNF fire personnel will use prescribed fire in certain areas in the Forest. The prescribed fires are not likely to impact local residents, although smoke will be visible from the surrounding area; nearby residents may smell smoke. The timing of the prescribed burns depends on weather and vegetation conditions that meet very specifically defined limits, called the "prescription." The ignition dates are subject to some adjustment, though the "burn win-



Controlled fires will take place in the Middlebury-Rochester Ranger District.
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dow" is not likely to exceed more than six weeks. The Forest Service will announce additional details on burn locations closer to the date of planned ignition. If a burn cannot be completed during the designated burn window, or soon after, it will likely be postponed until the fall of

Prior to each prescribed fire, crews will have already prepared the burn area by constructing control lines on the ground. On the first day of



Other prescribed fires will be in the Manchester Ranger District.
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ignition, crews will further secure the burn perimeter by "blacklining," which is a method of applying fire to a swath of vegetation immediately inside the control lines, to create a wide barrier that contains the fire within the designated area. Once the blacklining area is secure firefighters will use ignition devices to light vegetation in the interior of the burn area.

Prescribed fire restores declining wildlife habitat and improves watershed conditions. The areas planned for burning are now overgrown with thick brush and have been identified by the Forest Service as being critical wildlife habitat. Plants in the area used as forage by wildlife have become coarse, dense, and overcrowded. The post-fire landscape will support a more diverse variety of grasses and forbs, which will be more palatable and nutritious for wildlife species.

Each burn site will be closed to the public, and access will be limited for the duration of prescribed fire activities. If it is necessary to temporarily close Forest roads and trails, the Forest Service will notify the public of these closures by posting signs. Such closures will be subject to modification based on the actual date of ignition during the burn window. Firefighter and public safety will be the highest priority for each prescribed fire.

The U.S. Forest Service is an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, with a mission of sustaining the health, diversity, and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.



### Library plant sale

Mt. HOLLY / LUDLOW, Vt. - Spring is coming and Easter is right around the corner! Please support your local town library by buying beautiful fresh potted colorful bulbs and spring flowers at our annual spring plant sale. Plants will be sold at the following locations:

- Mount Holly Town Library on Friday, April 14 from 1 - 4 p.m.

- Front of the Belmont Store on Saturday, April 15 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. - Front of Java Babas in the Okemo Marketplace on Saturday, April 15 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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# business spotlight

R.B. Erskine, Inc. 54 Grain Store Rd., Chester Depot 802-875-2333



R.B. Erskine's does not have a Facebook or website. Stop in to see what they have in store!

Mike Erskine, 57, owner, bought the business from his father, Bob, who bought it from his father, Richard, and the business keeps the old-time feel. Grandfather Richard opened the present business in 1952. A member of the Civil Defense in Chester, Richard had relocated from Maine in 1932-1933 at the behest of his employer, Park & Pollard, and opened a store in this building in 1939. Farm wives recycled muslin grain bags for Lay Or Bust chicken feed. Mike bought the business from his dad Robert Erskine in 1998.

R.B. Erskine, Inc., specializes in animal feeds, farm hardware, tools, pet supplies, fertilizer, seed, "anything you need for a farm."

"Like all the small businesses in Vermont, we're blessed to live in a small community that cares about their businesses," Mike says. "The majority of the employees that work in here don't own a



cellphone, there's no computer in here, a lot of our customers really appreciate that." The business does not have a website or Facebook page.

The store is open Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sat. 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

R.B. Erskine, Inc., is located beside the train depot on Rte 103, "like all feed stores in Vermont. We used to get all our grain by rail until 1982," Mike said.



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The town will require 3 sets of blueprints with sufficient detail to allow for bidding on individual phases including concrete work, framing, roofing, and siding. Drawings must include a state stamp.

Details of the RFP are available on the Town website at www.londonderryvt.org or by contacting Stephanie Thompson, Town Administrator at townadmin@london-

Sealed bids should be sent to the Town Office at the address listed above c/o Londonderry Select Board / Engineering Bid, or may be hand-delivered to the Town Clerk at that address. All bids must be received by 2:30 p.m. April

There will be a pre-bid informational meeting at the Londonderry Town Office on April 7, 2017 at 10:00 AM. Questions may be directed to Board Chairman Paul Gordon at 802-824-5235 or by email at gordonpj@myfairpoint.net

#### **HELP WANTED**

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### **LEGAL NOTICES**

# CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17-BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – Love ukulele? Wish you could play one? Come to a mini-tutorial, 10:30 a.m., at the Latchis Theater led by ukulele jam organizer Gail Nunziata. "I'll show chords in the key of C, which only opens up about a million songs," says

Facebook group, Brattleboro Area Ukulele Ukesters, and find information about Uke-ina-Day or six-week beginner sessions by Lisa McCormick. For more information contact Gail Nunziata at gnunziata@

Nunziata. Even better, go to the



TUESDAY, APRIL 18-LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Art Adventures with Jane Mackugler: Feng Shui painting, 6-8 p.m. Contact Jane Mackugler at 802-824-5974 or jmackugler@gmail.com. The class will take place at the Mountain Painters & Artisans Gallery at the Mountain Marketplace, 5700 Route 100.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20-SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Vermont Small Business Development Center (VtSBDC) announces an upcoming workshop for those thinking about starting their own business, to be held Thursday April 20, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Springfield Regional Development Corporation, 14 Clinton St. #7. This workshop, titled "Starting Your Own Business," is designed as a guide for the first-time business owner. Participants receive a comprehensive start-up workbook, handouts and resources in marketing, financing, management and operations. By the end the workshop they will be well-informed about the tools and resources available to them and the next steps involved in launching a successful business. You can register online at www.vtsbdc.org under the Training tab.

#### TUESDAYS -

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - 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.

#### WEDNESDAYS -

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.

#### 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. 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. From 10-10:45 a.m., the instructors will lead a kids yoga and movement class series, with live music featuring nursery rhymes and songs. All children of all ages are welcome to join in with a caregiver. Come join us for the whole series or just one time. For questions, contact lila. specker@gmail.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 welcome. Contact Parks and Recreation Dept. at 802-885-2727.

SECOND FRIDAY SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Free Open
Art Nights from 7 p.m., open
to people of all ages. Try
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#### Green Mountain Union High School OPEN POSITIONS

Varsity Girls Soccer Coach and Varsity Boys Soccer Coach for Fall 2017

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
- 1 or more years of experience in a coaching setting is desired.

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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 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit at 5:00 pm and a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 8th 2017 at the Town Hall, for a Conditional Use Application permit (#499).

PROPERTY OWNERS: Randy Miles APPLICANT: Randy Miles / Front to Back Landscaping LOCATION: 35 Sylvan Rd. DISTRICT Residential 40 (R40)

ACTION REQUESTED: Add the processing of construction and landscaping aggregate, along with processing of firewood to existing business.

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

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

The Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit at 5:25 pm and a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 8th 2017 at the Town Hall, for a Conditional Use Application permit (#498).

PROPERTY OWNERS: Diane & Rich Stocker APPLICANT: Catherine Marino – VT. Cannoli LOCATION: 145 South Main St. DISTRICT Village Center

ACTION REQUESTED: Use & modify existing space to create a Cannoli shop. This will be primarily be a take-out operation, selling Cannoli made at owner's home and brought to shop for sale.

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#### WARNING

#### ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

#### CHESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Chester Town School District are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Chester Town Hall, Second Floor, in said Town of Chester on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, between the hours of 9:00 a.m., at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 p.m., at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles:

Article I. Shall the Chester Town School District, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed unified union school district, join with the town school districts of Andover and Cavendish, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed unified union school district, and the Baltimore Town School District, which the State Board of Education has found advisable to include in the proposed unified union school district, for the purpose of forming a unified union school district to be named the Green Mountain Unified School District, as provided in Title 16, Vermont

Statutes annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements.

- (a) Grades. The unified union school district will offer pre-kindergarten through grade twelve education to all students in the unified union school district.
- (b) Board of School Directors. A town district's representation on the unified union district board of school directors will be closely proportional to the fraction that its population bears in the aggregate population of the Unified Union School District. The initial composition of the unified union school district board of directors is based upon the 2010 Federal Census, and shall be recalculated promptly following the release of each subsequent decennial census. The Board of School Directors shall have the authority to reapportion the Board based upon each decennial census. Each forming town school district shall have at least one representative on the Board. The composition of the initial eleven (11) member Board of School Directors is as follows: Andover 1; Baltimore 1; Cavendish 3; Chester 6.
- (c) Assumption of debts and ownership of school property. The unified union school district shall assume the indebtedness of member districts and assume all operating deficits and/or surpluses or reserve funds of the member districts; acquire and pay for the school properties of member districts; all as specifically identified and provided for in Articles 7 and 8 in the Final Report. The complete provisions of Articles 7 and 8 regarding operating deficits and/or surplus, reserve funds, acquisition of school properties and closing of schools are set forth in the Final Report and are incorporated in their entirety by specific reference herein.
- (d) Final Report. The provisions of the Final Report approved by the State Board of Education on March 21, 2017, which is on file in the Chester Town Clerk's office, shall govern the unified union school district.

Article II: To elect six (6) school directors from the nominees, to serve on the school board of the proposed unified union school district board from the date of the organizational meeting for the following terms:

Two (2) school directors for a two-year term Two (2) school directors for a three-year term Two (2) school directors for a four-year term

The legal voters of the Chester Town School District are further notified that other qualification, registration, absentee voting and procedures relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51, and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2017 at Chester, Vermont.

Alison DesLauriers, Chair

Marilyn Mahusky

Received for record this 27th day of March, 2017 at Chester, Vermont.

Deborah J. Aldrich Town Clerk

WARNING

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

CAVENDISH TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Cavendish Town School District are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Multi-Purpose room at the Cavendish Elementary School, in said Town of Cavendish on May 2, 2017, between the hours of 9:00 a.m., at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 p.m., at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles:

Article I. Shall the Cavendish Town School District, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed unified union school district, join with the town school districts of Andover and Chester, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed unified union school district, and the Baltimore Town School District, which the State Board of Education has found advisable to include in the proposed unified union school district, for the purpose of forming a unified union school district to be named the Green Mountain Unified School District, as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements.

- (a) Grades. The unified union school district will offer pre-kindergarten through grade twelve education to all students in the unified union school district.
- (b) Board of School Directors. A town district's representation on the unified union district board of school directors will be closely proportional to the fraction that its population bears in the aggregate population of the Unified Union School District. The initial composition of the unified union school district board of directors is based upon the 2010 Federal Census, and shall be recalculated promptly following the release of each subsequent decennial census. The Board of School Directors shall have the authority to reapportion the Board based upon each decennial census. Each forming town school district shall have at least one representative on the Board. The composition of the initial eleven (11) member Board of School Directors is as follows: Andover 1; Baltimore 1; Cavendish 3; Chester 6.
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- (d) Final Report. The provisions of the Final Report approved by the State Board of Education on March 21, 2017, which is on file in the Cavendish Town Clerk's office, shall govern the unified union school district.

Article II: To elect three (3) school directors from the nominees, to serve on the school board of the proposed unified union school district board from the date of the organizational meeting for the following terms:

One (1) school director for a two-year term One (1) school director for a three-year term One (1) school director for a four-year term

The legal voters of the Cavendish Town School District are further notified that other qualification, registration, absentee voting and procedures relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51, and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2017 at Chester, Vermont.

Gene Bont, Chair

Doug McBride

Barbara Dickey

čBride Katherine Ha

Received for record this 28th day of March, 2017 at Cavendish, Vermont.

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# **LEGAL NOTICES**

# calendar

#### CLUBS

MONDAY, APRIL 17-CHESTER, Vt. - Please join the Chester Senior Citizens Club for their monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Chester Congregational Church on Main Street. A Chinese auction is planned so bring those "treasures" you have around your home. Please also bring your place setting, if possible a dish to share, and a friend. If you need a ride, just call Georgia 802-875-6242.

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 St. 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.

THIRD MONDAY -

CHESTER, Vt. - Please join the Chester Senior Citizens Club for their monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Chester Congregational Church on Main Street. 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).

TUESDAYS-

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. 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@comcast.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

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#### WARNING

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

BALTIMORE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Baltimore Town School District are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Baltimore Town Hall, in said Town of Baltimore on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, between the hours of 9:00 a.m., at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 p.m., at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles:

Shall the Baltimore Town School District, which the State Board of Education has found advisable to include in the proposed unified union school district join with the town school districts of Andover, Cavendish and Chester, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed unified union school district, for the purpose of forming a unified union school district to be named the Green Mountain Unified School District, as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements.

- Grades. The unified union school district will offer pre-kindergarten through grade twelve education to all students in the unified union school
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To elect one (1) school director from the nominees, to serve on the school board Article II: of the proposed unified union school district board from the date of the organizational meeting for the following terms:

One (1) school director for a four-year term

The legal voters of the Baltimore Town School District are further notified that other qualification, registration, absentee voting and procedures relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51, and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2017 at Chester, Vermont.

Kathy Muther Chair

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Wayne Wheelock

Received for record this 27th day of March, 2017 at Baltimore, Vermont.

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Deborah Bean, Town Clerk

WARNING

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

ANDOVER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Andover Town School District are hereby warned and notified to meet at Andover Town Hall, in said Town of Andover on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, between the hours of 9:00 a.m., at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 p.m., at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles:

Shall the Andover Town School District, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed unified union school district, join with the town school districts of Cavendish and Chester, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed unified union school district, and the Baltimore Town School District, which the State Board of Education has found advisable to include in the proposed unified union school district, for the purpose of forming a unified union school district to be named the Green Mountain Unified School District, as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements,

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- Board of School Directors. A town district's representation on the unified union district board of school directors will be closely proportional to the fraction that its population bears in the aggregate population of the Unified Union School District. The initial composition of the unified union school district board of directors is based upon the 2010 Federal Census, and shall be recalculated promptly following the release of each subsequent decennial census. The Board of School Directors shall have the authority to reapportion the Board based upon each decennial census. Each forming town school district shall have at least one representative on the Board. The composition of the initial eleven (11) member Board of School Directors is as follows: Andover - 1; Baltimore - 1; Cavendish -3; Chester - 6.
- Assumption of debts and ownership of school property. The unified union school district shall assume the indebtedness of member districts and assume all operating deficits and/or surpluses or reserve funds of the member districts; acquire and pay for the school properties of member districts; all as specifically identified and provided for in Articles 7 and 8 in the Final Report. The complete provisions of Articles 7 and 8 regarding operating deficits and/or surplus, reserve funds, acquisition of school properties and closing of schools are set forth in the Final Report and are incorporated in their entirety by specific reference herein.
- (d) Final Report. The provisions of the Final Report approved by the State Board of Education on March 21, 2017, which is on file in the Andover Town Clerk's office, shall govern the unified union school district.

Article II: To elect one (1) school director from the nominees, to serve on the school board of the proposed unified union school district board from the date of the organizational meeting for the following terms:

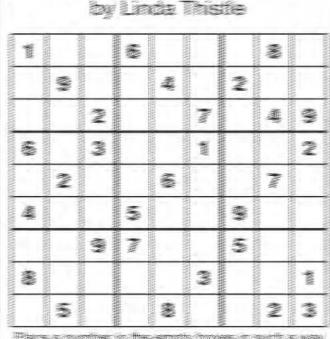
One (1) school director for a three-year term

The legal voters of the Andover Town School District are further notified that other qualification, registration, absentee voting and procedures relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51, and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2017 at Chester, Vermont.

Received for record this 29th day of March, 2017 at Andover, Vermont,

Jeanette Haight, Town Clerk



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A sudden change of plans could lead to a misunderstanding with a friend or family member. Be ready to offer a full explanation of your decision. A past favor is returned.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Expect pressure from those who want you to change your position on a matter of importance. However, the determined Bovine will be able to withstand the bullying and win out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's time to stop dwelling on past disappointments and move on to other possibilities. By week's end, you'll be meeting new people and making new plans for the future

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A long-simmering situation between co-workers threatens to heat up and could create problems with your work schedule. Best advice: Consult a supervisor on how to proceed. LEO (July 23 to August 22) You

might have just learned that someone close to you is keeping a secret. And, of course, the Cat's curiosity has gone into overdrive. But be patient. All is revealed soon enough.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Don't give up. The recognition citing the good work you recently did will come through. Meanwhile, an opportunity opens up that can lead to a lot of traveling later on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A financial crunch eases, but it's still a good idea to keep a tight rein on what you spend for nonessentials. Education becomes a major focus as the week winds down.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Recent encounters with stressful situations could require some restorative measures to get your energy levels back up. Talk to your doctor about a diet and exercise program. SAGITTARIUS (November 22

to December 21) New connections follow changes on the job or in your personal life. But keep your feelings reined in until these relationships have a chance to develop. CAPRICORN (December 22 to

January 19) Pay more attention to your aches and pains, but avoid self-diagnoses. Seek professional advice to make sure these problems won't lead to something more serious.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You love doing research and learning new things, so you'll be happy to know that education becomes a big part of your life at this time, and for some time to come.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your Piscean penchant for doing things logically could be challenged by an equally strong emotional reaction to a new situation. Best advice: Keep the two factors in balance.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love music and nature. You would be an excellent environmentalist, as well as a fine singer or musician.

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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - In

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offering a new service called

Your Next Three Books, After

filling out a short form about

patrons will receive three staff

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Books form can be filled out

online at rockinghamlibrary.

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available at the library's

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information, call 802-463-

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rockinghamlibrary.org, go to

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APRIL 9-15-

#### **EVENTS**

THURSDAY, APRIL 13-SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – "Weatherize Upper Valley" will have contractors on hand to answer questions about home weatherization, Thursday, April 13, 6-7 p.m. at the Springfield Food Coop, 335 River St., Springfield. Free and

April 13, 6-7 p.m. at the Springfield Food Coop, 335 River St., Springfield. Free and open to the public. For more information, contact Julie Lloyd Wright, energy coordinator for the Town of Weathersfield, at 802-674-5280 or by email, dartthol@sover.net.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14-PITTSFORD, Vt. – "Spring for the Animals" online auction sponsored by the Rutland County Humane Society, beginning at 8 a.m. April 14 and running until 10 p.m., April 24. All the money raised goes towards the care of homeless animals in our community. We will have a number of fun and unique items for you and your pets, plus gift certificates for shops, restaurants, lodging, travel and more. For more information or to donate an item, contact Jen Giancola at ien@rchsvt.com or call 802-483-9171.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15-RUTLAND, Vt. –The Paramount Theatre will host next-to-last broadcast from the National Theatre of Great Britain this spring, Peter Shaffer's masterpiece, "Amadeus," Saturday, April 15 at 1 p.m. Lucian Msamati plays Antonio Salieri in Peter Shaffer's iconic exploration of music, power and jealousy. Tickets are available at the box office at 30 Center St. Patrons may also charge-by-phone at 802-775-0903 or online at www.ParamountVT.org. The box office is open Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; and from noon through curtain time on all show days.

WINDSOR, Vt. – Easter bake sale. 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 4 Court St., 802-674-9967. Sponsored by the Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center Auxiliary, 802-674-7255.

LUDLOW, Vt. -Spring bake sale, 10 a.m.-noon at Java Baba's, in the Okemo Market Place across from the Okemo Resort access road. Proceeds to support local projects. Sponsored by Interact, a Rotary-sponsored club.

GRAFTON, Vt. - The Nature

Museum presents "Vermont Wildlife: the Working Landscape Edition," a Kindred Spirits program with live animals, 10 a.m. at the Phelps Barn at the Grafton Inn, 92 Main St. This program focuses on Vermont wildlife with an historic twist! To introduce the program, musician and singer Will Danforth will regale the audience with nature songs. Wildlife expert Mike Clough of The Southern Vermont Natural History Museum will bring live birds and animals, touchable artifacts, and interactive demonstrations to make this an unforgettable experience. Stick around to enjoy a piece of Earth Day cake and meet Mike Clough, who will stay to answer questions. All are

invited to then take a short walk to explore and enjoy The Nature Museum's exhibits and interactive spaces. Recommended for ages 5 and up. For more information, contact carrie@naturemuseum. ora.

ALSTEAD, N.H. – Easter egg hunt on the Millot Green, 10 a.m. Fun for all, a visit from the Easter Bunny, coloring contest, games, door prizes and snacks. Free and open to the public. For more information, contact Kitty Kmiec, 603-835-2145.

MONDAY, APRIL 17-RUTLAND, Vt. - Rutland
County Master Gardeners
will be hosting Leonard Perry,
professor emeritus, to speak
on "Hardy Perennials... Proper
Practices and Perry's Picks," 7
p.m. at the Godnick Center, 4
Deer Street, Rutland. Dr. Perry
is very knowledgeable and a
great speaker. Join us for and
informative evening with fellow
gardeners. The evening is free
for all who wish to join us.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18-GRAFTON, Vt. - "Earth Day is Every Day" series for school break week. Special hours and programming all week. Tuesday, April 18, 11 a.m.-noon: "Fur, Feather, and Bones," all ages. Wednesday, April 19, 11 a.m. and Friday, April 21, 11 a.m.-noon: "Blabbing about Birds and Talking about Turkeys," all ages. Thursday, April 20, 10-11:30 a.m.: "Mighty Acorns: Now You See Me, Now You Don't," for 3-5 years old + caregiver. RSVP to carrie@

naturemuseum.org.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20 BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Rockingham Historical Commission is pleased to announce the fourth event of our Spring 2017 Historic Speakers Series, "Of Wheelmen, the New Woman, and Good Roads: Bicycling in Vermont, 1880-1920." 7 p.m. at the Windham Antique Center, 5 Square, Bellows Falls. Speaker Dr. Luis Vivanco is a professor of anthropology and co-director of the Humanities Center at UVM. This is a Vermont Humanities Council event and is free and open to the public.

#### FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS-

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – Ukulele players are invited to six open jams to be held from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Latchis Theater, 4 Gallery on Main Street. The dates are April 17, May 1, 15. Come to one jam or all six. Jams are free of charge. For more information contact Gail Nunziata at gnunziata@comcast.net

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 – LUDLOW, Vt. – Gypsy Reel plays regularly at The Killarney, in Ludlow. Music always begins at 6:30 p.m. and continues until 8:30 p.m. or later (depending upon football schedule). Fine ale, good pub food, and great music in the traditional Irish style.

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 tip jar to listen to some great jazz music. Enjoy a coffee and relax. 5 – 7 p.m.

#### LIBRARIES

APRIL 4-MAY 27 BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - The Brooks Memorial Library, 224 Main St, Brattleboro, has a new display outside the children's room that explores, through images and text, the process of writing and illustrating the children's book, "Did Tiger Take the Rain?" by Bellows Falls author and artist C. W. Norris-Brown. "Did Tiger Take the Rain?" explains how rain is formed by forests and what happens to the land when forests disappear. Drawing on the author's background in anthropology and his world travels, the story is told to two children by the forest animals living near a village in Nepal.

The display will remain up until

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p.m., Thursday-Friday 10 a.m.-

6 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m.-

5 p.m. For more information,

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MONDAY, APRIL 17-LUDLOW, Vt. - School vacation activity. STEM Night, "Glow in the Dark City." 5-6 p.m. Grades K and up. Fletcher Memorial Library. 802-228-3517.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19-SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Come celebrate poetry and bookmaking at the Springfield Town Library with Diane Kemble from the Gallery at the Vault! If you like to fold, sew, stamp, draw, decorate, write - this is the place for you on Wednesday, April 19 at 10 a.m. This program is designed for children ages 6 and up, and is free and open to the public. For additional information go to www. springfieldtownlibrary.org or call 802-885-3108.

LUDLOW, Vt. - School vacation activity. Movie matinee. Disney's "Moana" (PG). 1-3 p.m. Snacks. Fletcher Memorial Library. 802-228-3517.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20-LUDLOW, Vt. - School vacation activity. Wacky Wii Afternoon on the big screen, 2-4 p.m. Drop in anytime. Fletcher Memorial Library. 802-228-3517.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21-SPRINGFIELD, Vt. -SAPA-TV and Springfield Town Library at 43 Main St. will be hosting a Stop Motion crash course on Friday, April 21, 10 a.m.-noon. We will explore stop motion and time-lapse video creation in this Intro to Video workshop. This program is designed for youth ages 8 and up, and is free and open to the public. For more information go to www. springfieldtownlibrary.org or call 802-885-3108.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Read with Oreo, the Reading Dog, 3-4 p.m. School-age students are invited to Fletcher Memorial Library to read a story or two with Oreo. 802-228-3517.

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" for kindergarten through grade six. April 4, 3-4 p.m.: Troll Magnets, fashioned after characters in the movie "Trolls." April 11, 3-4 p.m.: Tissue paper flowers from paper plates. April 18, 1-2 p.m.: Tropical Crafternoon, oceanthemed sand art pictures. Call for more information 802-228-3517.

#### WEDNESDAYS -

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

#### 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.

#### WEEKLY-

CHESTER, Vt. - Whiting
Library will host a new pop-up
exhibition from the National
Archives, "The Bill of Rights
and You," commemorating
the 225th anniversary of the
ratification of this landmark
document. This exhibit runs
through April 28. Please
call the Library for more
information at 802-875-2277,
whitinglibrary@yahoo and
visit us Monday, Wednesday,
Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and
Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Rockingham Free Public Library will be hosting its annual book sale on Saturday, April 8 -Saturday, April 29. Donations are welcome now and can be made during library hours. Books of all kinds are welcome, with the exception of encyclopedias, textbooks and musty books. DVDs and audiobooks are also welcome. All proceeds from the book sale will benefit the Rockingham Library. For more information, call the library at 802-463-4270, visit rockinghamlibrary. org, or stop by the library at 65 Westminster Street in Bellows Falls. Book sale hours: Saturday April 8 9-4, M-T-W 10-7, Th-F 10-5:30, Sat. April 29 10-2.





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### **AUTOMOTIVE**

# calendar

#### MEETINGS

THURSDAY, APRIL 27-WINDSOR, Vt. - The Ascutney Trails Association's annual meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27, from 6-8 p.m. at the Windsor Town Welcome Center. We are looking for volunteers, new members, and directors. The director's meeting will begins at 6 p.m., followed by a presentation from Rick White, state lands forester responsible for the management of Ascutney State Park. Mr. White will be discussing the Ascutney Management Unit long range management plan. If you have a passion for Mount Ascutney and its history, and are willing to assist in the maintenance of present and future hiking trails, please join us! Light refreshments will be served. For more information you can link to our Facebook page by visiting www. ascutneytrailsassociation.org, or call Steve Giroux at 802-674-6369.

#### 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.

#### THIRD WEDNESDAYS-

LUDLOW, Vt.- Black River Area Community Coalition meeting is in the Community room of the Fletcher Memorial Library, starting at 5:30 p.m. More information visit www.braccvt.

#### 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.

#### SCHOOLS

TUESDAY, MAY 2-MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. -Preschool registration for children who will be 3 years old on or before Aug. 31,

2017. Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. by appointment. Please bring: a birth certificate and all immunization records. Children must attend for screening. Note to parents: please plan to spend some time completing the registration forms. Mount Holly Elementary School, 150 School St., Mount

#### SUPPORT **GROUPS**

Holly, 802-259-2392.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26-SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. -Saxtons River Cares is

looking to expand its current programs and services offered to residents. An informal meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 26 from 6-7 in the Fellowship Room of Christ Church on Main Street. Currently, Saxtons River Cares offers a senior lunch on the 3rd Friday of the month at noon. There is also a regularly scheduled foot clinic at 2 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of the month. All interested volunteers are welcome to attend. For more information, call Donna Anderson at 869-3582.

#### 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.

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

#### 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



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and no registration is required. For more information call Erin at 885-7511.

LUDLOW, Vt. - Co-Dependents Anonymous meets on Tuesdays starting April 4, 6:30-7:45 p.m. in the basement of the Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main St. in Ludlow. Find out more about CoDA at coda. org. For more information regarding this meeting, contact Sarah E. at sarahcoda2016@

gmail.com.

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

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

#### THIRD WEDNESDAY

ASCUTNEY, Vt. - Twin State Depression Support Group 5259 Route 5, Ascutney, Vt. (near Exit 8 off I-91) Martin Memorial Hall, Lower Level (Handicap Accessible) at

6:30 p.m. Have you been diagnosed with depression? Not been diagnosed but think you may be depressed? Have a friend or family member who has depression? Then this group is for you! Support, empathy, sharing, education, confidentiality, peer-led. Contact TwinStateDSG@ gmail.com or 641-715-3900 (extension 650055#).

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

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2016 CHEVY IMPALA LT Package, Fully Loaded, Only 10,000 Miles, Stock #1617 SALE PRICE \$17,995

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