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Park and Ride officially opens with ribbon cutting

BY JOEL SLUTSKY
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ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - A ribbon cutting ceremony took place on April 28 at the new park and ride off I 91 Exit 6 in Rockingham. The location is directly across from the Current which provides transportation for residents of the area. The Current's General Manager Rebecca Gagnon said the park and ride was open on December 28 and was chosen after a development survey concluded it was the best sight for such a project. Gagnon stated, "We are very grateful for the town, state, and the FTA's (Federal Transit Administration) support. This project was a long time in the making, and we are pleased that such a quality space is available

to car-poolers, commuters, bus riders, and others." The Town of Rockingham did much of the work at their own expense. DuBois & King of Randolph, Vermont designed the project with Steve Horton of Steve Horton Construction Consulting Services of Walpole, New Hampshire as the Project Manager. Lawrence & Lober and Bazin Brothers did the electrical and paving services. Town of Rockingham Select Board Chair Lamont Barnett said, "If you look up and down the I 95 corridor including Springfield, White River, Hartford and Westminster you see these park and rides really taking hold." He added, "They seem to fill up and is a well-planned use for this area."

Chris Saunders, advisor for transportation and economic development policy for Senator Leahy, told the Shopper, "From Senator Leahy's perspective it's a chance for people to address transportation choices. Vermonters regularly tell the senator whether it's economic, not spending money on gas or to reduce their economic blueprint they need a place to park their car. The fact that the Current is right at the site allows people to step out of their cars and go right onto a bus. This is not just a place to park your car it is a strategic part of the park and ride system." Emmett Dunbar, Development Director for the Town of Rockingham said, "It's a really important use of the town's property especially with its proximity to the Current. We

need a place to see an alternative system. It's great that the town will maintain the property and the electrical system including lights and the charging areas." The project was funded by The Town of Rockingham which owns the land and did much of the site work. Funding was also provided through a State of Vermont Park & Ride Grant, and a federal earmark administered through the Vermont Agency of Transportation. Forty-eight parking spots were built, with four spots designated as electrical charging stations and three additional spots for handicapped parking. The facility is completely lit, has a bus stop, shelter, and two bike racks.



L to R - Chris Saunders (Senator Leahy's Office); Tim Bradshaw (VTRANS); Shane O'Keefe (Town of Rockingham Municipal Manager); Lamont Barnett (Town of Rockingham Select Board Chair).

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Walpole School Science Olympiad champs head to national contest

BY MARY ELLEN CANNON
The Shopper

WALPOLE, N.H. - Science teacher Kim Lewis enthuses over accomplishments of Walpole Middle School students. She coached students after school hours to compete in New Hampshire Science Olympiad. Science Olympiad, a nonprofit organization, fosters hands on sci-



Amelia Sethi, Bella Smith, Maeve Perron, Marcus Flynn, Syon Gutierrez, Hudson Willett, Lucas Roy, Grace Conety, Cam Fry, Chelsie Loves, Charlotte Briggs, Colin Reagan, Enrique Ingram, Nora Dunningan, Hayden Anastasio, Anya Bierweiler-Franks, Jacob Bradley. Missing is Lucas Gay and Ruby Frithsen.

PHOTO PROVIDED

ence and teamwork. Students train in science like an athlete trains in sports. All the Walpole Middle School students who started in October stayed with Lewis to the contest. She smiles, "... fun to see kids interested." Walpole Middle School students won the competition at St. Anselm's College on March 25.

Lewis invited guests to teach a diversity of topics. Chef Vaughn Metcalf and nutritionist Rebecca Hunt helped the food science team. Nurse practitioner Kate Ingram and scientist Brian Manning supported the nervous and endocrine systems studies. David Howell, geologist, identified rocks and minerals with students. Engineer Loren



Maddie Manning, Jacob Bradley, Maeve Perron conducting an experiment.

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Bauer worked on designs. Beth Sethi helped on hovercrafts. Students toured the dam in Bellows Falls. Lewis explained that the Crime Busters event involved the team matching five DNA samples against 50 suspects in 50 minutes. They identify 12 powders, five mixtures, five liquids, five metals, and five plastics. Nationals will add more challenges and the team is working hard.

Lewis said spring sports impact practice however she spoke of the impressive student commitment and growth. Students Maeve Perron, Hayden Anastasio, and Syon Gutierrez shared projects on wind towers and invasive species at the "From Hurricane to Climate Change" movie produced by the Monadnock Institute. Fritze Till of Drewsville said the "...young kids were fired up and ready to pursue science...their presence was such

an incredible spark." Enrique Ingram created a team shirt with "Never Trust an Atom They Make Up Everything" on back. Lewis opened a gofundme site to help finance the trip to the national competition in Dayton Ohio at the Wright State University. "Unbelievable, the community has been so supportive," she says of making that \$10,000 goal. Students Amelia Sethi, Bella Smith, Maeve Perron, Marcus Flynn, Syon Gutierrez, Cam Fry, Chelsie Loves, Charlotte Briggs, Colin Reagan, Enrique Ingram, Grace Conety, Nora Dunningan, Hayden Anastasio, Anya Bierweiler-Franks, Jacob Bradley, Lucas Gay, Ruby Frithsen will compete at the National Science Olympiad. After exploring other transportation options such as train, plane, vans- bus with restroom and driver fit, Lewis explained that the group and six chaperones would board a bus for 12-hour drive to Dayton. Another \$1450 more is needed to cover costs. To donate send checks to Walpole School 8 Bemis Lane, Walpole NH 03608, earmarked for Science Olympiad. View more photos online at www.vermontjournal.com

Police and fire status discussed prior to trustees' annual meeting

BY JOEL SLUTSKY
The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - A deliberation over scheduling and budgeting of the Bellows Falls police and fire departments highlighted an April 25 Bellows Falls Trustees meeting. The discussion was initiated by trustee member Steve Adams who said that the village's trustees need to make sure questions about the two departments are answered at the upcoming village meeting, as over 90 percent of the Village's spending is involved. Bellows Falls Police Chief Ron Lake stated that the police department is making between 120 and 200 arrests per year, doing more investigations, answering over 3,000 complaints per year and working closely with federal and state inves-

tigators as well as the drug task force. Lake revealed that after the crime lab asked him to turn in evidence, he was informed that for the third year in a row Bellows Falls turned in more drug evidence than any other municipality in Vermont. Lake additionally stated: "While we don't compare to Walpole in many ways, Walpole has the same problems we have and so does Springfield, Brattleboro, White River, Wilmington and Dover." As far as holding down expenses, Lake said that he usually doesn't hire brand new personnel because it's too expensive. Lake stated that the Bellows Falls Fire Department is following the same schedule it has followed for years with at least one full time firefighter on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The department currently has two part-time qualified

firefighters who can fill in for illness, vacation, etc., and Lake hopes to add two more in the future. Lake noted that there are currently around 25 on-call firefighters but these individuals are not qualified in all three aspects - truck driver, firefighter I or firefighter II, and emergency medical services - and are not available to cover a shift. Lake noted that it is his intention to apply for a Fire Act Grant in FY2019 to replace the 1989 fire truck. Municipal Manager Shane O'Keefe stated that the training, equipment and personnel are very expensive items. Trustees Chair Myles Mickle thanked Lake and said the board appreciated his patience and willingness to "put the brakes on spending" due to the financial situation of the Village at this time. Trustee mem-

ber Evelyn Weeks thanked Lake for "keeping us safe." Adams stated that he was satisfied with Lake's presentation and felt it was important for people to understand the cost of these services and the likelihood that these costs would not go down. Manager Shane O'Keefe reported that final water disconnect notices will be placed on doors tomorrow and payment in full will be due by May 5, 2017. O'Keefe noted that this would be the third notice to delinquent property owners. Property taxes are due May 10, 2017. Household hazardous waste collection will be held at the Springfield Transfer Station on May 13, 2017. The grant application submitted to the Downtown Transportation Fund for repair of the stairs coming into the Square has been denied. The New Hamp-

shire Department of Transportation has notified the Town of Walpole that the streetlights on the Arch Bridge will be turned off. Walpole is currently working with the State of New Hampshire to resolve this issue. The lights on the Bridge Street Bridge should be installed by this time next week. Summary of agenda items - Mickle announced that the 2015-2016 Annual Village Report is dedicated to L. Raymond Massucco for all he has done for the community and congratulated him on this dedication. A motion to allow the board to sell food at the Village annual meeting by youth organizations, coordinated through the village clerk and the municipal manager, passed. Mickle noted that at the last meeting village manager Deborah Wright presented the

board with this proposal in an effort to increase participation at the annual meeting. Village Clerk Bennett stated that any group must have an adult supervisor present as there was no way the clerk, the manager or the moderator could oversee this effort during the meeting, and it also should be limited to two groups due to available space. A motion to approve the bond anticipation note for a line of credit for the wastewater project in the amount of \$2,561,000, and to authorize the municipal manager and the finance assistant to the manager to request funds as necessary, passed unanimously. Minutes of this meeting can be found by going to www.rockbf.org and clicking on the trustee tab. The meeting can be watched in its entirety at www.fact8.com.

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Sweet memories still yours to make at Dari Joy

BY MARY ELLEN CANNON
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BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Josef DeMuzio raised chinchilla's in his mom's garage in order to earn the \$6000 needed to build Dari Joy on the vacant lot she owned next to her home. Dari Joy restaurant located at 140 Rockingham Street has drawn in crowds since its birth 65 years ago. Josef DeMuzio worked until age 88 then visited the restaurant daily after retirement. He passed away at age 93.

Dari Joy owner Richard DeMuzio started working at Dari Joy when he was 9 years old and his daughter Mallory began at age 14. Together, with their business degrees from Champlain College, they continue to keep Dari Joy a community favorite.

Richard says, "We keep trying to make it better. We try to keep prices low so people can afford it."

The affordability is evident in the hand pressed hamburger selling for a \$1.50.

Quality is also important added Mallory, Dari Joy manager; therefore Lisa's Market is the source of the fresh ground hamburger.

Customers are waited upon by pleasant staff, and will enjoy good food from a menu that has something

for everyone. As a family friendly restaurant, children are more than welcome. Watch to see a child's face light up with delight when tasting his first ice cream.

The company strives to teach a good work ethic and excellent customer service skills to the many young high school students that are employed each season. Amber Webster Rose, who has worked 19 years for Dari Joy, is a favorite among the customers.

Mallory praised their employees by saying, "We're also grateful for the group of employees that we have. Jayna Bath, assistant manager, is a jack of all trades; waitress, cook, and assistant manager."

Richard added that Bath is "excellent and allows us to have a day off now and then."

Dari Joy opened April 1 and closes at end of October. During those seven months a lot of hours are put into making

Dari Joy a success.

"A lot of customer's have been coming here a long time like Ann (Emerson). She's been coming since 1952." Richard says, "In 1955 school let out at 2:30 p.m. and Ruby Cushman's bus came at 3:30 p.m. Ruby would run down for ice cream and back for bus." Reflecting back over the years, Richard said he was, "Grateful for the town support all these years."

Dari Joy offers a sweet outing and a friendly atmosphere. It supports the little league team, school events, and local charities. A 65-year celebration will be planned for summer.



Owner Richard DeMuzio and daughter Mallory. PHOTO PROVIDED



Kennedy enjoying an ice cream at Dari Joy. PHOTO PROVIDED

Allen Brothers celebrates 60 years in business

BY JOEL SLUTSKY
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WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Allen Brothers commemorated sixty years in business with a celebration on April 27. The well-attended event, which took place from 4 to 6 p.m., featured a garden party happy hour complete with wine tasting, 60-cent ice cream, a \$100 gift card giveaway and 20 percent off fruit trees. Three additional garden party happy hours are also planned on the next three Thursdays, which will take place at the same times. The garden party on May 5 features 20 percent off all shrubs; on May 11, 20 percent off roses; and on May 18, 20 percent off hanging baskets.

Shelly, a regular customer from Rockingham, said, "Allen Brothers is a great place to walk around even if it's not one thing you are looking for; the owners are very community friendly." WKNE was at the event and Crystal Knowles said, "The station is here to support an amazing business that helps make our yards beautiful."

Chelsea Denyou, who has worked in the garden center for eight years, said, "This is a wonderful environment and a great location for a business. We see many people from



Allen Brothers greenhouse.

PHOTO BY JOEL SLUTSKY

Burlington and other places who didn't realize we are here and become regular customers."

Co-owner Stacey Allen related the origin of this amazing business. According to Allen, "Four brothers, John, Russell, Raymond and Frank Allen purchased an apple orchard in Saxtons River, Vermont. It was their dream of working together and growing the finest fruits and vegetables. They all had different abilities: Ray-

mond grew vegetables, Russell grew apples, Frank ran the roadside stand, and John and his wife Dorothy managed the company and did the book-keeping. They wanted to raise their families by working together, and they did just that. In 1960 they bought land on Route 5 and opened the roadside stand." Allen concluded her statements with, "We have great memories, from all the wonderful people that have worked for us, from having so many loyal customers, and from the hundreds of people who helped clean up after the flood Irene, all with the same mindset that Allen Brothers must go on!"

From strawberries in the spring to sweet corn in the summer and apples in the fall, Allen Brothers sells all native produce picked fresh daily. Allen Brothers has added Vermont cheese, maple syrup, salsa, dressing and a great wine selection including Vermont wines, to their market.

Allen Brothers is open seven days a week from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. The phone number is 802-722-3395.



Allen Brothers co-owner Stacy Allen and Beverage Manager Colin Ladd. PHOTO BY JOEL SLUTSKY

Plant sale at Rockingham Library

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - On Saturday, May 13 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., stop by the Friends of the Rockingham Library annual plant sale to purchase some of the area's finest plants at great prices. Held on the day before Mother's Day, it's the perfect opportunity to bring something special home to Mom. Perennials, annuals, bulbs, shrubs and ornamental grasses will all be available. Organic herbs and vegetables will also be ready for pick up and planting.

Expert gardeners will be on hand to answer any questions. Flat Iron Exchange will provide coffee. Other refreshments will be available. Bring your kids for



Stop by the Rockingham Library for herbs, veggies, bulbs, perennials, and much more! Just in time for Mother's Day. STOCK PHOTO

the free craft activities. Buy a chance to win one of many garden-themed raffle prizes. Make a bid on a garden-themed silent auction item.

If you'd like to donate some plants for the sale, place plants in pots or

plastic bags, and label them to the best of your ability (including name and light preference). All plants are welcome, as long as they are not invasive. Then drop them off at the Library between Monday, May 8 through Thursday, May 11 during Library Hours: Mon-Tues-Weds 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Thursday 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. The Friends are also looking for volunteers to help before and after the event and for donations of empty pots.

For more information, call the Library at 802-463-4270, visit rockinghamlibrary.org or stop by the Rockingham Library at 65 Westminster St in Bellows Falls.

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Pansy Festival rain or shine

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - The Pansy Festival will be held at Singing River Farm in Rockingham on Saturday, May 6 from noon to 3 p.m. This free community celebration of spring will happen rain or shine because pansies love both.

"Just as pansies are deeply rooted in the soil, so farms must be rooted in community," said Laurel Green, who with Steve Crofter, owns the farm hosting the festival.

Pansies are a colorful harbinger of spring. Singing River Farm's field-grown pansies are nurtured to grow as nature intends with strong, large root systems. This is the big difference between field-grown and commercially raised hothouse pansies sold in cell pack trays. Laurel saves her own seeds to start the pansies growing during the summer. In the fall she transplants seedlings from nursery beds to growing beds. The pansies overwinter under a thin blanket of pine needle mulch. As the days lengthen in the spring, each pansy plant really puts on a burst of growth and begins blooming. Field-grown pansies of many colors will be available for sale at the festival.

At the Pansy Festival the farm is extending Earth Day this year. Global climate change has affected this region in a number of ways. Spring comes earlier and the fall lingers



Close up of a pansy in the field of blooms.

PHOTO BY LAUREL GREEN

much longer, even after there may be a killing frost in late September or early October. Another effect is that rainfall, which used to be spread evenly throughout the year, now alternates between drought and longer inundations in our region.

Singing River Farm was directly affected by climate change in 2016. Each year Laurel and Steve plant enough flint corn to use as a staple

grain crop for themselves with some extra to sell. Last summer they planted their field of Roy's Calais Abenaki Flint Corn at the traditional time in early June. The seeds began to grow but then withered because of the June drought and the entire crop was lost. Since then Laurel and Steve have extended the irrigation system to include the cornfield and hope for a successful crop in 2017.

They have also created ways to slow torrential rainfalls so that the water sinks into the soil to replenish the aquifer. They constructed water catchment swales in several key places on the property to passively manage the excess water that typically runs off other properties and contributes to the muddy flows during flooding of the Williams River. They have developed over 3,000 square feet of no-till raised production beds. The increased soil carbon and healthy soil food web in these beds allows heavy rainfall to penetrate the earth easily and be absorbed.

In the past year they built a passive solar high tunnel to grow flowers, herbs and vegetables. This allows them to control the amount and timing of water on plants and prevents flood and wind damage. It also is a protection from frosts, thereby extending the growing season.

This year they are featuring an Earth Day Teach-In to learn how climate change is already affecting our region. Several area organizations will be present to share information, sell related materials, and help you take local actions to deal with climate change.

For more information, call the farm at 802-275-4646, www.facebook.com/Singing-River-Farm-616669548476381/



J&H Hardware to celebrate 10 years!

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Rescued bear cubs —

WARDSBORO, Vt. - The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department has worked with multiple conservation partners to rescue several bear cubs in recent weeks. These cubs, who were born during a particularly high birth year last spring, are showing up malnourished in residential areas due to a shortage of wild food supplies in some regions this past fall.

Working in partnership with New Hampshire Fish & Game, the cubs have been delivered to internationally recognized bear rehabilitator Ben Kilham in Lyme, New Hampshire.

Recently a Wardsboro resident contacted Vermont Fish & Wildlife after finding a cub under her porch. Department biologists and game wardens evaluated the situation and determined the bear was a rare candidate for rehabilitation. Its health was so poor that it would have died within a few days if they did not intervene.

"We are grateful when concerned citizens report these bears to their local warden, rather than attempting to handle the animal themselves," said Forrest Hammond, Vermont Fish &

Wildlife's lead bear biologist. "Many people mistakenly think that young animals are in distress and in need of rescue and they sometimes intervene directly, putting their safety and that of the animal at risk.

"In most situations, animals do best when they remain in the wild," said Hammond. "However, in rare instances we do come across a bear that trained wildlife professionals are able to help. After a brief period, these bears are quickly and successfully returned to the wild in Vermont."

"We are fortunate to have such an experienced and proven bear rehabilitator in the region, and to have a special agreement with the New Hampshire Fish & Game to be able to transport cubs into that state for care by Kilham," said Hammond. "Without his expertise, rehabilitation may not be an option for us."

The cubs will be returned to remote areas in Vermont once fully recovered and at a time when more natural foods are available.

Kilham's efforts will be assisted by \$1000 from Vt. Bear Hound Association, who were moved to help with the bears' care after the increase in malnourished cubs.

"The Vermont Bear Hound Association continues to be a tremendous partner on a wide range of bear conservation projects," said Hammond. "They've assisted our efforts to safely capture and radio collar bears to better understand and conserve them."



Several bear cubs have been rescued by wildlife officials in Vermont in recent weeks.

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Opiate drug abuse discussion and short documentary

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Town Library and Vermont PBS are showing the PBS film "The Opiate Effect," Thursday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m., at the Springfield Town Library. Following the film, a panel facilitated by Charles Pizer of Vermont PBS will react, leading a community discussion about opiate drug abuse and its impact on our Vermont community. The movie showing and program are free and open to the public.

The panel includes Police Chief Doug Johnston of the Springfield Police Department talking about the opiate epidemic with specific reference to Springfield. Michael Johnson, executive director of the Turning Point Recovery Center of Springfield, will discuss how recovery centers work. Stephanie Thompson, executive director of the Springfield Prevention Coalition and president of Project ACTION, will provide information on community efforts to explore drug issues in Springfield. All are welcome to listen, respond, and ask questions about opiate drug abuse.

The Opiate Effect, a 22-minute film, tells the story of UVM student Will Gates, who died from a heroin overdose in 2009. His father Skip began a journey to educate people about the dangers of opiate drugs and how society deals with the problems drugs cause. The film uses the voices of



Opiate drug abuse impacts our communities.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Skip Gates, his son Sam, former opiate abusers, Senator Leahy, and Attorney General Holder to bring light to the issues.

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CAVENDISH, Vt. - It is time for Cavendish residents to think about which photograph to submit for next year's calendar. The Cavendish Community and Conservation As-

sociation publishes a calendar each year with photographs that celebrate the beauty of Cavendish. Photos are submitted each spring and the community then gets to pick the twelve best submissions for the calendar.

Photos must be taken in Cavendish and Proctorsville and must show scenes and landscapes that are valuable for their beauty, historic significance, or overall importance to the community. The purpose of the calendar is to bring a greater appreciation and sense of pride about the town, which is the foundation of conservation and good stewardship. Pictures can include people or animals. The best picture in each of three age cate-

gories also receives an award and a prize.

Whether you are a full-time or a part-time resident, and even if you have never taken a picture of a sight that you appreciate in Cavendish or Proctorsville, this is your chance to capture what you enjoy and then to share it with the community. Take a picture of that view and submit it for the 2018 calendar. The usual submission is from ordinary people who find beauty in ordinary places.

Photos will be accepted until June 15. Application forms and the rules are available at the Cavendish Town Office, at Cavendish Elementary School and at Crows Bakery on Depot Street. They can also be found at www.cavendishccca.org under the Community Calendar tab. Please contact Robin at 802-226-7736 if you have questions.



"Look Out Below" photo submission from previous contest.

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Robots, Rockets, and Lasers introduce campers to the fun of engineering and automation. Robots allow campers in teams to build and manipulate robots in a variety of games and activities including fun with lasers. The program also allows campers to create a model rocket, customize and launch it and then determine

its altitude on the Springfield High School football field.

Everyone will write a short story complete with pictures and photos of their choice. The group will create and take home a "Tech Camp Week Book" which will include bios and photos of all the campers.

Campers will also use "The Collaboration Classroom" where they will have hands-on use of 3-D printers, a laser engraver, and learn about the latest in technology.

Other programs include an exciting hands-on health-care component, Let's Get Cooking where students learn basic cooking skills and how to make nutritious snacks, design and print their own t-shirt with vinyl decals as well as interactive presentations from profes-

sals from exciting career paths and much more!

All youth entering the 7th, 8th or 9th grade at any area middle school, private school or home school are eligible to attend Tech Camp. Space is limited to the first 50 to register. The Camp experience could turn your child onto a new and exciting hobby or interest.

Camp is scheduled for June 26 through the 30 at the River Valley Technical Center in Springfield, Vermont from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day. Bussing is available from some middle schools.

For more information or to receive a brochure and sign-up forms, contact Marie Gelineau, camp director, at 802-384-1561 or by email at mgelineau@rvtc.net.

YMCA Diabetes Prevention program

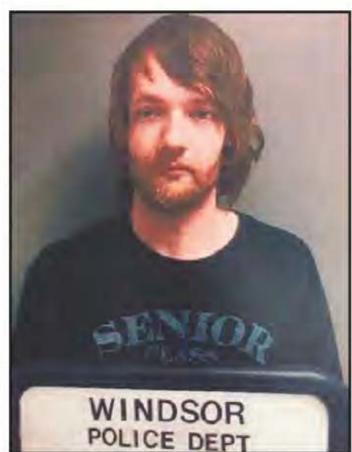
LUDLOW, Vt. - Springfield Medical Care Systems is offering the evidence-based YMCA Dia-

betes Prevention Program in Ludlow. The class began Tuesday, May 2 and will meet weekly at the United Church of Ludlow at 46 Pleasant Street, Ludlow from 2 - 3 p.m. Currently, 86 million Americans have pre diabetes — many of whom are totally unaware they have it. This weekly program is designed to help

reduce the risk of developing Type 2 diabetes through education, support and positive encouragement. Learn how to reduce the risk and adopt healthier eating and exercise habits. This class is free and open to the public. Late registrations are welcome. Please call 802-886-8946 to register.

Burglary of Windsor Mascoma Bank

WINDSOR, Vt. - At 3:47 a.m. on Friday, April 28 the Windsor Police Officers Trevor Dickerman and Sgt Charles Rataj responded to an active burglary alarm at the Mascoma Bank located at 105 Main Street in Windsor Vermont. Upon arrival officers observed three window screens and a portion of a broken window lying on the ground located on the north side of the bank. Officers then observed an open window, which allowed access to the interior of the bank. Officers from a tactical position were able to hear what sounded like a person running inside the bank followed by a crashing noise on the opposite side of the bank. Officers responded to the area of the crashing noise and observed another of the bank's window screens



Timothy George.

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on the ground and the suspect, later identified as Timothy George, running from the bank wearing a dark colored hooded sweatshirt, dark pants, and a blue mask, which was covering his face.

The Windsor Police Officers were able to apprehend the suspect and take him into custody without incident. Mr. George, age 23, was arrested and charged with burglary then transported to the Windsor Police station for booking and subsequently transported to the SSCF where he was held on \$5,000 bail pending his arraignment on Friday, April 28 in White River Junction.

This was excellent heads up police work on the part of Officer Dickerman and Sgt Rataj. This is the second early morning burglary in recent months where these two proactive officers were able to catch the suspects in the act of committed early morning burglaries to businesses in both Windsor and West Windsor. Being proactive, vigilant, and tactically sound allowed these officers to apprehend these burglars before the businesses suffered any major losses and preventing further burglaries by the suspects. Both Officer Dickerman and Sgt Rataj should be commended for their actions.

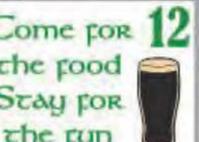
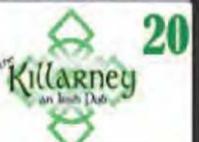


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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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“Warranted, if well used:” local Vermont clockmakers –

For 45 years I have bought, sold and collected antique clocks. The subject of this article is Terry Type or Half Column & Splat clocks. These clocks are predominantly 30-hour clocks, meaning they need to be wound once a day.

Another feature on these clocks is their wooden movements. They have quarter-sawn oak plates and cherry gears. The only brass gear is the escape wheel.

Eli Terry of Plymouth, Connecticut, is credited with inventing these clock movements and held several patents. Other clockmakers soon produced similar wooden movements, some infringing on Terry patents. Connecticut in the 1820s-1840s was the center of clock production in this country. These Connecticut clockmakers were rapidly developing new and innovative clock movements.

Peddlers sold these Connecticut wood movements complete with weights and dials throughout New England. Vermont had a number of clockmakers producing Terry Type clocks utilizing these Connecticut movements. One of these clockmakers was Jason Rawson of Athens, Vermont. Rawson purchased his movements, dials and weights and manufactured the cases. He used the Connecticut components in his cases and pasted in his label as maker.

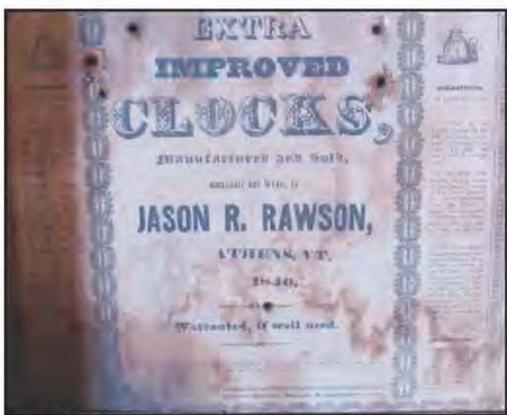
In the early 1830s Rawson was building Terry Type clocks in Holden, Massachusetts. The labels in these clocks read, “Improved Clocks by Jason Rawson, Holden, Mass.”

It was about 1840 that Rawson moved to Athens, Vermont and set up a clock factory. In the summer of 1840 there was a severe “freshet” that destroyed his factory. After the flood Rawson moved to Saxtons River and set up a new clock factory.

I own Rawson clocks with both Athens and Saxtons River labels. These old Yankees were very frugal. I cite one example. In my collection I have a Rawson clock with a Holden, Mass. label. Over-pasted over “Holden, Mass.” is Athens, Vermont. When Rawson moved to Athens he must have brought with him a few unused Holden labels. Being frugal he simply pasted a small label over “Holden, Mass.” with Athens, Vermont. Soon after he began using labels printed with Athens, Vermont.

I also have a couple clocks he manufactured in Saxtons River. These clocks are dated 1841 and 1842. They are identical to his Athens clocks with one exception. His Athens labels were printed in Worcester, Mass., but his Saxtons River clock labels were printed in Bellows Falls.

Not a lot has been written regard-



1840 Athens label.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

known to have manufactured furniture, mostly chairs. As far as I know Rawson didn't make a clock with a 30-hour brass movement.

By 1845 Rawson had moved to Watertown, N.Y. It is not known if he manufactured clocks there.

Collecting clocks and learning their history is a rewarding hobby. I encourage you to do so. The photo with this article is a Jason Rawson, Saxtons River, clock dated 1841, that I gave my sister, Norma Lasonde, about 25 years ago.

On Saturday, May 27, the Chester Historical Society is having an antiques estate sale. We were donated the partial contents of an area home. Everything is antique and as found. Mark your calendars. It's a sale you won't want to miss.

Additionally, I have published a book with over 115 stories I have written for the Vermont Journal/ Shopper. It's complete as the stories were written and with photos. I hope to have it for sale May 27 at the estate sale.

Instead of an old saying I offer a handwritten inscription I once found inside an antique clock:

“I tell the time by night and day, I am at work while others play, So, now take this warning from me, And serve thy God as I serve thee.”



Antique clock.

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Art as a healing vehicle for cancer

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – Do you have cancer or are you a survivor? If so, please consider this offer. My name is Gerry Biron. I'm an artist from southern Vermont and I have been doing portraits of people for 50 years. During that period, I exhibited my work in over 400 shows nationwide where I won numerous first place and best-of-show awards, and have had my portraits of American Indians featured in seven museum exhibits.

In 2013 I was diagnosed with cancer and went through seven months of chemotherapy and radiation treatments. As you can imagine, that changed my life in a very dramatic way. It also changed my art and that development was what sustained me throughout that period. The drawings I produced while I was dealing with cancer became the basis for a style of portraiture that strives to personify the subject's spirit. It is a departure from my previous, representational work and in a strange way, it was a gift from my cancer. I decided that I would like to share this gift with other cancer patients.

So this is an appeal to anyone who is either going through cancer treatments or has been through it. I'm asking if you would honor me by allowing me to do your portrait that when it is completed, I will honor you in turn by giving it to you. For me, this is about creating a meaningful portrait that tells your story and helps you in a small way in your struggle with this disease. This is absolutely no charge.

Honoring ceremonies have long played a vital role in American Indian culture. American Indians honor people for many reasons ranging from marriage, graduation and other notable life accomplishments. It is also done to provide courage and determination to individuals who are on a journey conquer-

ing life's difficulties. People who are suffering with cancer need to be honored and commended for their strength and resolve to overcome adversity. It is important for each of us to encourage those who are suffering from this illness; to look out for each other is vital to our society and existence.

Art is often born of human experience, both positive and negative. As an artist of American Indian descent and a cancer patient myself, this is a way for me to honor those who are going through a similar ordeal. I lost both my parents to cancer as well as several good friends so this disease has touched me I more ways than one. Every day 5000 new cases of cancer are diagnosed; it has become a fact of life for many of us.

My cancer forced me to change di-

rection in my art, to develop a new style, and it especially taught me to be more compassionate. Buddha once said that a spiritual person is one who learns to recognize, then works to alleviate the suffering of others. It is a practical form of spirituality that many of us can relate to.

If you are interested in having your portrait done and you live within a hour drive of southern Vermont, message me and I will be in touch. I can come by your home or we can meet in a mutually convenient place to discuss your portrait. If you live further away than that, I would still be honored to do your portrait but you would need to travel here. I would need less than a hour of your time to do this. I take some photographs of you and work from them to create your portrait.

Each portrait is done in full color and the final size is 22 x 30 inches. It is a mixed-media, comprised of graphite, colored pencils and ink.

If you know of someone who is dealing with cancer and might have an interest in this, please share this opportunity with them. You can see a completed portrait at www.facebook.com/artandcancer. Alternately you can call me at 802-869-2077 or email me at suki@vermontel.net. To view my full portfolio visit www.gerrybiron.com. If you would like to help support this art healing project visit www.gofundme.com/art-as-a-healing-vehicle-for-cancer



Gerry Biron, artist and cancer survivor.

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editorial

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Is there an attorney in the house?

The widely accepted doctrine of "one man, one vote" came about to protect voting rights and abolish corruption in general elections under the Equal Protection clause of the U.S. Constitution, but it has become common practice in state houses and committees at all levels, where "the majority rules." And when the "majority" consists of a preponderance of votes from a certain geographical area, demographic group, or voting bloc, the "minority" can be shut out of the decision-making process. (Just look at the current U.S. Congress.)

This lack of fairness is showing up once again as Vermont school districts and towns struggle to meet the mandates of Act 46, a law that many feel they had no part in passing. The reason they feel that way goes back to the draconian reapportionment of 1965, which cut representatives in the House in half and changed the 188-year-old Vermont constitution to do it.

Until then, Vermont had followed a practice of "one-town-one-vote" to send their reps to the House. This model was the traditional form of state representation in many parts of the U.S. In Vermont, the Senate was established at 30 senators and has stayed that way. The system grew naturally out of small-town, small-farm America, and it worked well.

But as professional urban refugees fanned out into the heartland, they pushed against the supposed unfair political advantage enjoyed by the mainly Republican-leaning hinterlands. Not only was rural Vermont openly regarded as "backward," but rural districts were labeled as "overrepresented," or legislatively "malapportioned," which in the zero-sum game meant that the new liberal wave was "invidiously under-represented." In short, the Democrats and other left-leaningers wanted political muscle in their new home. The U.S. Supreme Court heard their plea, "one-man-one-vote" became rule for state representation, and Vermont's culture wars were on.

In 1965, the Vermont General Assembly pared back the House seats from 246 (still the number of towns) to 150. The extra desks and chairs were auctioned off, towns lost both pride and full representation as the remaining reps were spread thin, and observers reported seeing tears running down the cheeks of Vermonters who had served in government.

The towns that are having a hard time making Act 46 work for them are experiencing the continuing fallout of reapportionment. It has always been well known and acknowledged that reapportionment increased the political clout of the more populous urban centers and eclipsed the sparsely populated rural areas, and small towns like Barnard, Dummerston and others are confronting the same issue with their study committees, which have representation based on town population. The small towns say they feel "cannibalized" in favor of the stronger towns, who are in a better position to benefit from unification.

Act 46 itself, like several other pieces of Vermont legislation that mandate with an iron fist in a velvet glove, is a creature of reapportionment, wherein Chittenden and Washington counties in particular over-represent the urbanized view of what Vermont ought to be.

It may be time to revisit one-town-one-vote.

Equal Protection is great on a national scale. Differences among voters and interest groups can be diffused in general elections and hashed out in Congress. But locally, people are not widgets. In Vermont and elsewhere, the difficulty with one-man-one-vote is that it slaps a template onto the map that treats highly localized assumptions, conditions, histories, customs and circumstances as identical, regardless of the fact of geography. If we were as homogenized as our milk, one-man-one-vote would make sense when it comes to passing legislation that serves us all.

But the present system is broken: it was intended to serve all, and it does not.

An alternative at the time, 50 years ago, was shelved because one-man-one-vote was not found to be unconstitutional and the justices chose not to look further. Is there an attorney in the house?

-BM-

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Letters to the Editor

Open letter from BRAIN - Black River Area Innovations Network

Dear Senator or Representative,

Thank you for your service to our great state of Vermont. We are reaching out to inform you of our difficulties here in Ludlow and Mount Holly. We are formally asking that a provision to S.122 be added granting Ludlow and Mount Holly school districts a one-year extension on meetings the requirements of Act 46.

Our communities, along with 140+ other cities and towns in Vermont, have encountered many challenges and inequities in Act 46 that are of grave concern. Here are just a few:

Incentives and Penalties- Act 46 and S.122 are unfair. Districts that were able to merge easily due to their geography, demographics and existing structures did so and are receiving incentives while those facing more challenges are penalized.

Act 153 Merger- Rutland Windsor Supervisory Union merger with Windsor Southwest Supervisory Union (Chester) creating Two River

SU 4 years ago when the state requested. We were proactive and were working together on educational opportunities and innovations until Act 46 halted our teamwork and moved focus onto consolidation, governance and dealing with significant tax rate differences. In addition, our Union is only one of 2 in the State that has 2 High Schools in 1 SU - which adds extra burden on the proposed extension on Act 46. On that note alone we should be considered for an extension.

Economic and Social Benefits- In the upcoming town votes, we will be asked to close our high school and send our children 27 miles away to Mill River. An 2.721 merger and not an Act 46 merger, thus denying us the proposed extension on Act 46. Though we are a resort town, our local businesses will undoubtedly see a decrease in revenue due to the loss of our school and the business generated by community support of the

extracurricular events. We are very concerned about our town's stability.

Quality family time- With longer commutes for our children, 27 miles away, our families will lose the priceless everyday opportunities in our day to day lives. Families with various economic, personal challenges will be most negatively impacted as their opportunity to support their students will undoubtedly be limited. With over half of our school population receiving free and reduced lunch, this is another major concern.

Act 60/68 gold town status - Mount Holly and Ludlow generate over double the funds we need to operate our Prek-6 and 7-12 schools. Ludlow alone bill- \$20 million in education taxes. Ludlow Elementary and Ludlow's share of the Black River Union High School- \$4 million. Ludlow alone sends to the Education Fund - \$16 million.

It is difficult to understand how we should be expected to close our

school, when we have enough money to operate it and still assist other school districts. Over the years we have cut out budgets to keep spending down while we see other districts increase spending and add programs. As a result, our students are being deprived of programs that were commonplace in all schools. Why is it ok for our children to go without so others can have more? In Ludlow Elementary we have 110 students and each teach ahs a supply budget of \$125 this year. How far does \$125 go in your home budget?

Please keep our communities, families and student in mind as you make decisions that so deeply affect us. We ask that you share with your colleagues our plight.

"We believe our students deserve the opportunity to be educated in our community."

Editors note: BRAIN is the name chose by the parents' working group from Mt. Holly and Ludlow.

Dear Editor,

Apropos "Community: more than a slogan" (editorial, April 19, 2017):

Vermonters know who we are. "Vermonters" is not race or ethnicity. It is a culture: the Vermont Way.

Newcomers who want to become Vermonters respect our culture while sharing theirs, enriching

Vermont. Newcomers who want us to be like them can find their way back home.

Newcomers, however, now are telling our governor, legislators and regulators how to change Vermont. They are consultants, naturally assuming that Vermonters are or should be like them, who in-

stead should be on tap, not on top.

They also are developers, naturally assuming that Vermonters are pushovers, who instead are learning that we defend a state we love.

"If the spirit of liberty should vanish in other parts of the union and support of our institutions

should languish, it could all be replenished from the generous store held by the people of this brave little state of Vermont" (President Calvin Coolidge, speaking at Bennington, Sept. 21, 1928).

Howard Fairman
Putney, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I have hesitated to write about last November's presidential election because it was so controversial, but I think it is time to point out a few things.

Many called for an abolishment of the Electoral College. I think this would be a grave mistake. The Electoral College was set up to equalize the voting power of urban areas and rural areas. A vast part of the country would have little say in elections. If the Electoral College were abolished only small urban areas in the east and west would control the outcomes of elections. Would people be calling for the abolishment of the Electoral College if things were reversed and Mr. Trump got more of the popular vote and Mrs. Clinton won the Electoral College vote? Things go

both ways.

When Mr. Trump was campaigning he implied that he would challenge the election results if he lost. Many screamed that he was threatening to trample on the constitution. However these same people rioted in the streets after the election and inauguration calling for Trump's removal from office. Who was threatening to trample on the constitution? We also have people calling for Trump's impeachment but although he has made lots of noise, he really hasn't done anything yet. Again who is threatening to trample on the constitution?

In my opinion both the Democrats and Republicans chose candidates in 2016 that were not suitable for the office of president. Mr. Trump is impulsive and abrasive

and talks (tweets) too much and you can't tell what he really stands for. There are probably 100 Democrats that could have easily defeated Trump but the party chose Mrs. Clinton who is in politics for what she can get out of it and is plagued by questionable decisions as senator and Secretary of State. She also has a cloud of questionable business deals. Donald Trump has been labeled a misogynist for his inappropriate comments, however Mrs. Clinton is inextricably connected with Bill Clinton. Although he did many good things as president, he abused his office by not talking about it but actually taking advantage of women.

We need to thank our founding fathers that in their wisdom set up a system of government that pre-

vents anyone from having too much power. We have seen the system work both with the courts shooting down the immigration ban and with congress preventing the dismantling of Obamacare. No matter who is in the White House these checks and balances are necessary to prevent any one individual or branch of government from getting too much power. Let's not mess with the constitution, it is working well and no other system anywhere else in the world has stood the test of time like ours. We also need to respect the office of president even if we do not agree with the policies of the office holder.

Thank you,
Stephen Kraft
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Nitka's notes from the State House

The House of Representatives passed their budget, titled, The Appropriations Bill, H-518 with only one no vote out of their 150 member body earlier in the month. This week the Senate passed their version of the budget on a 30 to 0 vote. This means that Democrats, Independents, Republicans and Progressives were satisfied with these budgets. The next step will be a Conference Committee to iron out the differences in the choices where each body chose to spend the money.

The two lead negotiators on opposite sides of the three member teams will be sisters, one the second oldest in their family of ten and the other the youngest. They grew up on a farm in Danville, Vermont and still live nearby, seeing each other for regular Sunday dinners, and carpooling back and forth to the State House. The votes were historic and so is this Conference Committee with these two sisters, who each chairs a powerful Appropriations Committee.

The budget has money for every state agency and department. One of the sections I reported on was the Agency of Natural Resources where we will spend one hundred thirty five million dollars, basically the same amount as last year. Since I saw a lot of wildlife on my way to Montpelier this week: deer, a moose, a very large snapping turtle, a bedraggled fox, a porcupine and turkeys, some information about the Natural Resources Divisions that manage these creatures and their habitat follows. Fish and Wildlife will stock more than two million fish in public waters. (Do buy a license as trout fishing has started and the department needs the money.)

Game wardens number thirty-six and they are recruiting men and women who qualify to join the force. The Forest Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for 52 developed parks, their operation and maintenance and are budgeted to spend 10.6 million. The Forest Highway Maintenance Division maintains approximately 600 miles

of roads located in timber extraction sites, parks and on mountains. There is an ever-increasing use by the public and a demand for access. They have a lean budget at \$180,000. In the Environmental Conservation Department's Office of Water Programs, projected spending is forty-eight million as they are responsible for ensuring that the state's 1,400 public water systems provide clean and safe water. They additionally cover all public buildings, camp-

grounds and single-family residences.

Committees are attaching many bills to other bills in an effort to get them passed with a bill that is likely to survive. It is thus very hard to follow some bills as their numbers have changed.

Contact me at home at 802-228-8432

Senator Alice Nitka
Montpelier, Vt.

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Obituaries

Christian Blake, 1933 - 2017

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Christian Blake, 83, died peacefully, at his home on Thursday, April 27, 2017 after a long, courageous battle with cancer. Born Raymond John Blake on October 16, 1933, he was the son of Carl and Marion (Fair) Blake. He was a graduate of Bellows Falls High School and attended Arizona State University.

He served in the US Air Force, worked in real estate, and was known for his controversial editorials in the Brattleboro Reformer. He was also a member of the Westminster Congregational Church.

Christian loved the land: He was happiest when out of doors, in the woods, walking his property, communing with nature. He loved watching the wildlife on his land - the doe and her fawn, the red tailed hawk, and the many turkey. He lived many years in California, Hawaii, and other states, but he always said, "Like the Salmon, I had to come home."

Christian is survived by his loving wife of 15 years, Sandra Boscach-Blake. Also surviving is his son Mark Blake of Escondido, California; his daughters Melanie Romano of San Diego and Staci Freeman of Delray Beach, Florida; his step children Jo-



Christian Blake, 1933-2017 PHOTO PROVIDED

hanna Fairbanks of Mt. Holly, Vermont, Sara Allen Druen of Springfield, Vermont, and Jason Allen of Andover, Vermont; his brothers Clifford and Gerald Blake; his sisters Carolyn Blake-Deyo, Linda Kenniston, Margaret Wareing, and Barbara Smith; and 16 grandchildren.

There will be a memorial service 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 6 at the First Congregational Church of Westminster.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations in his memory may be made to VNH Hospice, 31 South Main Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301.

Elizabeth "Betty" F. (Blanchard) Matulonis, 1928 - 2017

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Elizabeth "Betty" F. (Blanchard) Matulonis, 88, of Springfield, Vermont, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 28, 2017, surrounded by her loving family and her beloved dog Scooter. Betty was born on August 17, 1928, in Ludlow, Vermont to Lena Blanchard.

Betty married Herman J. Matulonis on January 25, 1947 in South Reading, Vermont, when she was a senior at Ludlow High School. They made their home in Springfield, Vermont, where they raised their 4 children.

Betty spent the majority of her life being a homemaker and that was no small task by her definition. Her house was sparkling clean at all times, the yard and garden watered, and the birds, squirrels, and neighborhood kids and dogs all accounted for and fed. As her children grew and had homes of their own she would clean theirs as well whether she was invited to or not, as long as they allowed it. With her quick wit and ready smile Betty was always at home in a large crowd of family and friends, but never at ease until she had made sure every single one had a place to sit and a bite to eat. Not one to be idle, Betty kept busy with many projects and interests, and served as a dedicated caretaker to many over the course of her life.

In the latter years of her life, Betty could still be found cleaning her house or St Mark's Episcopal Church, but much more importantly spending time with her family - often latched on to one of her great grandchildren with a bright smile on her face.

Betty was predeceased by her four brothers Raymond, Casper, Carlos



Elizabeth F. Matulonis, 1928 - 2017 PHOTO PROVIDED

and Cecil Blanchard and her great grandson Connor Buskey.

She is survived by her husband of 70 years Herman Matulonis, two daughters Donna Golec of North Springfield, Vermont, and Debra Matulonis of Wilder, Vermont, two sons David Matulonis of Scarborough, Maine, and Daniel Matulonis of Perkinsville, Vermont, nine grandchildren, 13 much loved great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, lifelong best friend Mary Lachapelle of Springfield, Vermont and many other very special extended family members.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, May 13, 2017, at 11 a.m. at the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield, Vermont.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaung Trail, Springfield VT 05156.

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

Thomas F. Beals, 1947 - 2017

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Thomas Frank Beals passed away on February 2 at the Union Nursing Home in Glover, Vermont. He had been ill for several years. Born on May 4, 1947, he was the first son of Waldo and Frances Beals of Saxtons River, Vermont. Mr. Beals graduated from Bellows Falls High School in 1966. He attended Alpena College in Alpena, Michigan.

After college he returned home to Saxtons River. He was a member of the Saxtons River Volunteer Fire Department. He became president of the Saxtons River Order of Odd Fellows, and later was elected the Vermont State President of the International Order Of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Beals enjoyed walking, fishing, and researching the Civil War, collecting rifles and other historical

memorabilia. He was employed by the U. S. Postal Service and retired in 2001. He married Myra Ashcroft in 1987.

He is survived by his sister, Kathryn A. Beals of Lincolnville, Maine. Also, by his brother Andrew M. Beals and family of Newport, Vermont. Also, his cousins Robert E. Patch and family of North Carolina, and Gerald C. Patch and family of Springfield, Vermont. He was predeceased by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on May 6 at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vermont. His ashes will be spread on Mt. Katahdin in Maine.

In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to the Friends Of Baxter State Park, P. O. Box 322, Belfast, Maine 04915.

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Vermont airplane crashes —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Brian Lindner will present the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program on Tuesday, May 9 on Vermont airplane crashes. It will be presented at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Catholic Church on Pleasant St. in Springfield, Vermont.

In this heavily illustrated program, Brian Lindner, aviation historian, researcher and author, will explore the history of the more unusual side of aviation in Vermont. He'll talk about famous as well as forgot-

ten crashes, including some Springfield area crashes such as the 1947 bomber crash on Hawks Mountain which remains Vermont's worst air disaster. Contrary to what one might think, we'll also hear of the humor that can be found in some of these stories, some from the investigators themselves.

Lindner is a native Vermonter with a life-long interest in history with a specialty in aviation. Inspired as a 12-year-old to research the bomber crash on Camels Hump he began to

collect information, photos and documents that tell the history of flying over the granite hills of Vermont. He has authored a wide variety of history articles in magazines and newspapers. Officially retired, Lindner continues to serve as Corporate Historian for the National Life Group, Stowe Mountain Resort and is a member of the Vermont State Police Museum Center and Archives.

The May 9 program will be the final OLLI program of this semester. The fall semester begins on September 5, and will contain many exciting history, adventure, literature, music and art programs.

All ages are welcome to attend. 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 statewide programs from the menu, and then scroll to Springfield.



B-29 Hawks Mtn. Crash.

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Elena & Boo return to Jamaica for an evening of honky-tonk —

JAMAICA, Vt. - Elena Skye and Boo Reiners of the Demolition String Band are kicking off the Jamaica Town Hall Music Series on May 6 with their unique blend of bluegrass, country, roots and Americana music. The show starts at 7 p.m.

Windham County folks might remember Elena and Boo from the tribute night/fundraisers they've hosted at the Jamaica Town Hall in the past, which included nights honoring Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger and Merle Haggard. These popular nights would feature guest singers and musicians from the area and a lot of singing along!

The pair have led their Demolition String Band for almost two decades. They have appeared as openers for an eclectic range of acts such as The Avett Brothers, Ryan Adams, Patti Smith, Ricky Skaggs, and Joan Osborne. Elena and Boo will be joined by upright bass player Neil Helme.

Their latest album, "I Wait For The Light," finds Elena and Boo mixing it up with many formative



Boo Reiners and Elena Skye of the Demolition String Band.

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influences. Fans will find splashes here and there that may bring to mind Keith Richards, The Ramones, Chrissie Hynde, Grateful Dead, Patsy Cline, Neil Young throughout this collection of rockers, ballads, and groovers.

The Jamaica Town Hall is located on Main Street (Route 30) in the village center. Handicapped accessible. Roadside parking is available. This and other events in Jamaica can be viewed on the Jamaica Community Arts facebook page.

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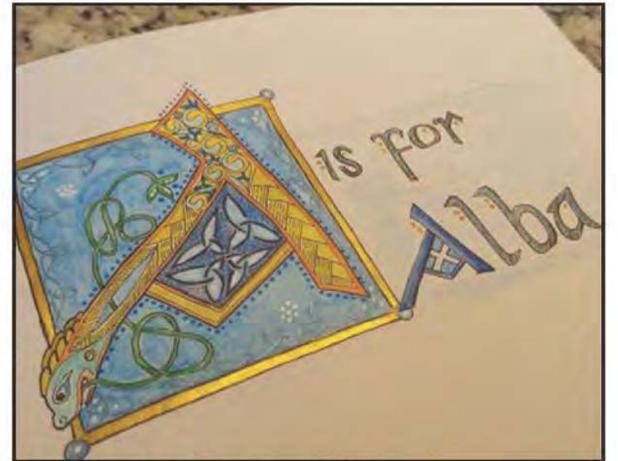
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Join Sadelle Wiltshire, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, to learn to use Celtic knotwork and ornamentation in the age-old art of making illuminated letters, much as the ancient monks of Ireland and Scotland did.

While the art of illuminated manuscripts and lettering is much older than the Celts, we'll be applying a bit of this style of knotwork and pattern to large letters using pen, ink and paint.

"Celtic Illuminated Letters Made Easy" is a drawing workshop presented by Stone Church Center and will take place at Currier Hall, 12 Church St.

Using more modern art tools than the monks had, this is a great way to get your feet wet (we may even bring a bit of Zentangle style patterning to our letters). This is a beautiful decorative art that you can apply to many creations, cards, paintings, carvings and more!

To register visit <http://www.stonechurcharts.org/>



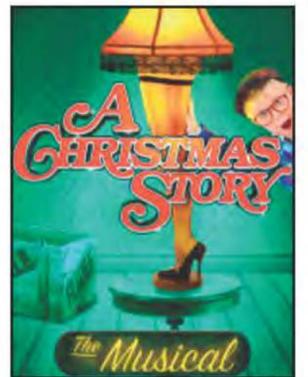
Learn the age-old art of making illuminated letters.

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River Theater Company seeks music director for "A Christmas Story" —

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - River Theater Company of Charlestown is seeking a music director for their fall production of "A Christmas Story: The Musical." Based on the classic 1983 movie, "A Christmas Story" takes place in 1940's Indiana, where

a bespectacled boy named Ralphie has a big imagination and wants one thing for Christmas, and one thing only: An Official Red Ryder Range Model Carbine Action BB Gun. There's only one problem: everyone else is convinced he'll shoot his eye



River Theater Company seeks a music director for their upcoming play, "A Christmas Story The Musical," which takes place in 1944.

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out!
A kooky leg lamp, outrageous pink bunny pajamas, a stern but "brassy" teacher, a cranky department store Santa, and a triple dog-dare to lick a freezing flagpole are just a few of the obstacles that stand between Ralphie and his Christmas dream.

Nominated for three 2013 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, "A Christmas Story" has a score by Oscar-winning songwriters Benj Pasek and Justin Paul ("La La Land" and Broadway's "Dear Evan Hansen"). River Theater Company's production would be the New Hampshire premiere of the show. "A Christmas Story" is set to be performed at the historic Claremont Opera House in November of 2017. River Theater Company is currently accepting applications for music director and choreographer. If you are interested in being a part of this production please contact River Theater Company at info@rivertheater.org. For more information visit River Theater's website at rivertheater.org.

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Labyrinth Around America arriving in Vermont

PUTNEY, Vt. - On Thursday, May 11 from 10 a.m. - noon at Landmark College, Sports Center located on the River Road, Labyrinth Around America is available for walking. Labyrinth Around America aims to take a labyrinth - a 24-foot diameter canvas intended for walking meditation - around the 33 or so states that form the border of the United States.

Starting in Minnesota, where Johnson commissioned the labyrinth to be made, the canvas is setting off on a road trip which Johnson explains is "to unknown places and over an unknown timeframe," stopping at the smallest villages and the hearts of the larger cities along its way. It is passing through Vermont and Massachusetts in May.

"I hope to involve people from as many different backgrounds as possible, and to visit many deprived neighborhoods and off-the-beaten-track locations" says Johnson. "Anyone and everyone is welcome - that's the beauty of the labyrinth." He says that he is open to stopping by in prisons, retreat centres, hospices, school yards, or just where ever he can throw open a large mat on the ground.

Unlike a maze, the labyrinth is a

single path that leads the walker to its centre without distractions and dead-ends.

"Walking a labyrinth allows an opportunity to escape from the day-to-day for a short while," says Johnson.

Labyrinth Around America hopes to invite many people who may be unaware of this wonderful practice to have an opportunity to join a walk, as well as providing ideas on how to follow up on walking more regularly, once the labyrinth leaves town.

To this end, the project has developed a list of links and resources on its website - everything from hand-held labyrinths that can be walked with the finger, to considering options about making a labyrinth of your own. "Not everyone can have a large mat strepped out in their lounge!" Johnson explains.

He says that he is keen for other



Labyrinth Around America is making a journey to Vermont.

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labyrinth enthusiasts to become involved in the project too, helping to host walks, suggest venues, and guide folks who want to discover more about labyrinth walking in their localities.

The project also hopes to leave what Johnson describes as a "trail of positive energy."

Anyone is welcome to join a walk when it arrives in town. There is no cost and newcomers to the labyrinth are especially welcome. Find out more at www.labyrintharoundamerica.net.

Caravan of Thieves

PUTNEY, Vt. - Next Stage Arts Project and Twilight Music present acoustic swing and alt gypsy jazz quartet Caravan of Thieves, plus indie-folk-rock duo The Dupont Brothers, at Next Stage on Saturday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m.

For the past nine years, Caravan of Thieves has roamed the North American continent recruiting a family of avid thrill seekers at their

high-energy shows. Driving gypsy jazz rhythms, acoustic guitars, upright bass and violin lay the foundation for mesmerizing vocal harmonies and fantastic stories. It's theatrical and humorous. It's musical and intense. It entertains, dazzles and defies classification while welcoming the spectator to join the band throughout the performance in momentary fits of claps, snaps

and sing-alongs.

Next Stage is located at 15 Kimball Hill in Putney, Vermont. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. For information, call 802-387-0102. Advance tickets are available at www.nextstagearts.org. Turn It Up in Brattleboro and Putney Food Co-op in Putney. Next Stage will provide a beer and wine cash bar.

Poetry Open Mic Night at Rockingham Library

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Rockingham Library is hosting a Poetry Open Mic on Monday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. Sign-up to read original poetry or read a favorite poem by another author. All ages are welcome to participate or be a part of the audience to support these brave souls. The evening will begin with light refreshments and a reading by Audrey Boerum, founder of the local poetry group: River Voices.

Then, Poetry Open Mic will commence.

Poetry readers are asked to keep their readings to five minutes. But that shouldn't limit the fun. Pair up with a friend to read a two-person poem. Select some haiku from the Library's collection or read a "found poem" about spring discovered by using a black marker and a news clipping. The sky's the limit! Maurice DeValiere (retired track inspector for Chester Depot) and

Anne Dempsey (the library's program coordinator) are planning to read a two-person poem from the 16th century: The Nut-Brown Maid. Please sign up early to save a spot on the roster.

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

NECA art exhibition & auction

CLAREMONT, N.H. - The art room at New England Classical Academy is one of the noisiest classrooms at the school right now, full of hammering, smashing and sanding. Fortunately it's all part of the preparations for the upcoming charity art auction "Springtime in Paris," to be held at the Claremont Opera House on Saturday, May 6. The event will feature artwork by students and local artists, a silent and live auction, a cash bar and light refreshments and music selections by NECA students and staff. This benefit for the school will celebrate the artwork created by the students as well as raises funds for the school's annual fund and art program.

Donations from local artists, families and supporters of the school include paintings, carved wood sculptures, photography and other objects of art. Local artists who donated pieces for the live auction include sculptor Ernest Montenegro, printmaker Nancy Wightman, the estate of watercolor/oil painter Mildred Davison, woodworker Stanley Dole, mixed

media artist Angie Follensbee-Hall and sculptor Randy Adams. NECA students are also creating original art work as class projects for people to bid on which will include painted furniture, mosaic work, repurposed children's furniture and multimedia collages.

New England Classical Academy is a private classical school for grades Pre-K through 12th grade that occupies the former St. Mary's school in Claremont. Now in its ninth year, the school has a strong arts curriculum of visual art, drama and music for all grades. Where many schools are seeing a decline in arts programming, NECA offers the arts as a core subject.

"The arts are part of the academic dialogue, supporting the literature, history, math and science curriculum of classical education," says Heidi Fagan, headmaster. "Learning to appreciate art, and understand its relevance in our human experience is a critical part of our curriculum. The students deepen that appreciation through creating art which develops the imagination and provides an outlet for expression through cre-

ation." Drama club annual productions, music presentations and monthly assemblies of poetry and recitation, as well as art history and practical arts classes, all contribute to the classical education.

Tickets for the "Springtime in Paris" art exhibit and charity auction are on sale at the Claremont Opera House <http://claremontoperahouse.com>, the Cornish General Store or during school hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. from the NECA Office <http://newenglandclassicalacademy.com>. School hours begin April 24. Tickets include hors d'oeuvres and a complimentary beverage.

Doors open at 4 p.m. and the evening will start with live performances of music and poetry and a silent auction from 4 - 6 p.m. A cash bar will be available during this time. The live charity auction starts at 6 p.m. Doors close at 7:30 p.m. For more information or to see some of the art available for bidding, visit the Auction Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/NewEnglandClassicalAcademy/>.



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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

Periodically, this space mentions the long ago days of an era, when high school sports were played at high schools which no longer exist. Charlestown High School is front and center of this week's news, as the Forts lost one of the greatest basketball players who ever wore the yellow and blue uniform.

Carl McAllister, who later went on to play the game so well at the next level, Plymouth State College, and was elected to their Hall of Fame, passed away last week at the age of 72, following a number of years battling a paralysis attack on his body. He spent his last 30 years in a wheelchair, but those who know him well say, "Despite his situation, when he came into a room, he took over a room."

Two area sports figures, Bob Hingston, former Windsor Athletic Director, and Poody Walsh, long time Sports Editor of the Eagle Times, kept in touch with and visited McAllister over the years. They attended his funeral over the weekend. They both revered the man and what he brought to those who were touched by his friendship, coaching or guidance as a school administrator.

I knew McAllister, but have recently wondered why my memories were so foggy? While collecting information for this story, my gap became clear. I was in the right place, but at the wrong time.

Carl always had charisma. When I was a third grader at Central Elementary School, in Bellows Falls he was the tall extremely athletic sixth grade basketball player, we all looked up to. He then moved to Charlestown and became part of that community's third and final state championship basketball team. His junior year (1963), they went undefeated, capping the perfect campaign with a 56-45 triumph over Gorham to become Division M champions. The Forts two earlier titles came in the smaller Class S, victories over Haverhill 27-25 in 1940 in the first Class S title game ever played and then in 1958, when they turned back Holy Rosary 39-36 for the title. McAllister and the Forts even played Winooski, Vt. (they were two small town basketball hotbeds) in a preliminary to a Celtics game in Boston Garden during that time.

In fact, there was a day when Carl and Carlton Fisk were featured in the Forts uniform at the same time. In case you didn't know, there were many people who believed Fisk was better in basketball than he was in baseball and everyone should know, Fisk landed in the Cooperstown Hall of Fame.

McAllister was a good player and possibly, a few years later, even a better coach. McAllister would surface as the head coach of the Fall Mountain Wildcats in their second year of existence. Incredibly, this young man, basically fresh out of college, coached both the Varsity and Junior Varsity team, a tall task for anyone, especially someone at his age and experience.

The times made McAllister's success even more remarkable. No one knows better than Hingston, the author of the taking over the room quote earlier in this piece, about the job McAllister did. The two arrived at Fall Mountain at the same time. Hingston moved in from out of district as a junior, when student/athletes from each of the neighboring towns were still comparing Fall Mountain to how their sports lives and experiences had been in their previous years in the town of Alstead, Charlestown or Walpole, they resided in. Each town felt their outlet had the way sports were invented and to boot, McAllister was a young Charlestown kid, taking over coaching hoops from a Walpole coaching legend (Dick McCarthy).

The reason my recollection of McAllister's time at Fall Mountain is foggy, is because those years, are the four years, I was away for college. I think I saw three Fall Mountain - Bellows Falls games during that time, but that would have been the extent of my viewing of Carl as a coach.

Hingston recalls, "He was a good coach. What he did so well was, he pushed every one of us to the level to be your best, but he always seemed to know when it was time to just put his arm around you."

Hingston remembers that McAllister was always important to him. "When I would come back home, I would always go and see him. He became almost like a big brother to me. I would coach some of his players in the North Walpole summer basketball league. He would give me instructions on what to work on with the individual kids on my team. I was glad to help. Paul Aumand ran that league and he was always a big supporter of Carl's. Since Carl was so young and coming from Charlestown, that support was very important at that time."

Walsh was settling in to his job at the old Claremont Eagle as McAllister was taking the reins. "I remember him as a coach," Walsh tells us, "and I enjoyed working with him, but it was years later when we became friends. I had lost track of him and heard of his tragedy and reached out to him and we became friends. I asked him to speak at St. Joseph's Night (an annual event which honors Stevens student/athletes) and he accepted and did a wonderful job."

Whether he knew it or not, McAllister, with his many skills, was on the fast track at a very young age. His tenure at Fall Mountain was a short four years and Bow hired him away and he was an administrator before he was 30. He was still a relatively young man when a blood clot affected his spinal column, but his thirty years in a wheelchair did not stop him from having a positive affect on others.

The former Fort star began his professional journey fifty years ago this school year at Fall Mountain Regional High School still wet behind the ears. He met the challenge of his first professional experience and passed with flying colors and went on to positively affect so many in his years to come.

Longtime area basketball fans should remember Bob Wilber, who once lived in the Chester and Keene areas. Wilber, a strong basketball official during his day, made a meaningful post following McAllister's death. He wrote that he, "always found Carl a fine coach, that made men out of boys and was a gentleman."

One could not have said this better.

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Black River patch. PHOTO PROVIDED

BF Terriers stand ninth in Vermont Division II

BY BILL MURPHY

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Terriers may have a misleading 2-4 record at this point in the season. They stand ninth presently in the Vermont Division II standings and would like to at the least gain home field advantage for the first round of the play-offs next month. The good news about their pres-

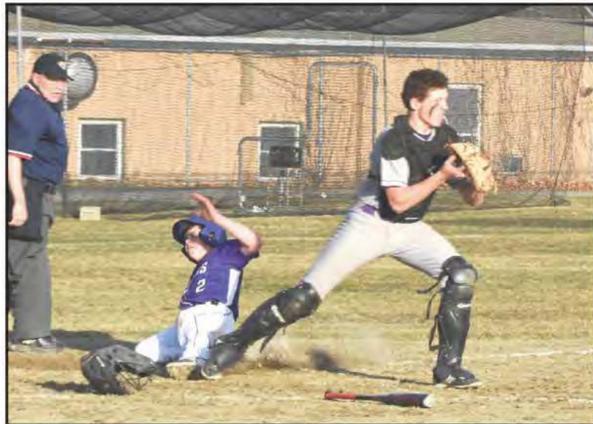
ent standing is, Bob Lockerby's team has already faced the iron of their schedule. Most every time out, they were running into someone's ace pitcher. They opened with 8-0 and 5-1 defeats at the hands of solid hurling from Brattleboro and Hartford respectively. They have also fallen to two other Division I teams, Mount Anthony 15-6 and Rutland 3-2. They hold wins over Leland & Gray 16-1 and Mill River 6-1. Brady Illing-

worth, pictured on this page, pitched a solid game issuing five hits and striking out 13 in the Mill River win.

Despite the early record, several Terriers have had good games early, including those pictured, Noah Rawlings, who had big hits versus Mount Anthony, Jacob Streeter, shown sliding into home, who had several key hits and Brian Greene is shown

catching a fly ball in the Brattleboro opener.

Lockerby told us, he is concerned "it might be catching up with us that a number of our players have chosen not to play summer ball in recent years. Our teams tend to play better late in the season. I hope the lack of total at bats doesn't hold us back in the end."



BF #2 Jacob Streeter.

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BF #11 Noah Rawlings.

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BF Brady Illingworth.

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BF Right field Brian Green.

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Walpole Maples contenders again

BY BILL MURPHY

The Shopper

WALPOLE, N.H. - Once upon a time there were plenty of teams in the Connecticut River Valley Baseball League. So many in fact, that the Walpole Maples had trouble getting in. Before long, they might own the league.

Over the years, semi pro baseball has been a nice staple in the area. Presently, the ranks of the sport are limited to Walpole. There are the Maples and the Wild Blue. Other former area teams have folded. Teams in and out of the area are having trouble keeping the sport alive. For 2017, there are seven teams in the

CRVBL and the Claremont Cardinals, who were one of the most solid franchises in the loop for years, have already forfeited a game this season.

The Walpole Maples were crowned champions last summer for the second year in a row. There were eight teams at the start of 2016, but in the end, Newport and Sunapee had departed the ranks. The Connecticut River Valley Ironmen, formerly of the Green Mountain League (whose league has contracted to four from seven for 2016) showing the scarcity of players is an entire region's problem.

On the field this spring, the Maples and Keene Summitt have been the dominant teams, both opening

play with a 2-0 record. Walpole appears to have the better pitching, while Keene scores more runs. The two teams meet Saturday in Walpole at 3 p.m. for an early season showdown.

Garin Clough had the big blow for the Maples in their opener, as he stroked a three run home run in their 9-6 triumph over the Connecticut River Ironmen. Maples coach Mark McGill says, "We took the lead early and held on throughout. Steve Corey has pitched two good games early for us, going seven innings in the opener and going the distance the next time out."

The second win was a 3-0 white-wash of the Cardinals.

McGill is happy with the way his team is playing saying, "We've played good defense and we have had some timely k's. This week will be a battle for sure," he mentioned of the upcoming Summit contest.

The Wild Blue and the Ironmen are tied for third presently at 1-1. The Wild Blue's win was 1-0 over a forfeiting Cardinal nine, while the Ironmen defeated the Wild Blue 12-5 in their meeting. Coach Frank Brown was not pleased looking back at the loss commenting, "We walked a ton and made a ton of errors. It wasn't pretty."

The Wild Blue will return to action Thursday, May 11, when they host Summit at 6:30 p.m.

Ludlow Girls Soccer making improvements



The Ludlow U-14 girls played the Rutland team in a tough game this week. Pictured above Riley Paul (11) begins to attack the ball while Semilie Blake (9) looks to help and Jordan Devereux (6) looks to support. "These girls improved considerably from our first game to the end of the season," commented Head Coach Bruce Schmidt. "It is great these girls decided to come out and play this spring and improve their game."



Ludlow Girls U-14 team finishes up their game vs. Rutland in the Giorgetti Arena. The players on the team were: Jordan Devereux, Clohe Ayer, Riley Paul, Olivia Rebetz, Semilie Blake, Hannah Sheehan, Alexis Martin, McKenzie Martin, Mia Koponen and Emma Kirdzik. The team was coached by Bruce Schmidt with assistant coaches Chris Devereux and Lisa Schmidt.

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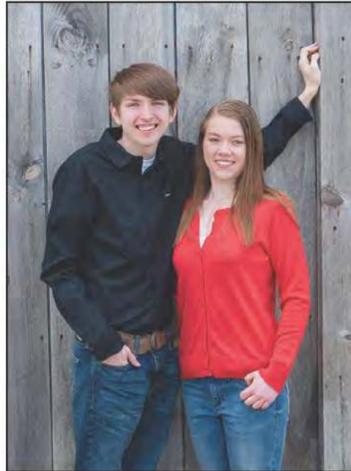
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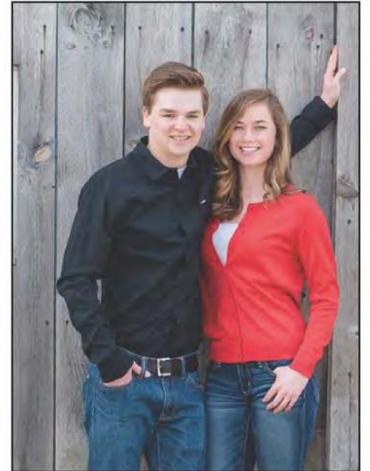
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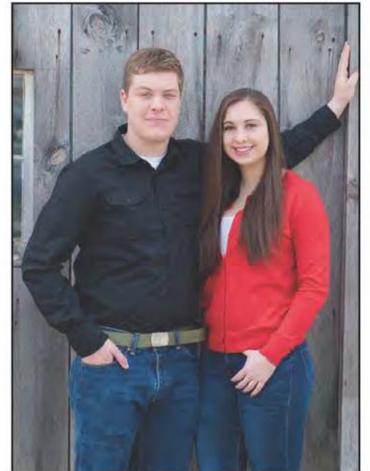
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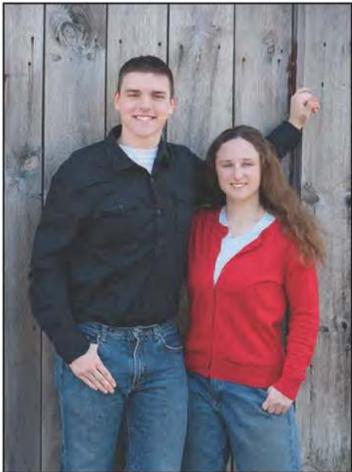
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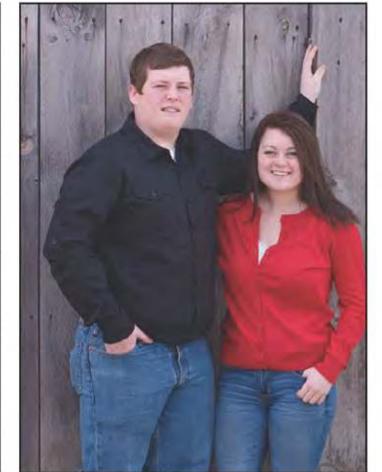
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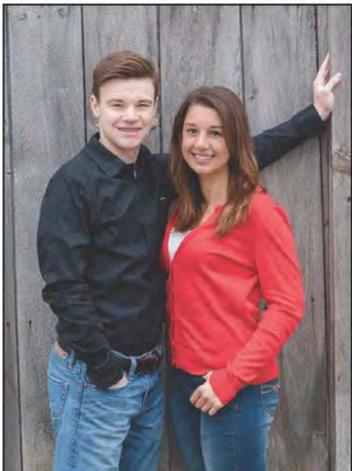
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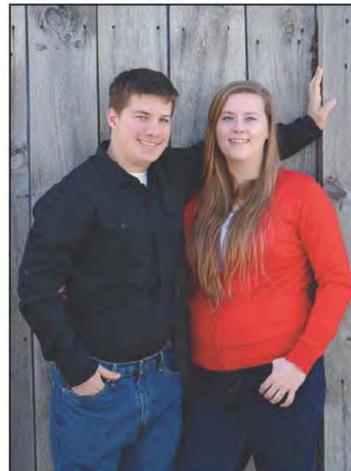
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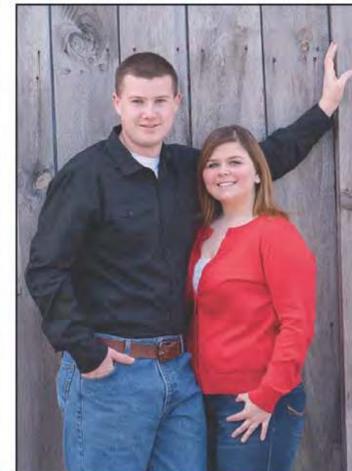
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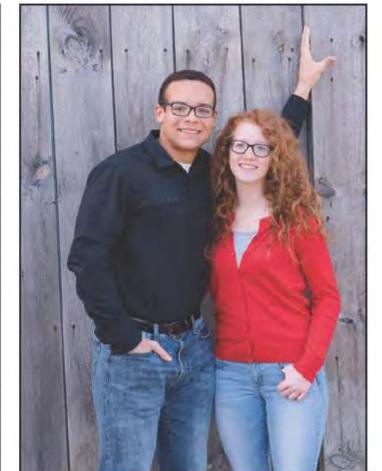
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Green Up bags are available at the Town Hall in Westminster and the Westminster West Library. You can also pick up bags at the Westminster Center School on Green Up Day, Saturday, May 6, 7-11 a.m. Allen Brothers has generously donated some of their delicious

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Five Corners Pub & Brewhouse shares a building with the Saltash Inn, at the corner of routes 100 and 100A in Plymouth, Vermont. Saltash was the original name of the town, which was chartered in 1761. Plymouth is also the birthplace and childhood home of President Calvin Coolidge, 30th president of the U.S. The Coolidge historic site and Coolidge State Park are easy drives from Five Corners.

Owners Paul Kowalski and Tad Dedrick. Five Corners Pub & Brewhouse opened in mid-December 2015. The atmosphere is relaxed, roomy and rustic, and the menu offers a blend of comfort fare and light dishes, specializing in lamb burgers, beef "smashburgers," and lip-smacking variations on the theme of macaroni and cheese. Tad does the cooking.

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Volunteers will meet at the Community Center at 9:00 am for coffee & donuts and head out on the routes. All volunteers will be treated to a BBQ at the Ludlow Community Center at noon and will receive a complimentary tee-shirt.

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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 - CHESTER, Vt. - Beginning Wednesday, May 10, St. Luke's Episcopal Church program will begin a new adult study, "Painting the Stars: Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith." This series is a part of the Living the Questions program, designed for contemporary Christians. "Painting the Stars" is a series of seven DVD presentations that gives a broad introduction to the relationship of science and nature with the Christian faith. For information regarding the content, visit <http://www.livingthequestions.com/>. Each session is one hour and starts at 10:30 a.m. in Willard Hall, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 313 Main St. All are welcome to come and participate in one or more of these sessions. Materials for discussion will be provided, and there is no cost. Come and bring a friend. For details, contact Lew and Bonnie Watters, 802-875-2114 (home) or 802-875-6000 (church office).

SATURDAY, MAY 13 - SOUTH LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Mother's Day workshop for children, 11 a.m. Come to the South Londonderry Free Library, 15 Old School Rd. and make a special hand-made card for the most special person in your life. For details contact 802-824-3371 or email southlondonderryfreelibrary@yahoo.com.

WINDSOR, Vt. - Rhubarb chutney cooking class.

Wondering what to do with an abundance of rhubarb this spring? On Saturday May 13 at 9:30 a.m. or 2 p.m., join us for a rhubarb and ginger chutney cooking class. This original variety takes us back to our roots selling at Vermont Farmer's Markets. We slowly cook apples from Champlain Orchards and add fresh local rhubarb, crystallized ginger, and a hint of warming spices. This blend is light and fresh with reduced sugar, and perfectly paired with classic cheddar or a nice creamy goat cheese. Take home a complimentary jar of the variety we make together in class, a detailed recipe card, and enjoy 15% off all jar purchases in our unique Specialty Preserves Shop. The venue is Blake Hill Preserves, Artisans Park, Windsor. Contact Mary Ball at 802-674-4529 for details.

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 Knackers" 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 - LONDONDERRY, Vt. - The Windham County Extension Master Gardeners are back at The Meeting Place at

Neighborhood Connections. There is no charge to attend, but space is limited, so please call 824-4343 to register. You can attend specific sessions or all of them. Just let us know which ones you are interested in attending when you call. The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections is located in Londonderry's Mountain Marketplace, next to the Londonderry Post Office. **On Tuesday, May 16** at 2 p.m., Cheryl Wilfong, one of the most popular Master Gardener lecturers, will talk about woodland gardens. Cheryl has beautiful woodland gardens at her home in Dummerston.

On Tuesday, May 23 at 2 p.m., Somara Zwick, an active Windham County Extension Master Gardener, will be here to discuss garden tools and how to care for them throughout the season. She encourages you to bring along your favorite garden tool.

On Tuesday, May 30, Bob Little Tree Butler returns at 10 a.m. to talk about the benefits of landscaping with native plants. Native plants, once established, seldom need watering, mulching or protection from frost. Come learn about native plants for this region. Check out our website at www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org or contact Mary C. Schwartz, 802-824-4343.

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

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NOTICE

BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION ANNUAL VILLAGE REPORT

The 2015-2016 Village Report will be distributed in the same manner as previous years. Centralized distribution will be utilized at various points in the Village.

Reports will be available at the following locations:

Bellows Falls Senior Center	People's United Bank
Lisa's Market	Health Center at Bellows Falls
Lisa's Corner Deli	Rockingham Free Public Library
Bellows Falls Fire Station	Town Offices
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The Report is also available on the municipal website at rockb.org under Bellows Falls Village - Village Trustees. If you would like a Village Report mailed to you, please send \$3.00 with your address to Bellows Falls Village Corporation, Municipal Manager's Office, P.O. Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT 05101

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at the Twitchell Building Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, Vermont for public hearings on the following applications

Application 004-17 by Charles and Gail Herzog for approval for a home business within existing single family dwelling located at 4942 VT Route 11.

Application 012-17 by Larry and Cynthia Gubb for approval of setback variance to rebuild and enlarge existing garage on Parcel 102046 located at 2493 Middletown Road and VT Route 11.

Application 013-17 by the Londonderry Select Board for Town of Londonderry for approval to redevelop Buyout Reuse Parcel 104017 located at 434 Main Street, South Londonderry within the flood hazard area as a public rest stop with bicycle-pedestrian access only.

Application by Londonderry Ventures for seasonal outdoor restaurant seating associated with the New American Grille at Mountain Marketplace on Parcel 102007 located at 5700 VT Route 100.

Application materials are available for inspection at the Town Office or by email from the Zoning Administrator [londonzoning@vermontel.net]. Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Sections 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in the local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

Sharon Crossman, Interim Zoning Administrator

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 10:30-11:30 a.m. Contact 463-4270.

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - 9:30-11:00 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@myreccenter.org.

WEDNESDAYS - 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 Knackers" to breast cancer survivors, stop by and ask for Betty for more information.

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

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

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

SECOND FRIDAY - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Free Open Art Nights from 7 p.m., open to people of all ages. Try something new, make mistakes, learn, and try again at the Art Gym on 62 Clinton Street. Visit www.facebook.com/springfieldartgym/.

SATURDAYS - SOUTH LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Computer/electronics instruction with Marc Fontaine at the South Londonderry Free Library, 15 Old School Rd. Class will meet at 11 a.m. on May 6 and May 13. For details contact 802-824-3371 or email southlondonderryfreelibrary@yahoo.com.

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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. Group meets on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 8 a.m. and is comprised of a wide range of abilities including new swimmers. Call 802-885-2568 or visit www.myreccenter.org

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REGION - "Bone Builders" to combat osteoporosis. Free and open to 55+. Call 802-674-4547. Monday and Wednesday: Brownsville Town Hall 9 - 10 a.m.; Martin Memorial Hall in Acutney 10-11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday: Cavendish Baptist Church 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday: Andover Community Church 3 - 4 p.m.

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TUESDAY, MAY 9 - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Woman'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.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15 - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Plan ahead for a great day trip with the Bellows Falls Area Senior Center to the Hukelau in Chicopee, Mass. on August 15 for a traditional Maine lobster bake and The Bobby Darling Show. Enjoy a great day out and one of the funniest, zaniest shows of the season. If you are a fan of the Smothers Brothers you will love this show. The cost for the trip includes transportation, meal, show, tax and meal gratuity, and driver gratuity. Call 802-463-3907 for details.

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.

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Green Mountain at Fox Run has an Immediate opening for a PT server, busser, and kitchen helper to join our team in Ludlow. Competitive hourly rate and a friendly work environment. PT, \$12.00/hr, non-exempt. Incl. day, evening mid-week, and wknd. shifts. Prior restaurant & kitchen exp. pref. but not req'd. Must be 18 years of age. Wage is based upon exp.

Call 802-228-8885 and speak to Laurie Swartz or apply in person at Green Mountain at Fox Run.

TOWN OF ANDOVER NOTICE OF TAX SALE

The resident and nonresident owners, lien holders and mortgagees of lands in the Town of Andover, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont are hereby notified that the taxes assessed by the Town of Andover for the 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 (except where otherwise noted) fiscal years remain, either in whole or in part, unpaid on the following described land in such Town, to wit:

- Parcel No. 011000061.000. Being all those same lands and premises described in the following documents: Order and Decree of Foreclosure dated November 5, 1991 and recorded in Book 29, at Page 45 of the Town of Andover Land Records on November 25, 1991; Warranty Deed of Rudolph L. and Diane N. Stewart Mazzei to Pareunia Zimi, Inc. dated February 23, 1984 and recorded at Book 23, Page 89 of the Town of Andover Land Records on February 25, 1984; and, reference is made to an Assignment of Rudolph L. Mazzei to STAN GABRIELSON and IRENE GABRIELSON dated November 11, 1991 and recorded at Book 29, Page 44 of the Town of Andover Records on November 25, 1991. The property is described as containing 5.46 acres and located at 2889 Simonsville Road.
- Parcel No. 005100010.300. Being those same lands and premises that are described in a deed to JENNIFER J. PIDA, from John M. Kimball and Jill M. Kimball dated March 29, 2002 and recorded in Book 40, Pages 355-360 of the Town of Andover Land Records on April 15, 2002. The deed describes the property as Lot 3 containing 10.80 acres, more or less, located on Newton Road.

3. Parcel No. 005100004.000. Being those same lands and premises that are described in a deed to CAROL LEE SKERPAN, from Jack Badner dated February 12, 1988 and recorded in Book 26, Pages 279-280 of the Town of Andover Land Records on March 22, 1988. Consisting of 10 acres of land located at 4525 East Hill Road.

So much of said lands will be sold at public auction at the Town Office in Andover, Vermont, a public place in said Town on the 9th day of June 2017, at 10 o'clock a.m., as shall be requisite to discharge such taxes with costs and fees, unless previously paid.

Dated at Andover, in the County of Windsor and State of Vermont this 26th day of April 2017.

Attest: 
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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, MAY 6 - CHESTER, Vt. - Gassetts Grange is holding its monthly community breakfast, Saturday, May 6, 8-9:30 a.m. It is buffet style, featuring bacon, sausage, home fries, eggs, toast, plain and blueberry pancakes, real maple syrup, juices, hot cocoa, tea, and coffee. Eat in or take out. The Gassetts Grange Hall is located about 200 ft. above the junction of routes 10 and 103 N. Everyone welcome!!! Any questions? Call Dave at 802-875-2637 or The Grange Hall itself, 802-875-1051.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Roast pork supper at the Charlestown Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield Rd., Charlestown. A complete roast pork supper with mashed potatoes, carrots, green beans, stuffing, applesauce, gravy and rolls & butter, and **HOMEMADE PIES** for dessert. Tickets go on sale at 4 p.m. until sold out. We will start serving at around 5 p.m. For takeouts please call 802-826-5987 between noon and 3 p.m. to be picked up at 4 p.m. Please come and enjoy our food and our company.

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 MHV 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.

SATURDAY, MAY 13 - BELMONT, Vt. - All-you-can-eat spaghetti supper to benefit the Black River High School 2017 senior class graduation project, May 13, settings 5 p.m. till gone. Odd Fellows Hall, 37 Lake St., Belmont. Menu: spaghetti supper, toss salad, rolls, and dessert. More info, call 802-259-2791.

EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 5 - CHESTER, Vt. - Game Night with free fresh hot pizza at Grounded4Life, Chester in the lower level of the Baptist Church, 162 Main St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with food, coffee, and conversation. Pizza should start coming out of the oven around 7. Crust, sauce, and cheese will be provided - you're invited to bring your own toppings to make a delicious pizza (or just bring yourself if you prefer a classic cheese pizza). Some games will be provided, but if you have a favorite tabletop game please bring it! Check out the Grounded4Life Facebook page and share us with your friends.

You can also contact us through the grounded4lifevt.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.

FRIDAY, MAY 5 - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - First Friday film with seed swap.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd., Springfield. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and movie starts at 7 p.m. "Seeds of Time: One Man's Journey to Save the Future of Our Food" (2015). Crop diversity pioneer Cary Fowler works with others, including farmers in Peru, to try to save seeds. The film is 77 minutes long. Popcorn and beverages served. No charge. Have seeds left over? Bring your extra seeds to the film on Friday May 5 or to the service on Sunday May 7 and take home some of another variety. For details, call the church at 802-885-3327.

SATURDAY, MAY 6 - SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - The fish will be biting at the Saxtons River Rec Area when the annual fishing derby gets under way at 8:30 a.m. Free registration for children 4 to 14 begins at 8 a.m. The pond is located 1.3 miles north of the rec area on Pleasant Valley Road. Participation in the derby is free, but the rec area will be conducting a 50/50 raffle and a bake sale to help with its activities. Volunteers to help with the derby or provide baked goods are needed. For more information call Samantha Perry Fletcher at 802-869-1407 or e-mail srrecreationarea@live.com.

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Annual

spring wildflower walk with Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association, 9:30-noon, Libby Mills and Carol Westing will lead this favorite stroll. Meet at Westminster West Church to carpool to the site. Wear waterproof shoes and bring camera and water. For questions and requested registration, contact westing@sover.net. The rain date is Sunday, May 7, 10 a.m. These programs are free and open to the public. For more information, access maps, and directions, log onto www.windmillhillpinnacle.org. Pinnacle is also on Facebook at www.facebook.com/windmillhillpinnacle/

JAMAICA, Vt. - "The Best Little Arts & Crafts Show in Vermont" will take place rain or shine at the Jamaica Town Hall on Rte. 100/30, Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The Jamaica Historical Society, across the street from the Town Hall, will be open during the show hours. It's also the day of the scheduled Ball Mountain Dam release at Jamaica State Park, when kayakers and rafters take on the white water of the West River. In the evening, the Jamaica Town Hall concert series kicks off with Elena & Boo of the NYC-based Demolition String Band, 7-9 p.m. Jamaica Town Hall. The

arts and crafts show and the town hall concert are presented by the Jamaica Community Arts Council. Handicapped accessible; roadside parking. Admission is free; refreshments will be available and children's activities and crafts are planned as well. For details, contact Jacki Brown at jackibrown1010@gmail.com.

CASTLETON, Vt. - 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.

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.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL BUYOUT REUSE PROJECT #3

434 MAIN STREET, SOUTH LONDONDERRY

The Town of Londonderry is seeking bids for site work and landscaping to establish reuse of the property at the above location as a village green space to include bike-ped rest area with natural access to the West River.

This property was damaged by flooding during Tropical Storm Irene and has been acquired by the Town through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Buyout Program. The Town acquired funding for this post-buyout reuse project under a HUD Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief grant.

Scope of Work: Village bike-ped rest area with natural access to the West River, pleasant views. Former Creamery site, along the West River, residential apartments. Quiet, peaceful, pleasant, passive enjoyment. Native species, natural landscaping, low maintenance.

- Pine trees (2) at roadside to be removed by the Town of Londonderry road crew prior to work start.
- Installation of two green buffers or privacy screening as desired by the neighboring property owners.
- Efficient work plan with reasonable hours of construction for the peace and privacy of the neighborhood.
- Native plants installation for a very low maintenance natural landscape along the southern side of Main Street.
- New canopy trees of flood-tolerant species and heavy vegetation to stabilize the river bank.

Bids due: Sealed bids are due by 2:30 p.m. on Friday May 12, 2017. Bids may be mailed or hand delivered to the Londonderry Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry VT 05155.

Completion deadlines: All work as outlined in this RFP and the Scope of Work must be completed by June 15th, 2017. CDBG-DR funding ends on June 30, 2017.

For additional information and the full detailed RFP and attachments, contact: Sharon Crossman, Planning Commission at shacro@comcast.net or 802.548.8247

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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 - 36 With complacence
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 - 39 Bygone anesthetic
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 - 47 Have bills
 - 49 Seek damages



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You Ewes and Rams will find your ideas cheered by a mostly receptive flock. Those few dissenters could well be turned around by your charm and powers of persuasion.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's time for the bold and beautiful Bovine to shake off the dust of the past and shape up with new ideas for the future. This could surprise some folks, but they'll soon adjust.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Those nagging new doubts about an upcoming decision should alert you to step back (at least temporarily) so you can reassess its potential impact from a new perspective.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) That unpleasant situation you hoped would go away by itself needs immediate attention before it affects an upcoming decision. Expect your supporters to rally around your cause.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're moving up and away from that recent setback. But remain cautious about finances. An exercise in thrift today helps cushion a possible end-of-the-month money squeeze.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're still dealing with overtones of pessimism that cause you to doubt your ability to make some needed changes. But the negative pressures will ease up by week's end.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) There could be some fallout from the way you handled a recent family problem. But those who know that you were in the right won't hesitate to step in on your behalf.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Financial strains ease by week's end. Meanwhile, focus on cultivating that new relationship if you hope to have it blossom into something more meaningful.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Health matters once again dominate the week. Be careful not to ignore recurrences of an old problem. An almost-forgotten commitment resurfaces.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The emergence of an unusual selfish streak could dismay those close to you. Defy it — don't justify it — so you can become your gracious self again.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Reassess your decision to stay with the status quo. It might seem like the sensible thing to do right now, but changes around you could make that choice a risky one.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Move decisively but cautiously when dealing with a delicate personal matter. The fewer mistakes you make now, the less likely it is that the problem will recur later on.

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EVENTS CONT.

SAT., MAY 6 CONT.-
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 at 3 p.m. For more details, go to the web page, www.springfieldcommunitychorus.org.

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. 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.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10-
WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Moonlight hike at Bald Hill, Westminster, on Wednesday, May 10, 8-9:30 p.m. Vanessa Stern, member of Bald Hill Conservation Committee and Pinnacle board, will lead this nocturnal adventure. Wear waterproof shoes and meet at the Bald Hill kiosk on Covered Bridge Road in Westminster. Contact Vanessa Stern at 802-463-4948 to register, get information, or check on the weather. These programs are free and open to the public. For more information, access maps, and directions, log onto www.windmillhillpinnacle.org. Pinnacle is also on Facebook at https://m.facebook.com/windmillhillpinnacle/.

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Black River Girls Varsity softball team is "Pitching For Stroke Awareness." Come support BHRS softball and The American Stroke Association. Join the BRHS Girls Varsity Softball team at Dorsey Field in Ludlow to "strike out" stroke while hosting game against Proctor, Wednesday, May 10, 7 p.m. Stroke survivor Liz Hindinger and Assistant Coach Bud Trimboli, whose mother suffered a stroke, will be tossing the first pitches.

There are 12 players and four coaches. We are looking for sponsors for each of the players and coaches to wear a Stroke Awareness t-shirt! Contact Coach Zoe Trimboli with sponsorship information, zoe.trimboli@trs.u.org.

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - The public is invited to attend back-to-back meetings on renewable energy. At 7 p.m. Grassroots Solar owner Bill Laberge will speak about solar energy, as well as the benefits and intricacies of battery storage systems by Tesla and Sonnen and others. He will also talk about maximizing savings by avoiding time of use rates and demand charges, taking advantage of Rate 11 peak and off-peak rates. Sponsored by the Londonderry Energy Committee. At 6 p.m., the Londonderry Energy Committee invites the public for the business portion of our next meeting, with Oliver Olsen to offer his perspectives on Act 174, a new law written to encourage enhanced energy planning and siting in towns. For more info please contact Will Reed at (802) 376-4455 or wwreed3@gmail.com.

THURSDAY, MAY 11-
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Bellows Falls Area Senior Center Mother's Day luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 11 at 11:30 a.m. Reservations for this lunch are a must. Please call the center at 802-463-3907 before May 3 to reserve. The senior center is located at 18 Tuttle St. in Bellows Falls. We offer accessibility in the forms of a lift and ramps, and we have plenty of free parking!

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Hi! My name's Leon and I'm a 3-year-old neutered male that came to Lucy Mackenzie from a shelter in Virginia. I'm so glad I did, too, because I really like Vermont! I've had a blast playing in the snow, and look forward to the many spring and summertime adventures ahead of me. I've been working a lot on basic obedience behaviors with the people here, and am doing a great job! Sometimes I think I'd really like to find a family that already has a dog, so I could have a dog-friend. I think

that would make me very happy! I don't need one, but it could be fun. The dog would have to be similar in size and be of the right temperament, of course. Small children tend to make me a little nervous, so a household with no children or older kids would be best. It might take me a bit to warm up to new people, but once I do, I promise I'll be your best friend! If you've been looking for a deserving, loving new canine companion, stop in and meet me today!

Hi! My name is Porter and I'm a 2-year-old neutered male that came to Lucy Mackenzie as a stray. I was really scared when I first arrived here, but things are becoming easier every day! I've recently moved into one of the main cat rooms here at the shelter, and I like the other cats I'm living with. I tend to keep to myself most of the time, but come out for pets when people come into the room. I'm still learning to trust people, but have made many good friends. I'm playful and sweet, and very much

look forward to finding a home and family to call my own. If you've been looking for a deserving and loving feline to call your own, stop in and meet me today!

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

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calendar

LIBRARIES

THURSDAY, MAY 4- BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - 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. 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- LUDLOW, Vt. - Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main St. "Crafty Tuesdays" for grades K-6, from 3-4 p.m. Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email skrawczykvt@gmail.com to register for programs. May 9, Bobbling Butterfly. We'll make colorful butterflies that 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?" May 30, Soaring Dragons. We will make our own shimmering dragons that soar in the sky.

Unified Union School District. For more information, call 802-875-3365 or go to su.trsu.org.

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.

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) a local certified Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurse Specialist. Meetings are in the Fireplace Community Meeting Room at Rockingham Medical Group, 1 Hospital Court.

MONDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - NAMI Vermont Connection Recovery Support Group is a mental illness support group. It provides a forum to share experiences and learn about opportunities and challenges regardless of diagnostics. HCRS, CRT Room, 390 River St. Meets every Monday from 1 - 2 p.m. Info: call 800-639-6480 or visit www.namivt.org.

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

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

at 885-7511.

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

SECOND TUESDAY - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Just Us

Moms Program (JUMP). Moms up to age 25, 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, Cherry St. through June 13. Dinner and child care provided. Older women who want to volunteer as mentors and sharers are also welcome. Contact Michelle, 802-275-7871.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Wellness/Lifestyle Change Support Group, meets the second Tuesday of each month from 5:45-7 p.m. at the Springfield Health Center, 100 River St. FREE. Register by calling 802-886-8946 or email cht@springfieldmed.org.

THURSDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Mental health peer support group, 2-3:30 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 77

Main St. The group's goal will be to provide a safe and healthy environment for people to give and receive support around mental health issues. The group is free and open to the public. Call Diana Slade at 802-289-1982.

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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MEETINGS

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

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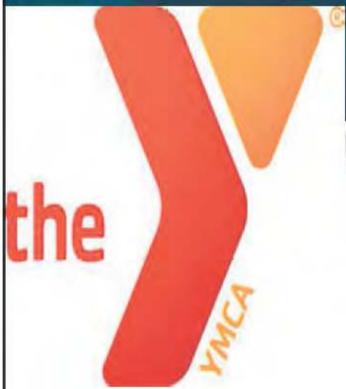
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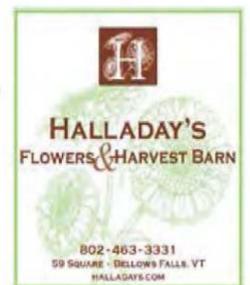


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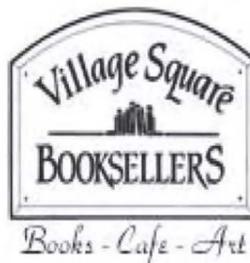
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