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Bridge 99 and Walker Bridge construction

BY BRANDY TODT
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LUDLOW, Vt. - Walker Bridge's deteriorating deck made it through the winter storms and is the third bridge to be replaced this summer.

The new bridge will be about eight feet wider than the current one allowing for wider shoulders however the sidewalk will still be five feet wide on the new bridge. Some of the components for the new bridge have already started being built off site and will be brought to Ludlow when needed.

There will be a pre-closure period of 14 days beginning Saturday, May 27. During this time traffic signs and message boards will be installed as well as a stone causeway in the river in order to remove the piers. One lane alternating traffic will be allowed during the pre-closure, estimate 10-minute wait periods.

Full closure will be for 35 days beginning June 10. The contractor will be pouring the deck, installing abutments and wing walls amongst other construction tasks. The workdays will include nights and weekends.

Post-closure will be another 14 days with one alternating lane for traffic to pass through. Expect travel delays of up to 10 minutes.

The regional truck route is VT 103, 11, 100 through Londonderry and Weston into Ludlow; adding 18 miles for truck traffic. The local detour route for vehicles under 24,000 pounds is North Depot Street to High Street. The traffic will be travel-



Walker Bridge in the summer. PHOTO PROVIDED BY SOUTHCENTRALVTBRIDGES.VTRANSORJECTS.VERMONT.GOV

ing both ways.

Traffic will not be able to turn down Elm Street by the bridge, so access to the Ludlow Health Center will need to be from Pleasant Street. Pedestrians will have one side of Elm Street to walk on during the construction period. Gleascott Avenue in front of the Ludlow Baptist Church will be blocked off to traffic and a few parking spaces will be created for the commercial building near Walker Bridge. The contractor will use the parking lot that is next to the commercial building.

If the noise is too much for worshippers of the Ludlow Baptist Church during this time the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium has been offered for them to hold their Sunday services.

The major amount of noise will take place during daylight work hours from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. Night

work will be taking place during the 35-day construction although the noise level will be less.

Route 103 is a major thoroughfare from I-91 and US 7 as well as being the major truck route; VTrans will be making sure there is ample detour signage for travelers.

Before Walker Bridge goes under the knife Bridge 99 spanning Branch Brook, located at the interception of VT 100 and VT 103, will have its deck replaced. The bridge was built in 1966. The superstructure and substructure are in 'good' condition therefore the replacement will take less time than Walker Bridge. The new bridge deck, costing \$910,584, will extend the life of Bridge 99 for another 30 to 40 years.

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Union 39 working meetings

BY JULIA PURDY
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - Approximately 40 residents showed up for the working meeting called for Wednesday, April 19, in the Ludlow town hall auditorium. The meeting was called by parents and others concerned about the fate of Black River Middle and High School under the Act 46 consolidation mandate. Bob Herbst, chair of the Mt. Holly School Board, and Ludlow Town Manager Frank Heald attended as well.

What prompted this gathering was the date of May 30, when Mt. Holly and Ludlow must vote whether to petition to join the new Mill River Unified Union School District that formed last year in Clarendon. On April 5, 2017, the final report of the Mill River Unified Union School District recommended accepting both Mt. Holly and Ludlow.

If both towns vote in favor, Black River Union High School District 39 would be dissolved and Black River High School would be shuttered as of June 2018. "If either or both of the towns vote no, we are back to planning other alternatives," wrote Herbst, chair of the Mt. Holly School Board, in an email to the Vermont Journal.

The Two Rivers Supervisory Union, which currently includes seven town school districts, three union high school districts and 11 budgets, has already decided to consolidate into a new district, the Green Mountain Unified School District, that includes Ludlow's neighbors and Green Mountain

Union High School. Ludlow and Mt. Holly have opted out; GMUHS is too far for students and families to travel from Mt. Holly, and Ludlow does not want to close its school, partly as a matter of community pride and identity.

As surrounding towns peel off to consolidate with other unified districts, U-39 is left with a quandary.

A major frustration is the lack of clarity and direction in the law to guide choices. As the law now stands, after June 30, 2018, the state will impose plans for all districts that haven't merged.

People arrived at the meeting from both Ludlow and Mt. Holly. The mood was energized, with some sitting pensively, others in earnest conversation prior to the start of the meeting.

Ludlow resident Chris Miele opened the meeting with a summary of the issue, asking, "Why is there so much uproar today compared to a year ago?" He outlined the issues: while it's desirable to save money and offer better educational opportunities for children, it is undesirable to close schools and "ship kids" long distances.

Miele, who attended the April 4 hearing in Montpelier before the House Committee on Education, added that as many as 100 towns are still having trouble making the law work for them and feel they are not being heard. "A lot of towns are upset about that," he reported.

"What are our options?" he asked. So far, it's to close Black River H.S. and merge with Mill River H.S. "But there's a comma," he cautioned. "If we close the school it won't reopen. What will that do for us?"

A major stumbling block is that U-39 is unique within the state, being the only supervisory union with two high schools. "We don't fit into a pigeonhole," Miele said.

He described the law as setting up "a moving target." The Education Committee was taking testimony around S.122, which would amend Act 46 to expand the "preferred" category and extend the deadline for compliance into 2020.

A member of the audience explained that since S.122 has now gone to the House and may undergo changes, it will return to the Senate for ratification, and that in any case S.122 doesn't apply to U-39 unless its language is changed, as Mill River Union High School has already formed. Miele is concerned that a move to Mill River is a permanent solution for a temporary situation, given that S.122 may not be finalized by the May 30 vote date.

"It makes me a little leery," he said. "Are we going down a permit path only to hear it's not enough?"

Miele stressed the importance of organizing to determine the best way to vote on May 30. "Some change is coming. What might that look like? If we vote this down we have to have something to replace it with."

The attendees saw many downsides to closing Black River H.S.

A Mt. Holly mother commented that having kids at school in Ludlow also stimulates local business, as she does her shopping and perhaps has a meal here when she picks them up. If she were to pick her kids up at Mill River in Clarendon, "why come to Ludlow?"

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Tate Pellerin: Vermont Wrestling Champion

BY AIYANA FORTIN
The Vermont Journal

CAVENDISH, Vt. - Tate Pellerin, an 11-year-old in Cavendish, was named Vermont State Wrestling Champion for the fifth year in a row this season. He competes all over New England, gaining experience and practice, and is celebrated as a winner.

Pellerin became involved with wrestling in kindergarten, after meeting Todd Swisher, his coach, who also lives in Cavendish. Since then, his love for competition wrestling has grown, and so has his skill and resolve to do his best. Pellerin just crossed the 200-win mark this season, boasting 207 wins. This milestone is an indication of talent, devotion, and persistence. He typically travels over two hours to matches, and always pumps himself up on the way, getting excited and ready for the match.



Tate Pellerin wins first place. PHOTO PROVIDED

His first match was at Otter Valley, where he used his first move, a Double Leg Takedown, to win second place. Now, he officially wrestles with the Rockingham Area Wrestlers and the Keene Gladiators.

Pellerin begins practice in November, two weeks after the football season ends. He trains at the Lawrence & Lober Electric wrestling room, which they've had for the past six years. He wrestles against steep competition all over New England, and is well prepared for Vermont competition when the season starts in February, and for State Finals in April.

This season in particular posed an exceptional barrier to Pellerin, who was ten at

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NHS welcomes new members

BY AIYANA FORTIN
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Black River Excelsior Chapter of the National Honor Society held their annual induction ceremony at Epic restaurant on Okemo April 13, inducting three new members and welcoming their families.

The National Honor Society is an academic community service organization, founded on the pillars of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. NHS works within Black River to ignite school spirit and friendly competition, and in the community for the betterment of all. Last winter, NHS organized a Coat Drive, collecting hundreds of winter garments and distributing them to local shelters, schools, and day-care centers.

This spring, NHS will host their infamous Ice Cream Social, recognizing and celebrating Honor Roll students at Black River High School and Middle School. Each NHS member will also complete



Black River National Honor Society Induction Ceremony. PHOTO BY SHERRI GEIMER

50 hours of community service each year, typically resulting in over 100 hours.

Aiyana Fortin, President of the National Honor Society, gave a speech to the inductees and their families. She spoke of the purpose and goals of NHS chiefly how it improves each

member and the community. Members work together as a team, and they aren't afraid to get their hands dirty and push their boundaries. They uphold scholarship as they engage in lifelong learning, develop

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Ludlow Rotary 61st Penny Sale

LUDLOW, Vt. - This is it, wrap up your pennies and bring them! Your Rotarians are ready to see you again! This Saturday, April 29 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the BRHS gym in Ludlow the tables will be filled with 400 prizes! Prizes have been generously donated from local businesses will be gone within hours before your eyes! This "Mud Season" event

is a tradition for some local citizens. Come join the fun! Doors will open up at 5:00 p.m. No admission charge. To end the evening, our cash raffle of more than \$1000 will be held. Raffle tickets are available from any Rotarian and you do not need to be present to win. An additional \$25 will be added to the winner if present.

If you have any questions, you call Sharon Bixby at 802-228-8823 or Kim Lampert at 802-228-4000.

Visit our web page at www.ludlowrotary.com to see our club's projects and events! The Ludlow Rotary club meets weekly at DJ's Restaurant and is celebrating 90 years of local and international service projects.

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leadership as they take on bigger projects, serve others at every given opportunity, and build character by challenging themselves -- and encouraging others to do the same.

Traditionally, current members welcome new members, and Morgan Brown, Vice President, began by welcoming Dakota Pachla.

Dakota Pachla, a junior at Black River, is a valuable member of our town and school communities. She is the Vice President of the Mt. Holly School Parent Teacher Student Association, volunteering her time and planning fundraisers for the elementary school to support field trips, school projects, and new supplies. Dakota is also a weekly volunteer at the Rutland Regional Medical Center, the President of the Junior Class, and an indispensable member of A World of Difference. She is organized and devoted to her schoolwork, in addition to volunteerism. NHS welcomes Dakota and hopes that she will grow and make lasting contributions in our school and community. Congratulations!

Sage Allen, senior, welcomed Ryan Boyle.

Ryan Boyle, a sophomore at Black River, is Captain of the soccer team and an integral part of the basketball and baseball teams. He is involved in the Interact Club, A World of Difference, the Scholar's Bowl Team, and Student Council. He's regularly on the Honor Roll and works at Stemwinders. In his free time, he loves to be on the mountain and can't pass up the chance to read a good book. Ryan is an amazing athlete, funny, intelligent, well-rounded, and he never gives up. NHS welcomes Ryan and hopes that he will help the Society achieve great things. Congratulations!

Jake DeArruda, senior, welcomed Lukas DeArruda.

Lukas DeArruda, sophomore at Black River, is at the top of his class and involved in several extracurricular activities. He's a regular representing Black River as a part of History Day and won third place this year for his historical website. He's an amazing member of A World of Difference, and last month, traveled to the ADL's Youth Leadership Conference in Boston. He works with Mr. McKaig as a part of the school's technology committee, and helped with student

council activities, despite not being an official member. Luke is intelligent, mature, selfless, and willing to jump into action when needed. NHS welcomes Luke as an integral member, and hopes to see him grow in future years. Congratulations!

Mr. McKaig, English teach at Black River, welcomed these new members to the National Honor Society. NHS is about service and academics, but it is also an opportunity to improve yourself and to work with others to accomplish incredible goals. However, members must find a balance between pushing themselves past their limits, and pausing to reflect on accomplishments. This induction was a time of celebration and reflection. It is truly amazing to welcome these bright and already accomplished individuals to the National Honor Society, and McKaig is sure that these individuals will make lasting contributions in the next few years.

Toby Milne, Mathematics teacher and National Honor Society Advisor, thanked and congratulated everyone, and brought the end of the ceremony.

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the beginning of the season, because his age group included 12-year-olds. He overcame this barrier and brought home medals, experience, and a season record: 41 wins and 14 losses.

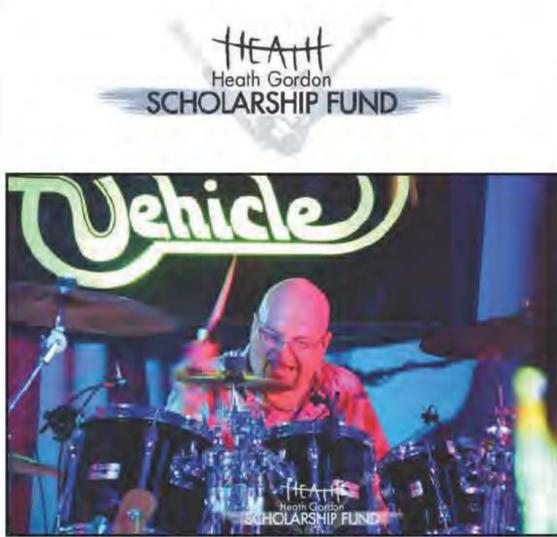
Pellerin has learned that wrestling is about skill; shape and size don't matter. It's emotional, both the wins and

the losses, and a hard-grinding sport. His father, Donald Pellerin, says, "He's stuck with it even though there have been trying moments. We're proud of him and support him in any way we can."

Tate Pellerin also plays football as a running back in Bellows Falls, and baseball as catcher and outfielder in Cavendish. This year, he learned to snowboard, and is really talented and confident, even though he only has a

year of experience.

This summer, Pellerin will travel to a summer wrestling camp in Kingston, New Hampshire, where he'll train with the most talented kids in New England. He'll bring his love for competition and a positive, persistent attitude as he strives to be even better. Pellerin's dream is to play football for Ohio State, and his family and community will support him as he follows his dreams.



Heath Gordon Scholarship Fundraiser

On Saturday, April 22 the doors of the Chester American Legion opened at 6 p.m. for the Heath Gordon Scholarship fundraiser. It was a fantastic night, raising \$6,000 to help send Green Mountain Union High School students to college seeking degrees in art or music. There were many great items auctioned in both the silent and live auctions. The headliner for the fundraiser was Vehicle.

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Construction begins on Monday, May 1 and will be closed for 10 days. There will be pre and post closure period, with one lane traf-

fic, two weeks before and after the construction.

The regional route will be using VT 100, US 4, US 7 and VT 103 will be signed. The local bypass by Buttermilk Falls and over the Rod & Gun Club road involves dirt roads, a narrow bridge, and a sharp turn that

trucks will not be able to safely navigate.

If you are interested in having weekly construction updates sent to your email, sign up at www.southcentralvtbridges.vtransprojects.vermont.gov, follow updates on Twitter: @511VT or call the hotline at 802-496-3376.

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Herbst explained that Act 46 combines school boards and budgets and that if TRSU keeps all current schools under one board and budget, representation on the board will be based on population and Chester would have the greatest representation. Mt. Holly has begun investigating alternatives due to the travel distance for students, he said.

Miele also predicted that Act 46 will impact the ability to attract people to settle here, a thought that resonated with several in the audience. "It's not just a school thing," he said. He warned against cutting into the infrastructure (schools) and creating a bedroom community in its place. "How can we attract our kids to return?" he asked.

As the audience continued to think out loud, the following ideas were voiced:

- If we finalize now we're not going back.
- We need more time, maybe we can buy more time by voting no or delaying the vote.
- We're not bad neighbors but

we're on the other side of the curve, cutting the funding for our kids so others can benefit.

- Schools plus parents plus children make the community.

- No one wants to travel miles and hours to school when there's a school 15 minutes away.

- How would a judge see the situation? Someone questioned the legality of sending money to Montpelier while paying a penalty to keep our schools open. Someone replied that attorneys have been approached but none has responded so far.

- How will communities attract their kids to return to Vermont after going to school out of state, if the jobs aren't here?

- Someone noted that private or charter schools are now springing up. What is the possibility of privatizing the schools? Burr & Burton Academy in Manchester was mentioned; new residents are being drawn to Manchester for that reason. Privatization would require a long-term marketing effort, which hasn't been done.

- Have teachers been involved in the original Act 46 discussions?
- The Black River building sits on 40 acres. There is great potential for educational innovation.
- A similar law in Maine that re-

quired the closing of schools was found unconstitutional. Vermont legislators Miele talked to denies that the Vermont law requires schools to close, but the effect is the same, Miele said.

- Making Black River H.S. self-supporting in some way by partnering with an independent school such as Okemo Mountain School, or using the funds promised by Ranger Solar.

- Accurate information needs to be gotten out, there are a lot of misconceptions out there.

The organizers of the meeting suggested forming committees to brainstorm alternative arrangements and ways to save money. Herbst advised against presenting the issue as a pro or con, just present the facts and let people make up their own minds.

Miele wrapped up by saying that the impact of Act 46 will be far-reaching. Referring to the Education Committee, he said, "You're asking our boards to make decisions by strong-arming them—that's not good legislation." One problem is that they assume "one-size-fits-all" throughout the state, but every town is different.

The meeting concluded with people being invited to the table to sign up for committees on big easel pads. Sticky notes were also scattered around for folks to jot down their questions and ideas. Three committees were formed: outreach, with five signups; ideas for improving schools, with 12 signups, and liaison with Legislators, with three signups.

The following meetings have been set for the Ludlow and Mt. Holly Town school districts, all at 6 p.m. - Monday, April 24, in the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium; Tuesday, May 9, in the Mt. Holly Elementary School gym; and Tuesday, May 23, in the Ludlow Elementary School gym. They will brainstorm options under Sec. 721 of Title 16, Ch. 11, which outlines requirements for joining or withdrawing from districts.

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Mill River superintendent pitches advantages of "Yes" vote

BY JULIA PURDY
The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. - Two Rivers Supervisory Union held a "721 Merger" informational meeting in the Ludlow Auditorium Monday April 24, which was attended by between 25 and 30 residents and parents from both Ludlow and Mt. Holly, in addition to school board members from Ludlow and Mt. Holly; Two Rivers Superintendent Meg Powden; and Mill River Unified District Superintendent Dave Younce. Black River U-39 chair Bruce Schmidt, Ludlow Town Manager Frank Heald, and Senator Alice Nitka were in the audience. The session was videotaped by LPCTV.

A big screen dominated the auditorium, on which were projected aerial views of the respective school campuses and charts showing financial data for both existing budgets and the unified district budget, a diagram illustrating the several district configurations, and a chart showing the drive times from the towns to Mill River H.S. Powden passed around handouts on the budgets, comparative tax rates for homes assessed at \$175,000, the Mill River final report recommending approval of Ludlow and Mt. Holly joining Mill River, and "Facts about Mill River High School"

Powden opened the meeting, saying that the report had been presented to the State Board of Education last week and asking: "How do we make this happen?"

Sec. 721 of Title 16, Ch. 11, which governs joining or leaving school districts, was never discussed directly, nor was the wording of that section provided.

As Powden outlined them, the options for the schools in U-39 include:

- Merge with Green Mountain Unified District
- Join the Mill River Unified District
- Join the proposed Quarry Valley district with West Rutland, Proctor and Poultney
- Form a pre-K-grades 6 or 8 and tuition out the older students

The Mill River Unified District (MRUUSD) so far includes: Wallingford, Clarendon, Shrewsbury and Tinmouth.

The thrust of the meeting was clearly to motivate voters to join MUUSD. MUUSD Superintendent Dave Younce gave a major sales talk in favor of Mill River's many advantages - its more and better offerings, including its varsity sports program; better college prospects for its students; and the value of being around kids from other areas. He related that Mill River students were "excited" about accept-

ing Mt. Holly and Ludlow students. "We love Vermont but there's always the risk of isolation," he said.

The financials were summed up as tax rates dropping beginning in 2019 if the U-39 schools join Mill River, but increasing to .28 for Ludlow and .25 for Mt. Holly over a five-year period. Younce added that with a single budget, fluctuations in student enrollment would be spread out across the district.

"Why is this good?" Powden asked. She answered the question by saying that the plan fulfills Act 46, educational offerings are expanded, and that advisory councils will preserve local input.

Younce jumped in here, saying that the town advisory councils are a "mechanism" to ensure local liaison with the new school board. The councils would be formed "internally." "We didn't want to enforce a structure," he said.

Q&A:

Q: Will the actual wording of the ballot appear in the warning?

A: (Powden) Yes.

Q: What would taxes be based on current projections of dwindling school-age populations over time or current projects? Has the financial impact on the loss of a school on local businesses been projected? Is

the merger a Band-Aid for the short term?

A: (Younce) "We tried to be as conservative and pragmatic as possible," predictions into the future are impossible to make with certainty." Later he added that another advantage of Mill River is that no elementary school in the MRUUSD can be closed without the unanimous vote of the "superboard" and the town. (Powden) Financials are based on number of students in the school. We know that the loss of even a small number of students has an impact on a small school district. There is no data on the impacts on town businesses.

Q: (Mt. Holly parent) Does the predicted Mill River budget take into account the loss of small school and phantom students grants?

A: (Powden) Small school grants will stay available to the local elementary schools. (Younce) The small school grant to Ludlow Elementary would be pooled with Mt. Holly's toward the operating costs of all the schools.

(Schmidt) According to Ludlow town manager calculations, Ludlow would see a tax savings of \$250-\$275,000 per year. There still would be some cost of doing business. Most of the slight increase in the tax rate has to do with busing.

Q: Where would students get the

technical training they currently get at Springfield? A: Stafford Technical Center in Rutland.

Q: What happens if the vote splits down the middle on May 30? A: The boards would decide whether to convene another committee to look at other options.

Q: Concern about AP courses and college acceptance rates. A: (Younce) There are several AP courses, more can be offered, no one would be kept out.

Q: (Real estate agent) Concern about increased property taxes in Mt. Holly depressing the market for second homes that are often rented out.

Q: One way or another we are going to pay, either in the cost of gas to commute 30 miles one way out of town or in higher property taxes. "I would rather spend that money on taxes and keep my children in town, improve our school, I want my kids to be a name and a face, not a number."

Q: (Parent from Ludlow) Act 60 and 68 have had negative impact on Ludlow, feels strongly that Ludlow and Mt. Holly should stay together and choose to join Mill River. She grew up

in Plymouth and could have attended Black River but chose Woodstock, glad she did, Black River ranks low on test scores and college-readiness. (Her eloquence drew applause from a small group sitting near her.)

Bruce Schmidt, speaking for U-39, he encouraged the board to do nothing more for the present. If the vote is no, there may be more people that want to make Black River better. People need to be ready for the tax increase and change that will be forced on us. He urged people to write to the State Board of Education that "We gave it our best shot, nothing's going to happen. ... If we don't do it, just back off and try to make ourselves better."

After the meeting, Powden told Vermont Journal that if both towns do not vote to join Mill River, the possibility exists for the Black River and Mt. Holly contingents to split up. The opportunity also exists for Black River to join the Green Mountain Unified District, which includes Chester, Cavendish, Baltimore and Andover. It will be up to the school boards to decide which way to go, she said.

Cavendish Community Fund updates its image



Cavendish Community Fund new logo.

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CAVENDISH, Vt. - The Cavendish Community Fund has passed the ten-year mark and is now updating its image with a new logo. In 2007 the Fund began with donations from several supportive citizens to help build a closer and more cohesive Cavendish. Over ten years the Fund has distributed more than \$31,000 in grants to enhance the quality of life in Cavendish. The projects, programs or events that the Fund considers are education in its broadest sense, cultural events, and promotion of the arts.

To celebrate its success and to better reflect its philosophy and goals the Fund has adopted the new logo as a representative of its beliefs. The Fund believes that the bonds of community are the source of dynamic and reciprocal social interaction. These interactions build a dense network of relationships that generates trust, which, in turn, provides the basis for collective problem solving in everyday life.

Community activities provide the opportunity to make new connections with others and, with each new opportunity for connection, to deepen the understanding of how to initiate and maintain new relationships

with other local citizens who may be strangers. Activities and events that the Fund sponsors provide the venue for these opportunities to narrow the divide between groups with different interests and backgrounds.

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Vermont schools lead on recycling and composting



Students are learning to reduce, reuse, and recycle at school. PHOTO PROVIDED BY SHUTTERSTOCK

REGION - Vermont's K-12 schools are at the forefront of implementing the Universal Recycling law and using food education and local resources to cut down on food waste. They are successfully reducing waste, managing recyclable materials and creating food scrap diversion programs in exemplary form.

"In their classrooms and cafeterias, Vermont's youth are learning important hands-on lessons about how simple and routine it can be to reduce waste, rescue food, recycle materials, and compost. It becomes natural," said Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Emily Boedecker.

Vermont schools make different choices about how they should best manage their waste; what works for one school might not work for another. Some schools compost on-site; some schools work with a local farm to manage food scraps; and some schools have hauler pickup of food scraps along with their recyclables and other waste. The wide variety of implemented solutions demonstrates the options and flexibility available to organizations and resi-

dents seeking to sustainably manage recyclables and organic waste.

Schools across the state are also working to address national food waste trends by using tools to decrease wasted food in their cafeterias and increase food donation rates. 'Food Share tables,' where students can place unwanted food to be shared with their classmates rather than throwing the food in the trash, are an increasingly popular tool.

Though most schools are not required to separate food scraps until 2020, schools have been ahead of the curve because of the dedicated students, teachers, parents, and school employees who have been working for years to decrease food waste and manage food scraps. Schools have also received critical support from their solid waste districts or alliances and a rich network of Farm-to-School programming.

With Earth Day nearing, here are two examples of the successful leadership and innovation happening in Vermont schools with the goal of inspiring others:

Flood Brook School in Londonderry: Flood Brook School established a food scrap diversion



Schools are taking initiative to compost and reduce food waste. STOCK PHOTO

system in 2015 by arranging weekly food scrap pickup from TAM Organics Inc., in conjunction with the hauler's pick-up of food scraps from the nearby Londonderry Transfer Station.

Putney Central School: With the support of the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets' Milk Cooler Program, some schools have

installed bulk milk dispensers, eliminating single-serving milk cartons from their waste streams and reducing wasted milk. At Putney Central School, 51,000 milk cartons were landfilled annually prior to switching to a bulk milk dispenser system.

These highlights represent a small sample of the achievements of many more schools across Vermont.



Villagers

The Country Creeme at Downers 4 Corners in Perkinsville, Vt. has new owners, and they are now open! Stop by and give them a visit!

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BRGNS looking for volunteers

LUDLOW, Vt. - Black River Good Neighbor Services is looking for volunteers to help with its annual spring rummage sale, which will be held at Fletcher Farm, 611 Route 103 South in Ludlow, on Friday and Saturday, May 19-20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday May 21 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The sale will feature clothing, housewares, books, linens, furniture and all manner of goods.

"We've been stockpiling good quality items but now we need people to sort and arrange the merchandise," said Audrey Bridge, executive director. "We need volunteers both to help set up and to staff the sale, and we need lots of people to donate baked goods for the bake sale."

Bridge also pointed out that there would be new goods brought in for



Black River Good Neighbors is seeking volunteers for their rummage sale. PHOTO PROVIDED

Saturday morning. "We always have extra items that we use to re-stock since we can't fit it all onto the tables for Friday."

Black River Good Neighbor Services holds a spring and a fall rummage sale each year to sell gently used items that are donated by the community. Proceeds from the sales are used to purchase food for the food shelf or are used for financial assistance programs in the community.

BRGNS also runs a thrift store at 37B Main St. in Ludlow - behind the Ludlow Community Center, and a used furniture store at 105 Main St. - in the old firehouse. BRGNS' programs serve Ludlow, Cavendish, Mount Holly and Plymouth.

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Can you free yourself of some investment-related taxes?

REGION - Tax Freedom Day generally falls around this time each year. This is the day when the nation as a whole has earned enough money to pay off its total tax bill for the year, according to the calculations made by the Tax Foundation. So you may want to use Tax Freedom Day to think about ways you can liberate yourself from some of the investment-related taxes you may incur.

Of course, Tax Freedom Day is something of a fiction, in practical terms, because most people pay their taxes throughout the year via payroll deductions. Also, you may not mind paying your share of taxes, because your tax dollars are used in many ways - law enforcement, food safety, road maintenance, public education, and so on - that benefit society. Still, you may be able to reduce those taxes associated with your investments, leaving you more money available to help you work toward your important goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

Here are some suggestions for making investing less "taxing:"

- **Contribute regularly to tax-advantaged retirement plans.** Contribute as much as you can afford to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. Traditional IRA earnings grow tax deferred, and your contributions

may be tax-deductible, depending on your income. (Taxes will be due upon withdrawal, however, and withdrawals made before you turn 59½ may be subject to a 10 percent IRS penalty.) Your 401(k) or similar plan also provides the opportunity for tax-deferred earnings growth. Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, but your earnings are distributed tax-free, provided you don't take withdrawals until you're 59½ and you've had your account at least five years.

- **Follow a "buy-and-hold" strategy.** If you sell investments you've owned for less than a year, and their value has increased, you will have to pay capital gains taxes at your personal income tax rate, which, in early 2017, could be as high as 39.6 percent. But if you hold investments for at least a year before selling them, you'd be assessed the long-term capital gains rate, which tops out at 20 percent. Be aware, though, that the Trump administration and Congress seem likely to change the tax rates. Early plans call for a maximum personal income tax rate of 33 percent, with the top rate for capital gains and dividends either staying at 20 percent, or possibly being reduced to 16.5 percent. In any case, you'll still come out ahead, tax-wise, by holding your investments long enough to receive the long-term capital gains rate.

- **Consider municipal bonds -** If you are in one of the higher income brackets, you might benefit from investing in municipal bonds, which are typically used to finance public projects, such as roads, schools, airports and infrastructure-related repairs. Interest payments from "munis" are typically exempt from federal income taxes and may also be exempt from state and local taxes, depending on the state in which the bond issuer is located. Interest payments from some types of municipal bonds may be subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT). Again, though, watch for developments from Washington, as both the Trump administration and some congressional leaders favor eliminating the AMT.

When charting your investment strategy, consider your risk tolerance, time horizon, family situation and estate plans. But investment-related taxes should also be in your strategic mix - so look for opportunities to keep these taxes under control.

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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Ludlow Firehouse mystery —

Recently the Vermont Journal/Shopper editor Brandy Todt was contacted by Black River Good Neighbors in Ludlow, regarding a discovery they made in the old Ludlow firehouse on Main Street in Ludlow.

The old firehouse is very cold and drafty in the winter so they decided to insulate the walls. When workers removed an interior wall upstairs to insulate they discovered the remnants of an old circus poster pasted on the inside of the outer wall sheathing.

Brandy was going down to investigate and invited me to join her. I examined the poster and determined it was a lithograph dating to the 1870s-1880s. It was made in smaller sheets, which would have been numbered so they could be pasted down in the proper order.

These colorful and graphic circus posters were made with individual sheets of the same size. When pasted on the side of a building they were traffic stoppers. They used monkeys, lions, elephants and female aerial trapeze artists to entice the public. They were designed to capture the viewer's imagination and they did.

On the Ludlow poster there are scenes of monkeys in the jungle and young women wearing skimpy costumes performing aerial acts. Over-pasted on one section is, "Saturday, Aug 21" but no year. These stock posters were produced in volume without a date. This way the same poster could be used in any town or city by simply over-pasting the date that it would arrive in your area.

I searched old calendars from the 1870s and found Saturday, August 21, only occurred in 1875. A visit to

Ludlow Town Hall and Town Clerk, Ulla Cook helped me search records. The Ludlow firehouse was built in 1875 so we have a match.

Of interest, what is now the interior of the firehouse were once an exterior wall of another building, probably an old barn. This circus poster was huge when new, perhaps 20' x 10' or larger.

It was common in those days to recycle an old building's components to another building. The Chester Hearse House would be one example of such recycling. The hearse house was built about 1830 but some of the components date to 1800 or earlier.

Ludlow firehouse while undoubtedly comprised of new building materials of the day also used recycled components. The sheathing with the circus poster is proof of this. There are nail holes where there are no studs.

Now, a question I was unable to answer. Where did the recycled building come from? It could have been in Ludlow or brought to Ludlow dismantled on the railroad from miles away. Does a reader have any knowledge on this mystery?

P. T. Barnum's circus would have had posters spread far and wide along railroad routes so travelers would see them. One source I found said these posters would be spread as far as a 50-mile radius. Today we have billboards along major highways. The same business practice was true in 1875.

While I still have questions I didn't find an-

swers for, I can give my conclusions. On Saturday, August 21, 1875, P.T. Barnum's circus was in Troy, New York, not that far away. I should note that in 1875 there were a number of circuses in this country, many traveling by railroad. Just because I found Barnum's for Saturday, August 21, 1871, does not mean the Ludlow poster is from Barnum's Troy, N.Y. circus. But it is the closest I could come.

Here I give some history on the Ludlow firehouse. This firehouse was built in 1875 at a cost of \$2,000. In 1880, 40 men were enlisted by the town to form a fire company and each man was paid \$2 per year. Prior to this agreement, firemen were all volunteers but were exempt from paying poll taxes.

It was decided at a public meeting to purchase a steam engine. John Warner, William Stickney and Benoni Fullam were chosen for a committee to purchase an engine. In December of 1882, they purchased the 'Rescue, No. 1.' This was a five-inch rotary machine from Silsby Manufacturing Company of Seneca Falls, N.Y.

This story does leave a couple questions unanswered but sometimes I go with what I have. Every now and then a reader after reading my article will contact me with more information. Let's hope that happens with this story. I should also mention that only a very small section of this poster is present today. It cannot be saved.

This week's old saying my mother often used. It refers to something that is 50-50. "It's six of one and half a dozen of another."



Monkey jungle scene.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH



Man with a mustache.

PHOTO BY BRANDY TODT



Saturday, Aug. 21.

PHOTO BY BRANDY TODT



Stone House Antiques garden party

Best day ever at the 4th annual Stone House Antique garden party in Chester on April 22 & 23. Antique gardening supplies were neatly arranged. Bring spring to your home with a treasure from the antique center! Be creative; use antiques to display spring flowers. A big thank you to all who attended the garden party!

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Floral displays will soon grace a variety of very visible public places, such as the Village Green, Whiting Library, Post Office, Chester Railway Station, Depot gazebo, Town Hall, Pinnacle Recreation Center, as well as certain bridges.

Businesses and residents are encouraged to support these beautification efforts by donating to the public part of the effort and/or by purchasing a planter for their own business or property. The cost of each new, planted container is \$85, and the cost of replanting a previously purchased planter is \$50. However every sponsored pot or contribution to the effort will be appreciated and add to a coordinated look for the town that lasts well into fall.

To order, please contact Lynn Russell at 802-875-2707 or jrusell@att.net. Lynn can email a copy of the order form, but copies of the form are also available at Misty Valley Books and the Whiting Library. The check for a planter and/or a contribution should be made payable to Chester Community Alliance, Inc., marked for Chester Townscape in the memo line, and mailed to Chester Townscape, PO Box 561, Chester, VT 05143 by May 5. A swift response in donations will help secure pots and plants before planting takes place on May 18 to ensure a glorious display for Memorial Day Weekend.

Chester Townscape encourages wide-ranging support for this effort and welcomes volunteers to help with the watering - whether that help is on weekdays, weekends, or just occasionally. CT will gladly explain what is needed and fit that volunteer work into someone's schedule. Please contact Lynn Russell with watering assistance or suggestions to help Chester Townscape bring out the best in Chester.



Chester Townscape member Barb Westine.

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Glasses found

I found these eyeglasses on a rock in the Williams River by the School Street footbridge on April 21, 2017. They are prescription glasses. To claim them call Ron Patch at 802 374 0119.

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editorial

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

All in or done in? — Letters to the Editor

Act 46, the highly controversial school district consolidation law, is proving to be well-nigh impossible to comply with for many school districts as it is written. It is currently being tweaked by the Senate and the House as S.122/H.122 in an attempt to win back the good will of towns that have not minced words as to the flaws in Act 46, which from the start drove wedges through communities and frightened and confused taxpayers and school boards with its carrot-and-stick strategy, unrealistic deadlines, and what some see as an ignorance of or callous disregard for bedrock Vermont values.

The concerns went much broader and deeper than merely the mechanics of merging districts. The majority of school districts, it seems, have managed to settle down into workable arrangements. But in the many cases where the plan isn't working, the lack of clear criteria as to acceptable alternative structures is immensely frustrating.

The recent hearing before the House Committee on Education April 4 was intended to gather input on S.122 that was under consideration by the House committee. Instead, the committee got a talking-to that should have made every ear burn on that committee.

The many articulate, cogent, heartfelt testimonies to this nightmare can be accessed at <http://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/document/2018/10/date#documents-section>, then browse by date, April 4, 2017. Here are the highlights.

Speaker after speaker endorsed the goal of Act 46 to increase educational opportunities for all Vermont schoolchildren. That is not the issue. The fundamental issue is trust. The language of Act 46 about efficiency, transparency, options and equitability doesn't bear out in practice.

The central issue for most speakers was the upending of schools and districts that have been functioning well and already meeting the very goals Act 46 calls for, in ways that address the unique needs of their communities. Some even felt they exceeded those aims. For them, Act 46 is actually getting in the way.

Speakers explained why their towns voted down the "preferred model" of consolidation, saying that one size does not fit all, especially with the built-in disparities of geography, tax structures and town size. "Please make a place in the law for the ideas of the independent local innovators who have always been the backbone of what makes Vermont strong," said Linda Treash of Barnard.

Another very sore point is the extra clout resulting from proportional representation on the study committees. Reading, Barnard and Dummerston are resisting the "cannibalizing" of their own excellent elementary schools by the more populous Woodstock and Vernon. Dummerston's Dan Normandeau worries that "a distant, super-board will be less focused on our children and the educational aspect of our school, and more focused on the operational aspects of running the school system" — not unlike a large, corporate bean-counter the students will become more like widgets and we will lose our historic greatness. Harm will have been done."

Flexibility, preservation of local control, community identity, recognition of the educational quality that already exists, clarity of what is expected, and above all, more time to develop options — these pleas dominated the hearing.

But the bottom line was the speakers' concern for the future of their communities. Act 46 could contradict Vermont's goal to attract new families. "When a town loses its school, people will not want to move there," one woman wrote. Newbies and returned natives alike expressed their dismay with Act 46's betrayal of the small-town values they moved here for. Grandmother Liz Adams of Putney said: "People with children choose to move to a town for its small school's culture." Jessica Seman of Reading, a returned native, testified: "We easily could have chosen to live elsewhere." Linda Treash of Barnard: "It matters to all of us here that Vermont remain a place that people move to, and people come back to, and people stay."

Vermonters are tough, smart people. If we can weather this trial with our values and spirit intact, we can weather anything.
—BM—

Dear Editor,

Vote "YES" for school consolidation

We urge the residents of Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish and Chester to vote on May 2 in favor of forming a single preK-12 school district, the Green Mountain Unified School District. A "yes" vote merges the governance structure of the existing school districts into one school district. A merger will stabilize the tax rates for all of our communities, result in efficiencies in administration, and expand learning opportunities for our students. Our communities will benefit from the tax

Dear Editor,

As a Ludlow resident and parent of two children currently attending Ludlow Elementary School, I began attending ACT 46 meetings last summer when I realized the massive impact on our community. I have asked many questions and received informed answers, so I want to share what I have learned along the way.

Growing up in Plymouth, I had school choice for high school. Black River was significantly closer geographically, but the many educational opportunities, exceptional athletic programs and diversity of students from seven different towns made attending Woodstock Union High School the better option for me. I take tremendous pride in my high school and I didn't find the 30-minute bus ride a hindrance. To this day, some of my closest friends are those from middle and high school.

Reflecting back, I believe that ACT 60/68 has negatively impacted our education system in Ludlow because it deprived our small town of educational tax dollars needed to stay current, promote growth

Dear Editor,

Thank you to all of the great folks that came out to our event on Saturday, April 22, 2017. We opened the doors at 6:00 p.m. and it was full tilt until the band Vehicle's last set. Our fundraiser is the backbone of our fundraising efforts and we truly appreciate everyone who came out. It was a fantastic, fun night for the fund and we were able to raise another \$6,000 to help send GM seniors and alumni to college seeking degrees in art or music.

Due to our generous donors, we had tons of great auction items available for our silent and live auctions. We would like to recognize them here, they include: Cabot Cheese, Harpoon Brewery, Mo's Fudge Factor, Tracy Metcalf, Lucky Bug Creations, Body and Sole Therapeutics, Steve Brown Enterprises, Salty Sista (Fort Lauderdale, FL), Fox Meadow Farms, Papa Johns Maple Syrup, Stratton Mountain Resort, Donna Jarvis, Hawks Mountain Sugar House, BootPro, Vermont Country Store, Darn Tough Socks, Alchemy Brewery, Aimee's Home Cookin',

Dear Editor,

Nitka's notes from the State House

As we move toward the end of this first half of the two-year Legislative Session critical policy and budgeting decisions are being made on issues that were not settled in earlier months. The Department of Corrections, the number of out of state prison beds, the cost of beds at different facilities in and out of state, work camps, aging and infirmed prisoners, contraband in prisons, Woodside (our juvenile facility), deteriorating facilities, detainees, arrangements via video conferencing, electronic monitoring, home confinement and multiple other related matters are being worked on in many committees in the building.

The issue of the Southeast State Correctional Center, locally known as Windsor Prison and the turmoil as to its future use is a source of grave concern for the employees working there and the town of Windsor. The

Dear Editor,

The members of the Chester Snowmobile Club wish to thank the many generous landowners that have allowed the use of their land in sup-

port of our trail system.

incentives tied to Act 46 mergers. Perhaps the most compelling reason to vote in favor of a merger: to avoid the threat of a forced consolidation by the state.

Students in Cavendish, Andover and Chester in grades kindergarten through six will continue to receive an elementary education in their local schools, although a merger may permit flexibility in the future. Students in grades seven through twelve will join as they have for years at Green Mountain High School. Pre-kindergarten children will continue to access an education through the collaborative.

and attract full-time families to our area. Although restrictive and harsh, ACT 46 has required us to critically examine our current situation and develop ways to improve the education we are providing our children.

Initially, I had really hoped building a new school centrally located was achievable because I liked the idea of keeping our current supervisory union together. It saddens me that my children will be deprived of attending high school with close friends in Cavendish. I feel strongly that Ludlow and Mount Holly students should remain together since both towns have collaborated for decades and share sports teams.

I diligently explored many educational options including K-12 school models, collaboration with OMS, privatizing to create a Black River Academy and school choice. Although school choice is appealing, there are many barriers, such as a very high projected tax rate, no straightforward plan for elementary school protection and no transportation options. I have continued to attend meetings and have become

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yard brewery, Precision Pool & Spa, Louanne Metcalf, Sharon Bruce, DoTerra Wellness, Hallmark Store, and Advanced Auto (Springfield), Running Bear Campground, and Hawks Mt. Motorcycle.

We hope we didn't leave anyone out...if so, we are truly sorry and we appreciate your support.

We want to thank all our awesome musicians who played at our event. They all put on fantastic performances. Thanks to our first act—Holly May, second act—B/AKE/R who include: Scott Bemis, John Yake, Brodie Yake, and Josh Parker and last, but not least, a big thank you to our Headliner—VEHICLE who include: Roy Brown, Bernie Moss, Keith McKane, Paul Bocchiaro, Jim Murphy and Gary Spaulding.

Also want to thank our MC and auctioneer Dan, he did a great job. Thanks to our soundman Rob Bridge for holding things together all evening as well as John Frink on lights.

ernment is getting contracts for beds for persons it expects to hold prior to deportation. As the federal government pays more for beds than most states, the options are limited particularly for small states who are not trying to contract for large numbers of beds. It is likely a contract will be for a set number of beds and even if we don't have enough prisoners to fill them we will then pay for empty beds. We have been getting a lot of calls regarding this issue however the Governor's Administration handles these contracts, not the Legislature.

As the budget process moves along there are many items not included in the budget that are on what one

port of our trail system.

Stan Choiniere
President

Students in Baltimore already in enrolled in another school district, for example in Springfield or Windsor, will be permitted to stay in that school through graduation, as will the 1 or 2 students currently enrolled in independent schools. Newly enrolled elementary students will attend either Cavendish Elementary or Chester Andover Elementary, and middle and high school students will attend Green Mountain.

As members of our respective school boards who also served on the TRSU Act 46 Study Committee, we believe a "yes" vote in favor

of a single student district is in the best interests of our students, our communities, and preserves local control of our schools. We urge you to vote Yes on May 2. Polls will be open between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in all towns.

Sincerely,
Eugene Bont, Chair, Cavendish Board
Alison DesLauriers, Chair, GM Board
Marilyn Mahusky, Chair, Chester-Andover Board
Kathy Muther, Chair, Baltimore Board

convinced that Mill River is very well organized and will help us move our local education in a very positive direction, plus keeping our Elementary School intact.

I intend no disrespect to Black River and the administrators and teachers that work hard for our students every day. Black River ranks 56 out of 59 schools on the School Digger scale, which is alarming. Another website called Niche, rates college readiness and positions Black River at 49 of 60, while Mill River is rated 16 out of 60. Evaluation needs to be more than test scores and although our existing small school structure has been positive for some students, others have reported that were poorly prepared upon graduation.

I have visited the Green Mountain, Black River and Mill River campuses. Through comparison, I believe that Mill River is the only logical option at this time. In discussing educational goals and vision, Mill River seemed to be better organized and interested in innovative approaches to learning. They have proficiency

based learning with well-defined implementation plans and projected tax numbers that are well suited for Ludlow and Mount Holly. The Mill River Supervisory Union shows economic responsibility by housing their supervisory union offices within the high school building. While there is no perfect solution, I believe Mill River is the best option.

I know change is difficult but I think that the Mill River District has demonstrated motivation, dedication and commitment to progressive education. I appreciate the hard work of our school board and respect the plan they have put forth. Concerning the sense of community, I encourage people to get involved. Our impressive Elementary School thrives on the support of local family members and friends. In an effort to keep this process from driving us apart, please learn all you can, then vote wisely on May 30. Let's choose to come together as a community for our students and their education.

Melissa Perrino
Ludlow, Vt.

Once again we want to thank the American Legion for the use of their great venue. Also would like to thank Sarah Yake and Hannah Monier for allowing us to use their shop-Salon 2000 as official headquarters in Chester.

We would like to give shout out to Rick Bliss & Bliss Farms for his incredibly generous support during our end of year-New Years Eve donation drive. Rick matched donors dollar for dollar for the first \$2,000 in contributions. With his help and with donations from several other loyal supporters we were able to raise over \$5,000 dollars in one night for our cause! Its always a great way to end our funds year, but this year we took things to a new level with Rick's super generous donation.

Our scholarship fund is once again humbled by all the energy, and support of the community and surrounding area. Thank you all. I hope I didn't leave anyone out.

Sincerely,
Heath Gordon Scholarship Fund

might call a "wish list" as they have been requested but haven't been funded. Mental health crisis needs and workers wage increase, 2 million; Vets' Home, Bennington, \$259,000; Courts, opiate caseload, \$138,000; National Guard Scholarships, additional \$500,000; Court Diversion, pre-trial services, \$220,000; Shelters, \$200,000; State colleges, four million; Electronic monitoring for prisoners, \$969,000; State Police body and car cameras, software, etc. 1.8 million.

Contact me at anitka@leg.state.vt.us.

Senator Alice Nitka
Montpelier, Vt.

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OBITUARIES

church services

Barbara F. Rogers, 1948 - 2016

S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. - A memorial service for Barbara F. Rogers (August 2, 1948-December 19, 2016) of S. Londonderry will be held at Burgess Cemetery, Grafton, Ver-

mont on June 3, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. A potluck reception will follow in honor of her lifetime dedication to community, friends, and family at 1100 Fisher Hill Rd, Grafton, VT.

Irma Nina Weinzierl, 1944 - 2017

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Irma Nina Weinzierl, 72, passed away on February 13, 2017 in Fort Myers, Florida. She was born August 30, 1944 in New York City, New York the daughter of Gelino and Sandra (Blier) Michelini.

Weinzierl of Bellows Falls, Vt. one daughter Julie Strong of Saxtons River, Vt. one brother James Michelini of Port St. Lucie, Fla. a half brother William Tarn of Farmington, Conn. Six grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

On October 1, 1966 she married her husband of 50 years John J. Weinzierl in East Hampton, Connecticut.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at the Athens Christian Community Church in Athens, Vt. Reverend Harold Noyes pastor will officiate.

She lived in New York City, and East Hampton, Connecticut, moving to Vermont in 1976.

Burial will follow in the Meeting House Cemetery in Rockingham, Vt.

She was employed in Human Resources as a Community Outreach Specialist with HCRS in Springfield, Vermont for 30 years.

Contributions may be made in her memory to the Athens Christian Community Church Missions Fund at 1 Miller Road Athens, VT 05143

She was an avid gardener, tending her flower and vegetable gardens. She volunteered with Meals on Wheels program and taught Sunday school.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Davis Memorial Chapel in Springfield, Vt.

She is survived by her husband John of Rockingham, one son David

Cheryl Ann Winslow, 1966 - 2017

SWANZEY, N.H. - Cheryl Ann Winslow "Ellie Mae", a long-time resident of Swanzey, N.H. passed away on Monday, April 10, 2017 in the comfort of her home.

would give you the shirt off her back if you needed it. Her sense of humor and quirkiness made her unforgettable to anyone who met her and she could make your whole day better with her smile alone. She touched the lives of many and will be missed dearly.

Cheryl was born May 21, 1966 in Springfield, Vermont the daughter of Joann Gordon and the late Harold Melendy. Cheryl attended schools in Chester, Vermont and Keene, New Hampshire. On May 22, 2007 she exchanged vows with David T Winslow in the house they were building together surrounded by her children and parents. Cheryl and Dave were together for 15 years.

Cheryl is survived by her husband, David and her children Amanda Amadon (Nick Caron), Dillon Amadon (Cassandra Shea) and Tiffany (Hunter) Johnston. She has her stepchildren Chris, Danny, Tiffany and Natasha Winslow that she leaves with her husband David. She leaves her siblings Brenda (Dan) Reynolds, Donald Melendy (Melissa Hill), James Melendy (Cil Mathews), Scott ("the original" Jess) Hagland and Craig (Jess) Hagland. She leaves her mother Joann Hagland and stepfather Ross Hagland of Swanzey, N.H. and her grandmother Irene Gordon of Andover, Vt. along with many loved nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She also leaves Sarah "Beaman" Thompson and Casey and Nina Rogers, who were like daughters to her and Trevor Cloutier, who was very special to her.

She worked at Smith Medical for 30+ years in the warehouse. Her co-workers became family and shared many laughs with her over the years. She loved making work fun for everyone and loved bossing the men around in the warehouse, all in good fun. Her Smith Medical family meant the world to her and she appreciated everything they did for her. From our family to yours, thank you Smith Medical.

Cheryl was a loving and devoted mother, wife, daughter, sister, Nana, friend and "fur mama." She loved the outdoors and spent most of her free time with her animals, in her garden or working on her house in her overalls with her husband, children and grandchildren who loved to help. She also enjoyed going on vacation to the camp in Vermont once a year with her brother Jimmy, sister-in-law Cil, her husband, children and grandchildren. There she spent her time kayaking, fishing, hiking and building campfires.

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She was predeceased by her "son" Ryan Fitzgerald. Ryan was her nephew that she loved and took care of like a son.

She also loved going on the annual apple picking trip with her family and picking black raspberries with her grandchildren. She never made a promise she couldn't keep and had the big family she always wanted. She was always willing to drop everything to help anyone in need and

In keeping with Cheryl's wishes there will be no public service. A private celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Cheryl A Winslow to the Cheshire Medical Kingsbury Pavilion Patient Relief Fund at www.cheshiremed.com/ways_to_give/kingsbury_pavilion_funds.

Rodney L. Page, 1945 - 2016

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - A Celebration of Life service for Rodney L. Page, 71, who passed away on November 15, 2016 will be held at 12:30

p.m. on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at K.J.s in North Springfield, Vermont. Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

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 p.m.
Wednesday at 7 p.m. Sanctuary handicap accessible. Visit: obbvt.org.

Sunday. Immanuel Church is accessible

BELMONT, VT.

The Village Church: 35 Church St.
The Sunday service and children's church is at 9:30 a.m. Contact Pastor Glenn Davis 802-259-2440;

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.
Holy Eucharist Services are offered at 8 a.m. (quiet service) and 10 a.m. (with music) every

CAVENDISH-PROCTORSVILLE, VT.

Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main St.
Sundays at 10 a.m. More info at CavendishBaptist.com or call 802-

226-7131.

Gethsemane Episcopal Church, Depot St.
All are welcome. For information, email rabvt@tds.net.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

North Charlestown United Methodist Church, River Rd.
Sunday worship begins at 9 a.m. Church is handicap accessible. Contact at 603-826-0381

CHESTER, VT.

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 802-875-3257.

GRAFTON VT.

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

LUDLOW, VT.

The United Church of Ludlow (UCC and Methodist), 48 Pleasant St.
Sundays starting at 10:15 a.m. Services by The Reverend Dr. Harpster. 802-228-4211

Ludlow Baptist Church, on the Green, 99 Main St.

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

SPRINGFIELD, VT.

Church of Christ, Route 11, Chester Rd.
10 a.m. Sunday School for all ages, 11 a.m. Worship Service; 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

Devotional. Enter through the back downstairs door. FB ~ Springfield Church of Christ.

First Congregational Church, 77 Main St.
National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 4, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. The sanctuary is open for reflection, meditation, prayer.

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

North Springfield Baptist Church, 69 Main St.
Worship and Praise Service on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. followed by a fellowship time and classes. 802-886-8107 or www.nsbvt.org.

Precision Valley Baptist Church, 69 Route 106
Sunday at 10 a.m. Adult Bible study Sunday from 9-9:45 a.m.

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 to schedule a pick up. Call 802-885-4261.

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

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.
Sunday services at 10 a.m. through June 9; twice a month in summer. April 30: The new statue Fearless Girl was placed in front of Wall Street on International Women's Day to make a point. Rev. Kitsy Winthrop will be with us again. See <https://uspringfieldvt.org> or leave a message at 802-885-3327.

WALPOLE, N.H.

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

Earl E. Douglass, 1939 - 2017

GRAFTON, Vt. - Earl D. Douglass, 77, passed away Saturday, April 22, 2017 at his home. Earl was born in Morrisville, Vermont on April 24, 1939, the son of Walter and Gertrude (Earle) Douglass. He attended Eden Elementary School, graduated from Johnson High School, and earned an associates degree from Vermont Technical College.

surviving are his Sons Raiford and wife Tammy, Keith and wife Jennifer, and Kevin and wife Jaimie; his daughters Ronda Williams and husband Russell, Cindy Douglass, Julie Douglass, Karen Neathawk, and Marie Zijic and husband Danny; his brother Floyd Douglass and wife Nadir; 19 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. He is predeceased by his parents and his brother Richard Douglass.

He worked as a dairy farmer and also worked for the Town of Grafton road crew. Mr. Douglass served as Town Meeting moderator and on the Athens School Board. He also drove the bus, served as a constable, and was a volunteer for the Athens Fire Department.

Services will be at the convenience of the family with burial in the Houghtonville Cemetery, Grafton, Vermont.

On October 16, 1959 he married Lorraine Boyce who survives. Also

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Grace Cottage Hospital, P0 Box 1, Townshend, VT 05353.

Dean Kauppinen, 1940 - 2017

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - Dean Kauppinen, 76 passed away peacefully Tuesday April 18, 2017 at his home surrounded by his family.

area elementary students how to ski.

Dean was born in Winchendon, Mass. Sept. 21, 1940 the son of Paul and Natalie (Mellen) Kauppinen. Dean was a graduate of Narragansett Regional High School Class of 1964. Dean received his degree of Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University Of Massachusetts. He was a member of the Lacrosse Team, the Ski Club, Christian Association, The American Society of Mechanical Engineers and Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

Dean is survived by his wife, Rosemarie; his children, Paul Naumann, Stacy Naumann, Amy Ashley, Jill Naumann and Nikki Mauroff; His brother Mark Kauppinen; His grandchildren, Miranda LaDuc, Katelyn Sliwinski, Morgan Naumann and George J. Mauroff.

Dean had worked for Pratt & Whitney from 1964 to 1978. In the early 1970's he began renovating homes in Vermont and in 1978 he moved permanently to Vermont and began his long career in real estate development and building.

Besides his parents he was predeceased by his brother Lauri Kauppinen .

Dean was an avid skier from an early age and had volunteered with the Okemo Ski program teaching

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday April 22, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Church of the Annunciation, 7 Depot St. Ludlow, VT. Calling hours will be held at the Adams Funeral Home, 35 Depot Street, Chester, VT on Friday April 21 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Graveside committal services and interment will take place in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Baldwinville, (Templeton) Mass. On Monday April 24 at noon.

Richard Alan Knight II "Rick," 1982 - 2017

CHESTER, Vt. - Richard Alan Knight II "Rick" died unexpectedly at his home in Chester on April 17, 2017. He was 34. His cause of death is not yet known. The son of Richard and Sandra Benson Knight, Rick was born on October 8, 1982 in Claremont, N.H., and was raised in Charlestown, N.H. and Springfield, Vt. He attended schools in Springfield.

He enjoyed camping, hiking, road trips, playing in pool tournaments and fishing with his boys. He was an aspiring chainsaw artist.

In Rick's own words, he was a "jack of all trades, master of none". He worked many jobs in his life, including but not limited to, carpenter, Ben & Jerry's worker, Grafton cheese maker, a chef in a number of places, and most recently was self-employed as a tree surgeon. He was a snowboarder, motorcyclist, skateboarder and a SCUBA diver.

On March 31, 2006, he married Kimberlee Adams. They had two children Jacob and Joel. He was predeceased by his mother Sunny Knight and step daughter Angela Spinelli.

He is survived by his father and stepmother Richard and Carol Knight, his former wife Kim, his sons Jacob and Joel, his step son RJ Spinelli, his half brother Lance Pearson, his half sisters Samantha Henry and Richanne Knight, a number of cousins, nieces and nephews, and many life long friends.

Davis Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

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arts & entertainment

Making fabric pottery

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Calling all people who like to work with fabric. Elizabeth Ezold makes amazing fabric pottery and will be sharing her expertise at Gallery at the VAULT. Learn to sew beautiful multi-colored bowls in a variety of shapes and sizes on Saturday, May 6 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. You will use fabric strips, cording and coordinating thread. The bowls are eye-catching and functional. Students should bring a portable sewing machine with zigzag ability and have some basic sewing ability. A full materials list will be provided at registration.

Beth began doing crafts at age 10, with sewing her main focus. She has taught elementary school and always added crafts to the curriculum, and still loves to teach. After retirement, she found quilting and discovered the wonders of making fabric bowls.

"I have been making the fabric pottery for more than 5 years. Each bowl or mat is the chance to put fabric together in a new order, and each bowl's shape/size is a product of the moment I am making it" says Beth.



Beth Ezold with her fabric pottery.

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Her creations include traditional quilts, landscape wall hangings, totes, commissioned pieces, children's toys, table runners, etc. She is also VAULT's new fabulous employee.

For more information please

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

"Yarn Kippur:" the shame and distress of unfinished projects

CHESTER, Vt. - We all have unfinished projects: The half-knit baby

sweater for the child about to graduate. The yarn that seemed so pretty in the

store, but really... what were you thinking? The afghan pattern that you meant to get to just as soon as you had three thousand hours to spare.

You probably caught a glimpse of one (or more) of these recently as you were digging in the back of a closet for shorts and T-shirts. You probably cringed and shoved it even further back. It's time to stop cringing. Six Loose Ladies is here to help.

On "Yarn Kippur" all fiber faux pas are forgiven. Search out your unwanted yarn, needles, patterns, tools. Bring them to Six Loose Ladies and exchange them for something exciting and new (to you).

Six Loose Ladies Yarn & Fiber Shop is located at 287 Main Street, Chester. Yarn Kippur is on Thursday, April 27 from 5 - 8 p.m. Free! A redistribution of fiber wealth.

Green-Up Day video contest

REGION - For Green Up Day 2017, The Skinny Pancake will sponsor a video contest encouraging students 18 and younger to create an original video of what Green Up Day means to them. The winning video will receive a visit from The Skinny Pancake for a crepe party.

The Green Up Day Video Contest is open to all Vermont residents under the age of 18. Students are encouraged to be creative and to show how they participate in Green Up Day with their family or community, or what it means to keep Vermont clean and green. Green Up Day, a statewide volunteer event to clean up Vermont's roadsides and public spaces, will be celebrated on Saturday, May 6.

All videos must be posted to Green Up Day Facebook page (www.facebook.com/GreenUpVermont/) by May 21 to be considered for the grand prize, a crepe party provided by The Skinny Pancake. Videos must be no longer than 60 seconds. The video with the most Likes and Shares will be the winner.



Have your child participate in the Green Up Day video contest.

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OLLI program uncovers

American Revolution spies

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Damien Cregeau will present the OLLI-Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program on Tuesday, May 2 titled "Spies, Lies and Alibis: Spying During the American Revolution." It will be presented at 2:00 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Catholic Church on Pleasant St. in Springfield, Vermont.

Cregeau will give a fascinating PowerPoint presentation that will bring to light the various spy rings and independent spies in and around New York City who worked for General George Washington and the patriot cause during the American Revolution era, including the famous Culper spy ring led by Major Benjamin Tallmadge. He'll explore the lesser known figures and rings, such as the Dayton spy ring run by Col. Elias Dayton between Elizabeth, N.J. and Staten Island. Included will be the esoteric but heroic agents like Lt. Lewis Costigan and Sgt. Daniel Bissell, who both went behind enemy lines in NYC while still in the Conti-



Damien Cregeau, historian, will speak at OLLI on "Spies, Lies and Alibis During the American Revolution."

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mental Army. He'll examine the spy tradecraft of the era, including the use of aliases or cover names, dead drops, invisible inks, as well as codes and ciphers.

Cregeau, an independent historian from Connecticut, has spoken throughout the northeast on colonial American, military and architectural history. He presented this talk to the New York Office of the F.B.I. in the summer of 2014.

The following OLLI program on May 9, just one week later rather than the usual two, will be Brian Lindner, Vermont Aviation historian, who will share information about Vermont Airplane Crashes. The May 9 program will be the final program of the semester.

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

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

Charlie Brown play

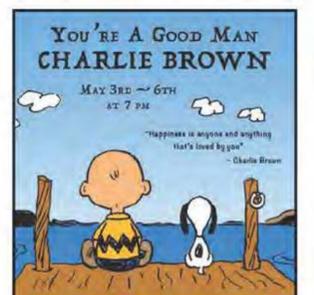
PUTNEY, Vt. - "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" with Director Jessa Rowan, Musical Director/Producer

Alli Lubin, and Backstage Manager/Production Assistant Sally Seymour will be presented by the 7th and 8th grades at The Grammar School on Wednesday through Saturday nights, May 3, 4, 5, and 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Charles Schulz's beloved comic comes to life in Clark Gesner's classic musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." The whole crew is here: bossy Lucy is desperately in love with piano prodigy Schroeder who is completely oblivious to her feelings, perfectionist Sally is still making fun of blanket-toting Linus, Snoopy is in the doghouse, and inept but ever hopeful Charlie Brown is still searching for what it means to be a good person. Brief vignettes span the months from Valentine's Day to Beethoven Day, and from wild optimism to utter despair. Watch as these entertaining characters navigate the joys and pitfalls of childhood: chaotic baseball games, unrequited valentines, World War I flying beagles, and five-cent psychiatry.

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" does what all good theater is meant to do: it provides an opportunity for escape. We can return to a time when, as the final song in the show says, happiness was "two kinds of ice cream, catching a firefly or tying your shoes for the very first time. Happiness is anyone and anything at all that's loved by you."

Reserve seats by calling The Grammar School at 802-387-5364 ext.101. Purchase tickets at the door. The Grammar School is located on 69 Hickory Ridge Rd South, Putney, Vt.



You're a Good Man Charlie Brown. PHOTO PROVIDED

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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

The more things change, the more they remain the same:

An interesting example comes from the Marble Valley League. For the most part, the league has things right, as they allow schools to ask to compete in individual sports at the level they feel is most appropriate. Regardless of a team's status in the MVL, just as it should be at the state level, your classification is determined by student enrollment, by sport, but, the MVL allows a team in a school, which has trouble competing with their division, to compete down.

Some teams in the MVL drop down and stay down because they never excel, but... there are times a school has a group of students, who excel at the lower level and then when realignment comes around again (generally every two years), they are moved up, so they don't become dominant of schools, not their size.

Unfortunately, often the catch is, the strong athletes in a program graduate and a much lesser ability group is left to face the iron. Bellows Falls softball has been in this situation in recent years. They had a couple years (the springs of 2014 and 2015) when they played a Division III/IV schedule in the MVL and finished 8-6 and 13-3 in back to back years. The 13-3 record was when they were actually classified by the state in Division III and were second third in the state tourney, but they didn't win a post-season game.

However, when the new two-year cycle came out, based on their 21-9 two-year record and now Division II placement, the MVL powers that be decided, for the next two years, they needed to play a DII schedule, which even includes games versus DI schools.

Last spring, BF went 4-12 in softball and who knows what the record will be this time around. They are presently 1-2 and were headed out as we wrote to travel to Bennington to face Mount Anthony on Tuesday.

Among the seventeen Division II softball teams in Vermont, BF is the 11th largest. Union-32 has the largest enrollment in D II, with 272 girls and BF has 166. The 10th largest school has 186 students and the 12th has 157. Obviously BF is a small DII school.

BF played a pretty good game at Fair Haven Saturday without some vacationing bodies and fell 6-0. They walked off the field looking defeated, but they should have felt better about themselves. As we said, they played well.

BF has never won a state softball championship, and has a 14-27 lifetime play-off record in the sport. The last time they won a play-off game was 2008, when they advanced to the semi-final in DII and bowed to Harwood 4-2. The Lady Terriers were a seventh seed that season.

The reason for writing this was not to criticize the MVL and their set-up, but to show what a delicate balance this all is. The only thing I think I could suggest is, let a team spend a minimum of three years in a renaissance position before you move them up, unless the team still has a loaded roster returning. This scenario may be as difficult as the old proverbial line, which comes first, the chicken or the egg?

Pitching and defense - I am a big baseball fan. I don't care what level the game is at from high school through the pros, I love pitching and defense. I am capable of oohing and aweing at a big hit or two, especially a home run, but pitching and defense is my thing.

Most of you readers, like Mr. Saxtons River Pirate Dave Moore, want plenty of runs and plenty of hits, but give me a baseball ballet with precision.

Kendall Heath has pitched for Fall Mountain for three years now. The junior has begun this season in extraordinary fashion. His coach Tom Stockton tells us, "he's going to be special."

Fall Mountain is currently 3-0 with 6-1 and 2-0 victories over Kearsarge and Newport respectively with Heath on the mound, and on Monday they defeated Mascoma 9-3 in a game. Heath's junior classmate Justin Beauregard spaced eight hits in. FM has three more games remaining this week with home contests with Conant (Wednesday) and Monadnock (Friday) and a road game at Belmont in between.

Heath pitched a no-hitter against Newport and allowed one-hit versus Kearsarge, (Stockton says "he shook off a pitch call on that one") and in his fourteen innings, has allowed the one hit, while striking out 31 of the 42 batters he has retired.

New Hampshire has introduced a pitch count in baseball this spring, (Vermont already has played with one for a few years) and that limits Heath's outings. If a pitcher tosses 1-25 pitches said pitcher needs no rest, if they throw 26-50 pitches, they will need a days rest, while 51-75 pitches means a pitcher will need two days rest and if they throw more than 76 tosses, three days rest will be needed.

Former athletes in charge of mountain teams

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal / The Shopper

REGION - Matt McCarthy and Molly McManus were once area athletes who have lived the game they coach. Both are making their spring coaching debuts this spring, McCarthy as the head coach of Green Mountain Baseball and McManus, as the Fall Mountain Softball team.

Green Mountain is 1-1 in the early going and they sit right where they are expected to sit. They defeated Poultnery 13-1 in their opener and then fell to always-tough South Royalton 8-2. Josh Woods pitched four strong innings in each of the games,

but he was a victim of a little tough luck against South Royalton, when he surrendered four earned runs, half of them in situations that could have played out differently. Woods had the Chieftains only hit in the Royals contest.

Chase Ordway-Smith (3 hits and 3 runs batted in), Mack Walton (2 hits and 2 RBI's) and Tommy Knochenhauer (a double and 2 runs scored) paced GM at the plate in the win and Walton pitched well in relief.

McCarthy's team has a busy week lined up presently as they host Woodstock Tuesday, head to Riven-dell Thursday and then host Springfield Saturday at 11 a.m.

McManus' team is off to a 3-1

start and has an even busier week the next few days. The Lady Wildcats already beat Mascoma on the road Monday 7-4 and still have three contests this week in back to back fashion. They host Conant Wednesday, travel to Mascenic Thursday and then are home again to Monadnock Thursday. All games begin at 4 p.m.

The Cats opened the season with an 8-3 triumph at Kearsarge and then easily defeated Hanover 20-0, before running into their only blemish, a 12-4 defeat at Newport. McManus played softball at Stevens, as well as soccer and basketball.

McCarthy interestingly enough attended two area high schools. He began his high school days at Green

Mountain and then moved during his spring semester, his sophomore year, to arch rival Black River, where he made the varsity baseball team that spring and became a two-year member of both the soccer and basketball squads the next two years.

When I asked McCarthy about the probable closing of Black River following the spring sports season of 2018, he said, "I don't get into politics, but that's really too bad."

Then when I asked would it be nice to have some of those student/athletes end up eventually at Green Mountain? He repeated,

"I don't get into politics," (then after quite a hesitation) he added, "but they always have a number of good athletes."

First track meet at Bellows Falls

BY BILL MURPHY

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Bellows Falls Terrier DJ Snide is shown in action and he is one of several top performers for the 2017 Tim Eno coached track and field team. Eno says, "We are going to be a competitive team. Our progress has been good so far and we should be one of the top three in the state in our division."

For the second time in as many

meets, Bellows Falls placed second to Brattleboro in last weeks' meet at Windsor in both the boys and girls competition. Of the eleven boys teams, the Colonels led the way with 158 points, followed by BF totaling 104, Newport 87 and the other eight schools way behind. The girls' meet was much closer as Bratt out totaled the Lady Terriers 145-136. Snide had three top five finishes, 2nd in the 100, 3rd in the Long Jump and 5th in the Pole Vault.

Shane Clark pictured, had a

strong day for BF winning three events. Clark captured the 110-meter hurdles, the Triple Jump and the Javelin, while placing second in the Pole Vault. Reno Tuttle also stood out taking firsts in both the Shot Put and the Discus.

The depth of the girls' team stood out to give them the strong showing as a team in their meet. Eno says, "The girls are nursing some injuries and will become stronger as we go along." Two relay teams were the only Purple and White first place

finishes. The 4 x 100 Relayers comprised of Jasmine Boucher, Brigid Hodsden, Abby Cravhino and Tess Kinney were top dog as was the 4 x 800 group of Lia Clark, Sophia Hyslop, Macie Streeter and Baylee Davis.

The Tuesday and Wednesday Weight Relay Events in BF this week were postponed and will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday. The running half of the Relays, known as the Annual Fenn relays will be staged Friday in Brattleboro at 4 p.m.



BF Shane Clark.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



BF DJ Snide.

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Seven wrestlers battled for State Champion

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - It was a bright and brisk day when seven young wrestlers headed north. The K-2 team from Springfield was ready to battle for the title of State Champion in Saint Johnsbury, Vermont. They didn't disappoint -- months of hard work at practice with coaches Don Beebe, Floyd Buck, Steve Meier, and Dan Preston were paying off in at least one raised arm for every wrestler on the team.

Jameer Cosby displayed exuberant sportsmanship in all three of his matches, including one well-executed win; Dave Crocco III's placed fifth out of nine wrestlers, showing much improvement and increased

determination this season. Seth Markwell finished with a very respectable pair of wins, and Garrett Brickey placed third after four wins.

Three boys walked onto the mats for the final championship round - Dmitri Jasinski battled a very tough opponent to place second after some excellent mat-work; both Tristan Perry and Jace Beamon took home the coveted CHAMP shirts and medals.

Coaches could not be prouder of these boys, all first-year wrestlers! Their hard work, dedication, and commitment to each other and to themselves is showing this year, building a foundation for years to come.



Wrestling team with Coach Floyd Buck at K-2 States.

PHOTO BY COACH STEVE MEIER



Jace Beamon leads the way to finals.

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Tristan Perry, one of the Champions, goes for the pin.

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Thanks for your understanding.

spring home improvement

Shopping local can benefit you and your community

StatePoint - If you have home improvement plans this spring, it's important to consider where you will be doing your shopping. For many people, the first stores to come to mind are big box retailers because of the widespread assumption that chains can offer better selection and better prices.

Keep in mind, though, that when it comes to items needed for your home projects -- whether it be new flooring, paint or a kitchen renovation -- more often than not, experts say that your

local independent retailer can offer a good or better selection, be competitive with pricing, and provide a superior customer service experience.

What's more, shopping at local businesses can benefit your household and the community. At a locally owned store, you will be more likely to find interesting items and products that set your home apart. And more of your dollars will stay put when you give them to business owners who pay taxes locally, hire locally and may be more inclined to support commu-



Whether its in or outside of the home, shop local for all of your home improvement needs.

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nity charities and organizations.

You may also find independent retailers that can offer some of the same benefits as a large chain. For example,

when small business owners belong to a cooperative, they come together to scale buying power, access goods and services at a lower cost, and cre-

ate opportunities not available to them as individual businesses. For you, this can mean more and better choices of products and affordability.

In the case of Flooring America for example, this means being able to offer a wide selection of products, including hard surfaces like hardwood, laminate and tile, and soft surface flooring, paint, cabinets for kitchen renovations and even closet

organization solutions. Their retailers can be found in local communities throughout the country, with a varying product selection depending on location.

So, if you are looking to make home improvements this spring, check out your local retailers that not only offer great product selection, but also contribute to your community in a positive way.



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Smart kitchen upgrade ideas to help you save time

StatePoint - Most home cooks want the flexibility of preparing complicated meals with ease and convenience. However, even those with a deft culinary hand may be limited by their tools, space and appliances.

Smartly outfitting your kitchen can help you jump meal preparation hurdles, particularly if you are someone who is inclined to prepare multi-course meals. Consider space-saving appliances with versatile functionality that can do more than one job at a time. Just as you can multitask, so should your kitchen appliances.

Experts point out that it all boils down to the capabilities of your oven range. When pressed for time, you may have compromised on cooking times or temperature, leaving dishes to suffer through over- or under-cooking. Home chefs with this problem should consider upgrading to a double oven range, which would

allow you to cook multiple dishes at separate temperatures. Consider the flexibility of being able to bake cookies in convection mode at 350 degrees while simultaneously broiling chicken, all in one unit.

If you do plan to make this upgrade, consider your needs and options. For example, if an electric connection is the only option for cooking, consider Verona's 36 inch fully electric double oven range, which offers cooking performance one might not expect from a fully electric range. Also available in dual fuel and all gas options, the Verona double oven ranges are fully equipped with two easily pro-



Save time in the kitchen with smart appliances. PHOTO PROVIDED BY STATEPOINT.NET

grammed multi-function ovens and provide multiple cooking modes, including baking, defrosting and broiling.

unnecessary, freeing up valuable cabinet space and valuable dollars for other useful chef's tools and supplies. Additionally, upgrading your

When form is just as important as function, consider ILVE's larger double oven range options in 40, 48 and 60 inch sizes. All sizes feature two multi-function ovens and added multi-tasking tools such as a rotisserie and warming drawer. Cooktop options such as a French top and removable griddle give even more flexibility to ambitious home cooks.

With a dual oven range, you may find that a separate built-in oven becomes

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Green Up Day

ANDOVER, Vt. - Andover Green-Up day will be held on Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. to noon. Residents and friends are invited to beautify the town grounds, clean the roadsides, and spruce up the cemeteries. Please meet at the Andover Town Hall for coffee, donuts, and to chose your work assignment.

Participants are encouraged to bring gardening gloves and tools including wheelbarrows, rakes, clippers, loppers, and leaf blowers and join in the community spirit.

CAVENDISH, Vt. - Green Up activities will be on Saturday May 6, starting at 9 a.m. on the Proctorsville Green and ending back

After the work is over, participants are invited to stay to celebrate a job well done and share lunch with friends and neighbors. Attendees should bring a potluck salad or dessert to accompany the hot dogs, chips, and soft drinks that will be provided. Refreshments are being provided by the Andover Project Committee and through the generosity of community members.

For information or questions regarding Andover's Green-Up Day contact Deb Moser at 802-875-5454.

on the green with a barbecue at noon. In case of rain, Green Up Day will be held on Saturday, May 13.

LUDLOW, Vt. - Meet for complimentary coffee and donuts at the Ludlow Community Center at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 6. Green Up instructions and routes will be given to participants. At 9:30 a.m. groups will disperse to their designated clean routes. Green Up Day BBQ at the Ludlow Community Center to reward volunteers for a job well done and a complimentary T-shirt at noon.

Designated Green-up routes:
Route #1 - Route 100 South from the Junction of Route 103/100 to the Transfer Station
Route #2 - Route 100 South from

the Town Line to the Transfer Station
Route #3 - High Street to Dug Road Bridge
Route #4 - Pleasant Street to the Little League Fields
Route #5 - Upper Cross Road & Okemo Access Road
Route #6 - Trailside to the West Hill Recreation Area
Route #7 - Kingdom Road & East Lake Road
Route #8 - Commonwealth Ave
Route #9 - Nelson Road
Route #10 - Bixby Road
Route #11 - Town Farm Road
Route #12 - South Hill Road
Route #13 - East Hill Road



Green up your town!

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ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Green Up Day is Saturday, May 6th! Families and interested parties can pick up the familiar green bags to clean up neighborhoods, roads, parks and playgrounds. Bags are available at the J&H Hardware store, the Saxtons River Market and the Town Clerk's Office. They'll also be available at the 2017 Wildlife Festival at Herricks Cove on Sunday, May 7.

Grab the official bright green bag and fill it with paper, cans, and roadside trash; it's fine to mix trash and recyclables at this time of the year. Helpful hint: wear bright clothes so cars will

see you. Gloves and boots protect against dirt and ticks. Once an area is clean, the green bags can be left by the side of the road for town-wide pick-up on May 8 or dropped off at the Saxtons River Fire Department, Rockingham Highway Garage, or the Bellows Falls Garage.

Need more information? Check out the statewide website at www.greenupvermont.org. Want to report an area that needs a special crew or volunteer to captain a team? Email Guy Payne, gpayne@gmail.com or leave a message at 869-2600. Let's clean up litter and make our town look good.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Our Green Up event will begin at 8:00 a.m. on May 6. Meet at the parking lot in front of People's United Bank to sign-in to the event and pick up trash bags. Bags will also be available for pick-up at the Chamber office (56 Main Street, Suite 2, Springfield, Vt.) during the week leading up to the event.

Start planning the section of town you wish to bring a bit of beauty back to! Rake up trash, recycle bottles, plastics, paper, and maybe even plant a seed to mark the effort you put forth in making our town lively once again!

At the end of the morning, rejoin fellow workers at the Peoples United Bank parking lot at noon for a thank you cookout with hot dogs and beverages, courtesy of the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Reminder: It is extremely important to remember to wear work gloves, long pants, and proper footwear to protect against ticks and debris along your clean-up journey. Remember to bring rakes, gloves, shovels, brooms, and anything else that might be helpful for clean-up. Professionals and volunteers will be on call throughout the day to assist you with any questions you may have. Most of all, remember to have fun! You are bettering our town and community by sharing your energy and spirit to assist with maintaining Springfield's beauty.

Thank you to all volunteers for helping to keep Springfield and Vermont green and gorgeous! Last year, Springfield had 175 volunteers! This year, our goal is to reach 200 participants for our annual Green Up day project!

TOWNSHEND, Vt. - Green Up Day is May 6! Please join the Townshend Community Hope & Action group on the Townshend common after your cleanup for free beef and veggies burgers from 12 - 3 p.m., and local band, Shelving Rock, will be performing in the Gazebo. The town truck will be parked in front of the elementary school to drop

off your full bags at that time. Bags can be picked up at the elementary school or town hall beforehand. Thanks to Heidi Russ, C&S, Grace Cottage Hospital, and the Calvary Chapel for their donations of food, time and energy! Thanks to the town of Townshend for their continuous support of Community Hope & Action events.

WESTON, Vt. - Green Up activities will start in Weston at the Recreation Area at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday May 6. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and a donut before going out to pick up trash along the roads. You will also receive your bags and

road assignments at the recreation area. Weston chair, Kirby Foster will be there and you can call him ahead of time at 802-379-4412 if you have questions or want to reserve a road assignment. Remember to wear waterproof shoes or boots and gloves.

Wildlife Management Area

REGION - The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department and its partners will celebrate the acquisition of nearly 3,000 acres at Bird Mountain Wildlife Management Area (WMA) on May 6, 1-5 p.m. The celebration will begin at the Education Center at Edward Kehoe Conservation Camp on Route 30 in Castleton, with presentations on the incredible value of these lands for wildlife and outdoor recreation, and will conclude with

easy walks to tour the newly conserved property.

The event is free and open to the public, and families are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served. Attendees should dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes for walking, and bring sun protection and water.

The new conserved lands add the Herrick Mountain area in Ira and Poultney to the existing Bird Moun-

tain WMA in Castleton, for a total of more than 3,600 acres. The WMA includes the iconic Bird's Eye Mountain, a well-known nesting site and habitat for peregrine falcons. The area will be named Bird's Eye WMA. This is the largest addition to a Vermont wildlife management area in 15 years, and the second largest in the state.

Agency of Natural Resources Secretary Julie Moore will be in attendance to speak on the many values of these conserved lands. Louis Porter, commissioner of the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, will be also in attendance to highlight the many benefits of the conservation project to Vermonters.

The area is intended primarily for exploration on foot. Although motorized or mechanical vehicles (including mountain bikes) will be prohibited, scooters for the disabled are allowed under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and snowmobile clubs are grandfathered.

A series of public input meetings will be scheduled as the long-term management plan is crafted.

Herrick's Cove Wildlife Festival

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - If you're a wildlife enthusiast itching for spring then be sure to check out the eighteenth annual Herrick's Cove Wildlife Festival on Sunday, May 7, in Rockingham.

Herrick's Cove, on the Connecticut River, hosts one of the most popular festivals in the area, with organizers reporting more than 2,000 people attending last year's event. The festival includes nature walks and live animals such as hawks, owls, coyotes, wolves, fish, turtles, and snakes.

"Vermonters really enjoy the wild animals and wild places that make the state so special," said Forrest Hammond, bear project leader with Vermont Fish & Wildlife. "This festival gives participants a chance to experience some of these animals firsthand and learn about the importance of conserving their habitats so future generations can appreciate them as well."

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department will host several exhibits at the event, including animal mounts, interactive demonstrations, hands-on fishing activities hosted by the department's Let's Go Fishing program, information on



The Herrick's Cove Wildlife Festival is a great opportunity to connect children with Vermont's incredible wildlife.

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bears and bats, a 4-H shooting event as well as fun games for kids. Other presenters include Jim Andrews on turtles, the Ascunty Mountain Audubon Society, The Nature Museum at Grafton, and TransCanada Corporation.

Activities are scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is a suggested

donation. Pets are not allowed. Herrick's Cove is located just off Route 5, less than three miles north of Bellows Falls.

For more information, visit the Herrick's Cove Wildlife Festival's Facebook page or the website at www.nature-museum.org/herrick-cove-festival.

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Debra and David Norton, owners of Cavendish Canine Camp, have been in business 13 1/2 years. "For years and years I had wanted to open a dog kennel - either everything was way too expensive or wasn't quite the right spot," said Debra Norton. "Then I saw this piece of land, we could afford it" ... and the rest was history. Norton said she was mentored by Nancee Schaffner, former owner of Wundrland Pet Lodge in North Clarendon.

Cavendish Canine Camp offers boarding, exercise yards, indoor-outdoor kennels, and day care. There are 20 indoor-outdoor runs, modern bathing and drying equipment, and a cat room.

"I love taking care of cats, we can take up to five at a time," Norton said. She grows catnip in summer for the cats and send it home with them. The facility averages 25-40 dogs per day between boarding and day care.



The business offers site visits, Monday-Friday, 3-4 p.m. Hours for daytime pickup and drop-off are 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Reservations are required, as are up-to-date rabies/distemper/bordetella shots.

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All applications are due by Friday April 28th.

For more information, including job descriptions and an employment application, please visit www.londonderryvt.org.

Documents may be mailed to the Londonderry Select Board, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155.

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GRAFTON, Vt. - Wilson & Lawrence Inc. is now hiring help for the summer tennis court reconditioning season. Please call 802-843-2436 for job applications, 8 am - 4 pm. (05/02)

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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY, MAY 13- WESTON, Vt. – The Wilder Memorial Library is pleased to offer gentle, restorative yoga, Saturday, May 13 at 10 a.m., at the Weston Playhouse in the beautiful living room space. Relax in a peaceful setting as you listen to the soothing sounds of the waterfall. This class will be taught by Pat Meredith from the Heart of the Village Yoga Studio in Manchester. Gentle, restorative yoga is truly for everyone, including those with low flexibility. Poses are

taught on the floor so there is very little standing and bending and no pressure on the knees, wrists and other joints. Blankets and pillows are used to help ease you into each posture. Please bring a yoga mat, blanket and two pillows. If you do not have a yoga mat one will be provided for you. Free and accessible for all. Sponsored by the Wilder Memorial Library. For more information email director@wildermemoriallibrary.org.

CHESTER, Vt. – Treat someone or yourself to a day of yoga, 9 a.m.-noon at the Fullerton Inn on Main St., for nourishing food and a healing mantra

circle that will be remembered all year long. Includes a goodie bag that will keep you inspired at home! Serving organic kitchari (healing vegan dish), fruits, yogurt and teas! There is a cost for the class. Space is limited, so register by May 1 online at www.buddhafulyoga.com/ or contact Liza at 802-875-2868, eaton.liza@gmail.com.

MONDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center Knit and Stitch group meets Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. They can help you finish a project, repair an item and even take on special projects such as baby blankets and gifts. The group is happy to donate "Knitted Knockers" to breast cancer survivors. Stop by and ask for Betty for more information.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – 9 – 10:30 a.m. play group at the Springfield Area Parent Child Center. Come to play and meet new friends. All parents with young children are welcomed. Contact Celeste at 802-886-5242 or email at celestem@vermontel.net.

TUESDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - River Voices Poetry meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Flat Iron Exchange Building on the Square. All poets welcome. Discussion of all aspects of the poem. 802-463-2204

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.

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

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

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

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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Play Group at First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls/Rockingham

Recreation Center. 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Come join the fun! Healthy snack served. Call Molly 802-376-6204.

CAVENDISH, Vt. – From 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., there will be a Tai Chi beginners' class at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Cavendish/Proctorsville, Vt., next to the Post Office at the corner of Rte 131 and Depot St. There is a monthly tuition cost. To learn more about the classes, please contact Djemila at 802-490-0225, by email: djem.translator@gmail.com or check for updates on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gemstaichi/>.

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

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – 9 – 11 a.m. creative movement

activities and playgroup held in the gym of the Community Center. All parents with young children are welcome. Contact Parks and Recreation Dept. at 802-885-2727.

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

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

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CLUBS

TUESDAY, MAY 9- BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The

Bellows Falls Women's Club will hold its final meeting of the season at 1:30 p.m. at the United Church, 8 School St. Meetings will resume in September. For more information, contact Betty Haggerty, hubett@hotmail.com or call 802-463-4159.

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.org.

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, Tessa Buss at tessabuss@gmail.com.

SECOND MONDAYS- QUECHEE, VT. – Upper Valley Stamp Club meets at the Quechee library located at 1957 Main St. For more information contact John Lutz at 802-728-6212.

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. All ages may participate and there are no auditions. There is a small participation fee with scholarships available. For more information, call Ellen Satterthwaite at 802-457-3980.

THURSDAYS - CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The Charlestown Rotary Club meets at the Charlestown Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Summer Street. For more information email rayandrosie@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 at 4 - 6 p.m. at Squadron Headquarters, 13 Airport Rd., North Springfield. Membership open at age 12. Call Commander, Maj. Fellows at 802-263-5544.

COMMUNITY MEALS

SATURDAY, APRIL 29- WESTMINSTER, Vt. – The First Congregational Church, 3470 U.S. Rte 5, will hold its roast pork supper fundraiser on April 29 with two seatings, one at 5 p.m. and one at 6:15 p.m. Dinner includes roast pork, stuffing, mashed potatoes, carrots, gravy, applesauce, coffee, tea, milk, and Boston crème cake for dessert. Come, bring the family and enjoy. For details, contact Christina Smith, 802-376-7330.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - The next semi-annual Boy Scout spaghetti dinner is being held on Saturday, April 29, 4:30-7 p.m. at the VFW on Lower Lovers Lane in Charlestown. Come in and enjoy all-you-can-eat spaghetti with your

Help Wanted

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Town of Landgrove, VT Planning Commission NOTICE

The Landgrove Planning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing to consider the request from Tim and Anne McClaran for a two-lot subdivision at 24 Jacquith Road, Landgrove. (Parcel 02 00 22; Located in the RR District)

Wednesday, 10 May 2017 5:30 PM
Landgrove Town Office
88 Landgrove Road, Landgrove, VT

Additional information concerning this subdivision is available at the Town Office (802.824.3716) or landgroveza@gmail.com

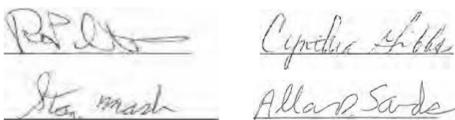
GRAFTON, VERMONT WARNING FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MAY 24, 2017

The legal voters of the Town of Grafton, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet for a Special Town Meeting in the Grafton Elementary School on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 6:00pm to take action on the following articles:

Article #1: Shall the Town of Grafton use \$130,548.00 from the 2016 unassigned fund balance to purchase a roadside mower unit

Article #2: To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the town.

GRAFTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN:





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Westminster Highway Department Position

The Town of Westminster Highway Department is seeking a qualified candidate to fill an open position. The candidate will perform duties under the supervisor of the Highway Foreman. Duties include, but are not limited, to maintenance, repair of the Town highway system and associated equipment. Candidate shall operate equipment and provide labor to facilitate highway grading, trucking, snow plowing and sanding town highways, brush clearing, road repair, light building and facility maintenance, and any other associated tasks required.

Candidate shall possess a current and valid Vermont Commercial Driver's License (CDL), Class A or Class B, a High School Diploma, GED, or similar equivalent education.

Salary is commensurate with experience. The Town of Westminster offers an excellent benefit package. Job description and job application are located on the town website at www.westminstervt.org.

To apply, please complete job application and send to: Town of Westminster, P.O. Box 147, Westminster, VT 05158, RE: Highway Department Application or bring in person to the office at 3651 US Route 5, Westminster, VT.

Application for position will remain open until filled.

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Dated at Westminster, Vermont, this 19th of April, 2017.
Selectboard

LUDLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD Has an immediate opening

The Ludlow Elementary School Board seeks a Ludlow Town resident interested in serving as a member of our own local school board. The term of this position will be until Town Meeting Election Day held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018. The Board meets regularly, the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and others as necessary. Members may fulfill additional responsibilities including board committees.

Please submit a letter of interest to the Two Rivers Supervisory Union Board to:
Meg Alison Powden
TRSU Superintendent of Schools
609 VT Route 103 South
Ludlow, Vermont 05149

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Elevation of 2152 North Main Street, Londonderry
The Town of Londonderry is seeking bids for the elevation of a property located at 2152 North Main Street. This property was damaged by flooding during Tropical Storm Irene and is going through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The Town of Londonderry, in concert with the Property Owner, are seeking bids for the work laid out in the below Scope of Work.

Interested bidders should contact Stephanie Thompson for project drawings and any other additional information, a full RFP, drawings, or questions.

Scope of Work

- Raise structure from existing foundation - either elevated by I-beams or moved on the site, for ease of access for foundation elevation work.
- Elevate the structure 26" above the Irene flood levels.
- Pouring of foundation, with necessary reinforcement materials, to obtain the required elevation level.
- Provide alternative pricing for block foundation.
- Removal of existing wood floor and replacement with a 5" reinforced concrete slab over a 1,350 sq. ft. area. Structure will be lowered onto the new slab. Additionally, damaged sheetrock, insulation and base, as affected by flooding.
- Back-fill on the site with crushed stone around the exterior of the foundation, covering an area of 12' by 1,350 sq. ft.
- Raise or remove chimney and replace

Bids due- Sealed bids are due by the end of the business day on Friday May 12th, 2017. Bids may be mailed or hand delivered to the Londonderry Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry VT 05155.

For additional information, contact:
Stephanie Thompson
Town Administrator
townadmin@londonderryvt.org
802-824-3356



NOTICE OF WATER FLUSHING VILLAGE OF LUDLOW WATER DEPARTMENT

Beginning Monday evening, May 1st through Wednesday, May 3, 2017 the Village of Ludlow Water Department will be flushing the water system and testing the fire hydrant system. The flushing will take place from 10:00 PM until 6:00 AM.

Residents may experience discolored water during this time. When the flushing is complete, please be sure to let your cold water run until your water runs clear. We appreciate your patience and understanding while we perform our annual distribution system maintenance.

If you have any questions please call the Water Department at 228-8431 or the Municipal Office at 228-2841.

Thank you.

LEGAL NOTICES

MEALS CONT.

SAT., APRIL 29 CONT. - choice of homemade meat or vegetarian sauce, salad, rolls, and a slice of pie and a beverage. Proceeds go towards summer camp costs.

SATURDAY, MAY 6- MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - Belmont's Summer Supper series kicks off on May 6 and runs until Oct. 28 at the Odd Fellows Hall, 37 Lake St., Belmont, to benefit the MHVF Auxiliary, Colfax Lodge, Mount Holly fire Dept., Mt. Moriah Mason, the Historical Museum, the MHV Rescue Squad, and Gill Home, IOOF. Settings start at 5 p.m. All you can eat, served homestyle. Takeouts available with all dinners. Menu varies, call 802-259-2460 for details. Dates: May 6, May 27, June 24, July 22, Aug. 12, Sept. 2, Sept. 23, Oct. 7, Oct. 28. On July 4, the Odd Fellows will hold their chicken BBQ at 11:30 a.m., after the town parade.

SUNDAY, MAY 7- BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Women's Club plans to hold high tea in the Windham Hotel lobby, 3-5 p.m. Tickets are available at Simone's Beauty Shop, Village Square Booksellers, and from member Barbara Whitehead. Refreshments will include fancy teas, sweets, and savories. Background music will be provided.

a few. There will also be a few cash games. No limit on cards. Food and non-alcoholic drinks will also be available. This is a perfect evening for grandparents, parents, children and grandchildren to enjoy an old fashioned family game night. Cosmo's football includes several athletes from Green Mountain High School. All funds raised will be applied to uniform replacement this fall.

WEST WINDSOR, Vt. - The West Windsor Historical Society is having a Nearly New Goods & Bake Sale fundraiser, on Friday, April 28, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., half price. This will be held at the West Windsor Town Hall, corner of Route 44 and Hartland-Brownsville Road. Proceeds will benefit the historical society. Donate goods from Tuesday 4/25 through Thursday 4/27, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Town Hall. Baked goods may be dropped off Thursday at the Mary L. Blood Library, 3:30-5:30 or on Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m.-8:30 a.m. at the Town Hall. Sorry, no computers, printers or broken items. Questions? Please call Sherry, 802-484-9286.

WALPOLE, N.H. - Spring rummage sale, 4-6 p.m. First Congregational Church on

the Common, Walpole. Linda Smith, 603-756-4361.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29- SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The First Congregational Church, 77 Main St., will hold a yard and food sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

WALPOLE, N.H. - Spring rummage and food sale, First Congregational Church on the Common, Walpole. Bag sale, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Good quality spring and summer used clothing, household and tag sale items. New to the food sale will be homemade soups. Linda Smith, 603-756-4361.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center will be hosting its 4th Indoor Triathlon

Saturday, April 29, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. This event is perfect for those interested in trying their first triathlon due its safe and controlled environment, but also a unique event for a seasoned triathlete. Participants will swim for 15 minutes in the EdgarMay lap pool, ride a spinning bike for 25 minutes and then run on a treadmill for 20 minutes. There will also be a Mini-Tri, which is a 7-minute swim, a 15-minute bike, and a 10-minute run. The event is open to anyone age 10 and up and meets the 5-foot height requirement for the bikes. The

Mini-Tri is perfect for those that might be a little intimidated by a 15-minute swim. Sign up at myreccenter.org or by calling 802-885-2568.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 29-30- Governor's Youth Turkey Hunt and Jakes Day guided turkey hunt, Vermont-wide, both sponsored by the National Wild Turkey Federation. Contact Brett Ladeau, NWTF, 802-291-1822, Amy Alfieri, Fish & Wildlife, 802-759-2398.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30- WINHALL, Vt. - On Sunday, April 30, the Green Mountain Club (Manchester section) offers a hike to Angel Falls and back. Meet at 1 p.m. at the Winhall Campground entrance. Bring a snack, fluids, an extra layer, and if any chance of rain, a raincoat. Moderately easy hike. For details, distance, and directions to the meeting place and to RSVP, contact hike leader Joe Ninesling at 802-289-2801 or runraft@aol.com.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - 2nd annual wine tasting fundraiser sponsored by the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center at the Hartness House, 30 Orchard St. Sunday, April 30, 5-7:30 p.m. Please join us for an evening of fine wines and

delicious hors d'oeuvres. Six wines, presented by Dawn Rowlee of Farrell Distributing, will be paired with foods prepared by the Hartness Inn. Seating is limited. To purchase tickets please call The Edgar May at 802-885-2568 or visit us online at www.myreccenter.org.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3-SATURDAY, MAY 6- PUTNEY, Vt. - Spring musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!" at 7 p.m., performed by the 7th and 8th grades, Putney Grammar School, 69 Hickory Ridge Rd. South in Putney. Directed by Jessa Rowan. To reserve a seat, call 802-387-5364; purchase tickets at the door. The performances will run through Saturday, May 6.

THURSDAY, MAY 4-SATURDAY, MAY 6- WINDSOR, Vt. - Old South Church on Main Street will hold its spring rummage sale. It will offer clothing for men, women and children; white elephants, furniture, jewelry, glassware, books, toys, household items, linens, and more! We

are happy for donations of clean, useable items from the community, May 1-3. Note: we do not accept electronics. For details, call Old South Church, 802-674-5087. Thursday, May 4, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Regular price. Friday, May 5, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Half price and bag

sale. Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Everything FREE

SATURDAY, MAY 6- CASTLETON, Vt. - The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department and its partners will celebrate the acquisition of nearly 3,000 acres at Bird Mountain

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EVENTS

THURSDAY, APRIL 27- CHESTER, Vt. - The Nature Museum presents Bridget Butler, the Bird Diva, in a talk, "Bird is a Verb," 7-9 p.m. at the Newsbank Conference Center, 352 Main St. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Butler will share tips and tricks for bird identification, talk about equipment & resources, teach participants about birding by ear, and describe various natural communities for different suites of birds. Light refreshments. For more information, contact carrie@naturemuseum.org.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28- SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Parents of Springfield High School Cosmo football team will hold a family fun bingo night, April 28 at the Elks Club, 49 Park St. Doors will open at 6 p.m., games start at 6:30 p.m. Prizes per game include merchandise donated by Bibens Ace Hardware, Woodbury Florist, Drew's All Natural, Boccaccio's and Cota & Cota, just to name

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You've come through a difficult period of helping others deal with their problems. Now you can concentrate on putting your energy to work on your own projects.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The often-skeptical Aries might find that an answer to a question is hard to believe. But check it out before you chuck it out. You might well be surprised at what you could learn.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your resolute determination to stick by a position might make some people uncomfortable. But if you're proved right (as I expect you to be), a lot of changes will tilt in your favor.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might feel conflicted between what you want to do and what you should do. Best advice: Honor your obligations first. Then go ahead and enjoy your well-earned rewards.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) That financial matter still needs to be sorted out before you can consider any major monetary moves. Pressures ease midweek, with news about a potential career change.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A workplace problem threatens to derail your well-planned project. But your quick mind should lead you to a solution and get you back on track without too much delay.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An opportunity opens up but could quickly close down if you allow pessimism to override enthusiasm. A trusted friend can offer the encouragement you need.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Forget about who's to blame and, instead, make the first move toward patching up a misunderstanding before it creates a rift that you'll never be able to cross.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Good news for the travel-loving Sagittarian who enjoys galloping off to new places: That trip you put off will soon be back on your schedule.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A mood change could make the gregarious Goat seek the company of just a few friends. But you charge back into the crowd for weekend fun and games.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A decision you made in good faith could come under fire. Best advice: Open your mind to other possibilities by listening to your challenger's point of view.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You can avoid being swamped by all those tasks dangling from your line this week by tackling them one by one, according to priority. The weekend brings good news.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a fine business sense and a love of the arts. You enjoy living life to its fullest.

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calendar

AUTOMOTIVE

EVENTS CONT.

SAT., MAY 6 CONT. - Wildlife Management Area (WMA) on May 6, 1-5 p.m. The celebration will begin at the Education Center at Edward Kehoe Conservation Camp on Route 30 in Castleton, with presentations on the incredible value of these lands for wildlife and outdoor recreation, and will conclude with easy walks to tour the newly conserved property. The event is free and open to the public, and families are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served. Attendees should dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes for walking, and bring sun protection and water.

CHESTER, Vt. - Phoenix Books Misty Valley, 58 Common St., will hold a storytime for all ages in observance of Children's Book Week, Saturday, May 6 at 11 a.m. We'll read a timeless tale or a new adventure from our

shelves. For details, call 802-875-3400, email Kristen@phoenixbooks.biz, or visit www.phoenixbooks.biz.

WESTON, Vt. - The Weston Community Church on the Hill presents a spring concert, "Soul of the Cello," with four-time Grammy winner, cellist Eugene Friesen, 7:30 p.m. at the church, 37 Lawrence Hill Rd., Weston. Friesen's solo show features electronics, storytelling, masks and soul-stirring music in this intimate setting. Tickets are sold at the door. For more info check our website at www.vtchurchonthehill.org.

LUDLOW, Vt. - LPCTV, community television for the Black River Valley-Okemo region, will hold its 6 annual Kentucky Derby Gala charity fundraising event on Saturday, May 6, at Willie Dunn's Grille at the Okemo Valley Golf Course in Ludlow, 5-8 p.m. The event will feature a dinner of "small plates" and entertainment, all included in

the ticket price. Entertainment will include several locally-sponsored "horse races" with charity betting, and viewing of the live Kentucky Derby.

SUNDAY, MAY 7 - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - A high tea will be held on 3-5 p.m. in the Windham Hotel lobby, 40 The Square in downtown Bellows Falls. The ladies of the Bellows Falls Woman's Club will be serving select teas, sweets, and savories. There will be live background harp music. Tickets can be purchased from Village Square Booksellers, Simone's Salon, and from Barbara Whitehead at 802-463-9395. Proceeds for this event are earmarked for the club's annually awarded high school scholarship.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Ladies Aid and Mission Society of the First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls is holding a Mother's Day quilt raffle. The drawing will be held Sunday, in time for Mother's Day. You

need not be present to win. Tickets are available at Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls or by calling Laurie Noyes at 802-463-9410.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Community Chorus performs for its 50th anniversary with a grand choral fanfare, featuring Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" from the Symphony No. 9, and a special piece by Vermont composer Zeke Hecker, commissioned for this occasion. The concert in Springfield will be at the high school auditorium on Sunday, May 7 at 3 p.m. This same concert will be presented in Bennington the previous evening, May 6 at 7 p.m. at the Mt. Anthony Union Middle School, 747 East Rd., Woodford. This concert is made possible, in part, by a generous grant from the Choral Arts Foundation of the Upper Valley.

RUTLAND, Vt. - The Paramount Theatre will close its HD broadcast series from the National Theatre of Great Britain this spring with Henrik Ibsen's classic play "Hedda Gabler" at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 7. Feeling trapped in her conventional marriage, Hedda watches her world unravel. Ruth Wilson plays the title role in a new version by Patrick Marber. 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.

TUESDAY, MAY 9 - CHESTER, Vt. - "RK Remembers" - play Bingo to benefit Relay for Life Tuesday, May 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Gassetts Grange Hall, 3553 Rte 103N in Chester. Doors open at 5 p.m. Includes 50/50 raffle. There are prizes for winners in lieu of cash. All proceeds will go to the Cancer Society. The RK Remembers team is one of several for the Windsor County Relay for Life that is held every year in Springfield. Organizers are still looking for items to donate. Call organizer Scott Beaucher at 802-875-9105 and they will pick them up.

LIBRARIES

MONDAY, MAY 1 - CHESTER, Vt. - Seed library. Whiting Library, 117 Main Street, offers garden seeds for the second season to encourage green thumbs. Beginning May 1 to the end of May, "check out" seeds to grow, harvest and "return" all in the same season. Save seeds from the plants that do well in

your own garden, and your seed collection will begin to adapt to local conditions and gardening habits. Information on growing open pollinated and heritage varieties is available at the Library. Patrons may also borrow hand tools, rake, shovel, and hoe to get you started. Whiting Library hours are Monday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. We can be reached at 802-875-2277, by email at whitinglibrary@yahoo.com and through our website at whitinglibrary.org.

TUESDAY, MAY 2 - ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - The Abenaki Snowmobile Club holds its regular business meeting on Tuesday, May 2 at 7 p.m. at the Bellows Falls Fire Department. For more information, you can contact George Berube at 802-869-2593.

THURSDAY, MAY 4 - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - On Thursday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m., join Henry Homeyer at the Rockingham Library for his presentation, "Beyond Perennials: Using Woody Plants, Stone, Art and Whimsy to Enhance the Landscape." Henry will also give tips for making trees and shrubs thrive, including old favorites and lesser known beauties. For over 17 years Henry Homeyer's columns have appeared in newspapers around New England. He is the author of four gardening books, some of which will be on sale after the event, along with his favorite weeding tool, the CobraHead. This program is open to the public. Donations to the Friends of the Rockingham Library will be accepted to help cover the costs of the programs. For more information, call the Library at 802-463-4270, visit rockinghamlibrary.org, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org or stop by the Library at 65 Westminster St.

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, 88 Main St. for "Crafty Tuesdays" for kindergarten through grade six, 3-4 p.m. Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email skrawczykvt@gmail.com to register for programs. May 2, Mexican Suns. It's almost time for Cinco de Mayo (May 5). Let's make some festive

Mexican decorations. May 9, Bobbling Butterfly. We'll make some colorful butterflies that actually flap their wings! May 16, Mother's Day craft. We'll make something for the special women in our lives. May 23, Dr. Seuss Hat pencil holder and Truffala tree pencils. Do you like "The Cat in the Hat" or "The Lorax?" Then this craft is for you! May 30, Soaring Dragons. Dragons are magical creatures that soar through the sky. Today we will make our own shimmering dragons that will fly!

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Town Library storytime, 43 Main St., 10 a.m. Stories, songs, and activities for the youngest readers.

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.

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. Best suited for ages 5 and younger. Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email skrawczykvt@gmail.com to register for programs.

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

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.

FIRST FRIDAYS - ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Bellows Falls Area Senior Center Book Club, in partnership with the Rockingham Free Public Library, 65 Westminster St., meets on the first Friday of every month at 9 a.m. Call the senior center at 802-463-3907 or the library at 802-463-4270 for details.

WEEKLY - CHESTER, Vt. - Whiting Library will host a 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 through Saturday, April 29. Book donations of all kinds are welcome, with the exception of encyclopedias, textbooks and dusty books. DVDs and audiobooks are also welcome. All proceeds from the book sale will benefit the Rockingham Library. For more information, call 802-463-4270, visit rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls. Book sale hours are as follows: Saturday 9-4, M-T-W 10-7, Th-F 10-5:30, Sat. April 29 10-2.

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 May 27. Hours are Monday through Wednesday 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, visit http://brookslibraryvt.org/. 802-254-5290.

MEETINGS

THURSDAY, APRIL 27 - WINDSOR, Vt. - The Ascuney 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 begin at 6 p.m., followed by a presentation from Rick White, state lands forester responsible for the management of Ascuney State Park. Mr. White will be discussing the Ascuney Management Unit long range management plan. If you have a passion for Mount Ascuney 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.ascuneytrailsassociation.org, or call Steve Giroux at 802-674-6369.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28 - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Drugged Driving: Greater Falls Connections will be hosting their monthly coalition meeting from 12-1:30 p.m. at Parks

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MEETINGS CONT.

FRI., APRIL 28 CONT. - Place Community Center on 44 School St. in Bellows Falls. This month's discussion will focus on the latest state and national trends around driving while high, which is a particular area of concern with changing social norms around cannabis use. While the number of fatally injured drivers due to drinking alcohol has been on the decline, fatally injured drivers testing positive for drugged driving have been on the rise. Find out more about the work of GFC at www.greaterfallsconnections.org.

TUESDAY, MAY 9- MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - Informational meeting on the "721 Merger," Mount Holly School gym, 6 p.m. Learn details about the vote scheduled for May 30, proposing the towns of Ludlow and Mount Holly join Mill River Unified Union School District. For more information, call 802-875-3365 or go to su.trsu.org.

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

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

SCHOOLS

TUESDAY, MAY 2- MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - Preschool registration for

children who will be 3 years old 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 Holly, 802-259-2392.

SUPPORT GROUPS

FRIDAY, MAY 12- BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Connecticut Valley Ostomy & IBD support group (COG) aims to bring people together who are managing with inflammatory bowel disease or who have had an ostomy of any type. No cost to attend. It is run by Margaret Heale (802-376-8249). Meetings are in the Fireplace Community Meeting Room at Rockingham Medical Group, 1 Hospital Ct.

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 diagnosis. 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 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 codavt.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.

FIRST TUESDAY - WINDSOR, Vt. - Cedar Hill is proud to announce our new Alzheimer's caregiver support group. Meet fellow caregivers who really understand because they've been there, too, when things are difficult or isolating.

From 3:30-5 p.m. at 92 Cedar Hill Drive (off Rte. 5).

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.

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 environment for people to give and receive support on mental health issues. Free and open to the public. Call Diana Slade at 802-289-1982.

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

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River Theater Company, "You Can't Take it With You"

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - River Theater Company of Charlestown, N.H. will present the classic comedy, "You Can't Take it With You" by Kaufman and Hart in the Charlestown Town Hall Theater Saturday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 5, and Saturday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, May 7 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the door or at the Jiffy Mart in Charlestown, N.H., Marro Home Center in Claremont, N.H., Joanie Joan's Baked Goods Company in Walpole, N.H., and at Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls, Vt. This production promises to be upbeat and enjoyable family entertainment, appropriate

for ages 12 and up.

Fireworks, Russians, snakes, visitors who drop in and never leave, guests who show up on the wrong day, questionable ballet routines, unfinished scripts, and FBI agents arresting everyone in the house! This is just a typical day at the Sycamore house. It's all in good fun, and there is plenty of laughter to go around. This much loved Pulitzer Prize winning play, set in the 1930's, with its lovable characters, was also made into a film, which won Academy Awards for Best Picture and Best Director.

The large cast features actors hailing from both sides of the river:

Charlestown, Walpole, Acworth, Alstead, Claremont, Springfield, Saxton's River, Bellows Falls, and Mount Holly. They include Ray Boas as the wise and very relaxed Grandpa, Fran Kemp as Penny as the whimsical would-be playwright and artist, and Samaira Aldrich and James Durrett as the young couple from very different families who fall in love. They are supported in the other roles by Elijah Barnes, Mike Cirre, Michael Conant, Daniel Curtis, Liz Durrett, Mike Delaney, Gregory Higgins, John Luther, Alex Maskell, Stanley Marro, Carolyn Norback, Ruth Pratt, Fred Ramen, Irene Ramen, Tara Sad, Rich Smith, Liz Wilbur, and Mike Wright.

The production is co-directed by River Theater Company Board member Jeanie Levesque and her husband, Bill Lockwood. Both have been involved in many area productions. Stage manager is John Blair, Carolee Williams is coordinating the many props this production requires, and Sam Maskell is providing design and graphics expertise.

For more information call Jeanie Levesque at (603) 445-7037, or jeanier@rivertheater.org, or visit River Theater Company's new website at www.rivertheater.org.



Ray Boas, Samaira Aldrich, Ruth Pratt, and Rich Smith rehearsing a scene from River Theater Company's production of "You Can't Take it With You." PHOTO PROVIDED

Grand choral fanfare

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Community Chorus will present a grand choral fanfare for their 50th year celebration on Sunday, May 7 at 3 p.m. at the high school auditorium. Not only will the chorus be collaborating with the Bennington County Choral Society to sing the "Ode to Joy" from Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 with a full orchestra accompanying, but the chorus will also perform an original piece, "When Music Sounds," written by Vermont composer Zeke Hecker. This piece was especially composed for the 50th year celebration. Zeke lives in Guilford. The SCC's conductor, Ken Olsson, will be directing both of these pieces.

A former SCC chorus director, Candace Montesi, will return to conduct some of her favorite pieces: "Distant" by John Rutter, "The Silence and the Song" by Mark Paterson, "Stars I Shall Find" by David

Dickau with words from a poem by Sara Teasdale, and several others. Ken Olsson, director of the chorus, will be accompanying Candace.

The Bennington County Choral Society is directed by Cailin Manson Marcel Manson. Check their web

page for their season of concerts, www.benningtoncountychoralsociety.org.

This concert is made possible, in part, by a generous grant from the Choral Arts Foundation of the Upper Valley.



Springfield Community chorus. PHOTO PROVIDED

River Singers 25th anniversary spring concert

GRAFTON, Vt. - The 95-voice River Singers, led by Mary Cay Brass, is celebrating its 25th anniversary of singing together with their spring concert on Saturday, May 13, 7:30 p.m. at the White Church. Special guest conductor, Dr. Kathy Bullock, from Berea College in Kentucky, will lead the choir in a set of rousing, emotionally poignant songs from the African American spirituals and gospel traditions.

This 25th anniversary year will be the seventh time the group has hosted Dr. Kathy Bullock. Dr. Bullock teaches ethnomusicology and African American music and leads the 80-voice Black Music ensemble at Berea College. She has also designed study abroad programs in Ghana, Zimbabwe and Jamaica. In addition to her choral teaching skills, Dr. Bullock is a rockin' gospel piano player who will have the walls of the church shaking!

In this spring's concert, the choir will be celebrating sacred music from many world traditions: two hauntingly beautiful Islamic chants from Bosnia and Afghani-



The group will host Dr. Kathy Bullock for the seventh year. PHOTO PROVIDED

stan, a lovely Hebrew "Blessing" and two songs from the early New England shape note repertoire. In addition, the group will sing the Blue Green Hills of Earth, an ode to our precious earth from Paul Winter's Missa Gaia - accompanied by saxo-

phonist, Bill Ballard and pianist, Andy Davis.

The River Singers always include songs from the Balkans where director, Mary Cay Brass had a Fulbright Scholarship and where she regularly leads Village Harmony music camps.

This concert presents two foot-stomping dance songs from Macedonia and Bulgaria accompanied by Brass on accordion as well as choir members Walter Slowinski and Bill Ballard on clarinet and sax and Laurie Rabut and Mary Lea on fiddles.

Rounding out the concert there will be songs of peace, hope, resistance and finally an epic South African song with a complex dance, which all 95 singers have mastered!

The concert will be a benefit for the CONTACT Program (Conflict Transformation Across Cultures) at SIT in Brattleboro where peace makers come from all over the world to share and learn peace making skills. Ingratitude for our benefit, the CONTACT Program invites one singer from the choir to attend on scholarship. This year's recipient is tenor John Bouffard.

For more information see www.marycaybrass.com

Lyle Brewer to appear at the Windham Ballroom

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - At only 31 years old, Lyle Brewer is as accomplished as many musicians twice his age. Revered in his adopted home town of Boston as one of the most sought after guitarists for both studio and live work, Mr. Brewer has released several albums of his own, the most recent of which, Juno, was chosen Best Local Album by the Boston Globe in 2015. He performs at the Windham Ballroom at Popolo on Sunday, May 7.

His music is entirely instrumental but in a unique way says more than pages of careful lyrics. As versatile a player as he is a stylist, Mr. Brewer's talent reaches across the genres from blues to country to jazz. In fact, he studied jazz performance at The New England Conservatory of Music but it would be an error to call him a jazz guitarist. He counts among his influences guitarists as

varied as Joe Pass, Duane Allman, and John Scofield.

"Lyle can play anything," remarks veteran songwriter and exemplary player, Peter Mulvey, "so the question with him is 'what, then, will I play?'" Mulvey says he loves how fearlessly Mr. Brewer chooses to play what's simple and pretty but continues, "of course he also shreds with the best of them."

Mr. Brewer's versatility leads to him being known in many ways; Bellows Falls entrepreneur, Josh Hearne, notes that Mr. Brewer might be best known as guitarist for area favorite, singer-songwriter, Ryan Montbleau. In a feature on Mr. Brewer, USA Today noted his centrality in the Boston music scene is "as integral to it as Harvard Square is to Cambridge."

A multi-instrumentalist who picked up the guitar late, Mr. Brewer recently started a scholarship in his mother's name to help young aspir-

ing guitarists take lessons with his old guitar teacher.

"I just have to play," Brewer said in a 2015 interview with the Boston Globe, "It's hard to talk about this stuff without coming off as corny or pretentious, but it's freedom. It's being able to express yourself, to become a different person."

Currently in preparation for his recording of compositions by J.S. Bach and funded by the Passim Iguana Grant, Mr. Brewer has made time for a few shows, among them this rare solo performance in Bellows Falls at the Windham Ballroom.

Tickets are can be purchased in advance and at the door if still available. Doors are at 7:00 p.m. for a 7:30 p.m. show. Tickets are available at popolomeanspeople.com and dinner reservations if desired in Popolo's adjacent dining room should be made by phoning the restaurant at 802-460-7676. For more info please contact info@popolo.us.

"The Economics of Happiness" film

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - "The Economics of Happiness," an award-winning documentary film, spells out the social, spiritual and ecological costs of today's global economy and makes a strong case for localization. Doreen Fabiano and Carlene Lindgren, local activists for the environment and other issues facing our

world today will host the screening of this 68 minute film on Friday, May 5 at 6 p.m. at The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections. Q&A will follow.

The documentary was produced by Local Futures, a non-profit organization dedicated to the revitalization of cultural and biological diversity and

the strengthening of local communities and economies worldwide.

Space is limited, so call to register at 802-824-4343. The Meeting Place is located in Londonderry's Mountain Marketplace, next to the Londonderry post office. Check out our web site at www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org.

Annual Wallingford Bike Safety Day

WALLINGFORD, Vt. - On Saturday, May 13, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., the

Wallingford Community Bike Safety Day, will host its 19th annual event, at the Wallingford Elementary School. This fun, interactive and collaboratively sponsored event always has something for all ages; from free helmet fitting to an obstacle course, and from bike safety inspections to 911 rescue vehicle / law enforcement interactions, etc. In addition, (as a tradition), there are always terrific prize give-a-ways, face painting, refreshments and much more; because of the generous support of sponsors & volunteers.

As a piece of history, the "Bike Safety Day" was started in the late 90's, by Wallingford's Brad Kelley. Over the years he enlisted the aid of Rotary, many local businesses, and volunteers to fund, facilitate and diversify this project.

To date, major sponsors are the Wallingford Rotary & the GE Volunteers, rallied by Rodney Ward. The event is modeled from a program initiated by the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute and New England Medical Center, Boston, Mass.

For more information, to make a donation, or to get involved as a volunteer, contact Rotarian Co-Chair, Adrian Eisler 802-446-7011 or GE Co-Chair Rodney Ward at 802-446-3672.



Audition for Robin Hood

CLAREMONT, N.H. - Repertory Theatre Company last day of auditions for the summer production of Robin Hood is Sunday, April 30 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. held at the Claremont Opera House.

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