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## Happy Memorial Day

**We would like to take this special day to thank those who have fought for our freedom, and remember the soldiers that have fallen for our country. Pictured is the color guard at attention in Brookeside Cemetery.**

PHOTO BY LEA LLOYD

# The poppy serves to remind America of sacrifices made —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - According to the American Legion Auxillary after World War I the poppy flourished on the barren landscape of Europe and on the newly dug graves. The flower quickly became a symbol of the sacrifices of service members all around the world. The red poppy was adopted as the American Legion Family's memorial flower in the 1920s and National Poppy Day was designated by Congress for the Friday before Memorial Day.

Millions of red crepe paper poppies handmade by veterans as part of their therapeutic rehabilitation are distributed across the country on Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. Poppies are given in exchange of any amount; all the donations go directly back to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans in our communities.

In remembrance of those from Bellows Falls Veterans on Memorial Day a mock cemetery is on display in the front window of the Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls. This mock display was made by Red Davidson, spouse of deceased Unit #37 Auxiliary member Jean Davidson.

**A mock cemetery display reminds Bellows Falls of the sacrifice of its service members.**

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The American Legion Pierce Lawton Unit #37 Auxiliary members will be set up starting May 26 in Bellows Falls to distribute the red crepe paper poppies in exchange for your donation. You may also see Poppy Cans on counters in local businesses in Bellows Falls, please show your support by donating.

Thank you to Pat and Alan Fowler of Village Square Booksellers who allow Pierce Lawton Unit #37 to set up the mock cemetery each year. Also thank you to local businesses who allow Pierce Lawton Unit #37 to setup and distribute these poppies.

Memorial Day Event for Bellows Falls begins at 10 a.m. at the Waypoint Center followed by a wreath throwing on the Arch Bridge connecting Bellows Falls to North Walpole.

Take some time to remember those that have served our country this National Poppy Day and Memorial Day.

# New BF trustees elected —

**BY JOEL SLUTSKY**

*The Shopper*

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Deborah Wright and James "Jiggs" McAuliffe gained trustee positions by a close margin at the annual Bellows Falls Village Corporation voting on May 18. One hundred fifty voters cast ballots at the election, which took place at the Masonic Temple. The candidates vied for two positions, one for a seat held by Colin James, whose term expired in May 2017, and one to fill a position formerly held by Evelyn Weeks, who did not run for reelection. The close results for the positions, conducted by Australian ballot, prompted James to ask for a recount. According to Wright, who was present at the recount of the ballots at the town hall on May 19, the numbers did not change.

The two new trustees are well known to the community, with both serving in several key positions in the village. McAuliffe currently serves as a board member at Bellows Falls Union High School (BFUHS) as well as being involved with many other community organizations in the area. McAuliffe, from Bellows Falls, noted two major reasons why he ran for the position: "I felt that by watching the trustees I saw a lack of leadership that I hope I can bring to the board. We need to focus on the agenda the board is pursuing. I also believe that taxes and the budget are too high in Bellows Falls. We need to do everything we can to reduce the tax burden of taxpayers in Bellows Falls."

Wright runs Green Mountain Traffic Control and her family has been in Bellows Falls since 2004. Wright stated, "Since my daughter passed away in 2008, I have been deeply concerned and strongly committed to keeping Bellows Falls a safe environment for children. I became a trustee in 2011 until 2013 and this year I gladly return to a village seat. I am on the BFUHS and WNESU boards, and have been appointed a Rockingham Planning Director. Bellows Falls was once a great, productive bustling village with industry creating sustainable jobs. We need to do that again to retain our young people and our economy. I believe in the community of Bellows Falls and its ability to support the health and happiness of our future generations, but I do not believe that the village officials have done enough to move that forward. Our quality of life suffers from poor infrastructure to the safety of our citizens' susceptibility to harm from poverty and the current drug pandemic."

Wright continued, "More can be done to strengthen and support existing systems in place, our agreements with the Town of Rockingham included. At the same time we need to do this on a leaner, wiser budget. We must think outside the complacent, comfortable box we are in taxwise. People have been stating this tax glut has been unsustainable for over 10 years with zero change. What are we waiting for? Bellows Falls is a true corporate entity and we should act like one."

# Springfield May Festival featured sunshine and artworks —

**BY KAREN ENGDAHL**

*The Shopper*

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The "May Festival," an ancient Celtic celebration of spring, is mentioned in some of the earliest Irish literature and it is associated with important events in Irish mythology. It marked the beginning of summer and the time when cattle were driven out to the summer pastures. Rituals were performed to protect the cattle, crops and people, and to encourage growth. These gatherings would be accompanied by a feast; doors, windows, byres and the cattle themselves would be decorated with yellow May flowers. As years went by, May festivals became popular throughout the British Isles and farther abroad.

Springfield celebrated its seventh annual May Festival at the Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse recently. Though no decorated cattle strolled the grounds there was plenty of feasting, music, art, and general merriment as visitors celebrated the end of winter and the return of lovely spring weather.

The celebration included an outdoor flea market where shoppers could choose from a variety of treasures as they listened to the music of the Stringfield Springers, a bluegrass combo.

"It's a gorgeous day!" said Lynne Wolf as she served snacks to a hungry shopper. Wolf and her coworker, Melissa MacKenzie, could hardly help but dance a wee gig in the bright sunshine.

Strolling beyond the outdoor stalls and vendors, visitors entered the meetinghouse building to find an art gallery where nine local artists displayed their work.

"The artists were invited to show for this event," explained Festival organizer Jo-Ann Gaffron-Hargrove. "They weren't charged an entry fee and the commission fee is donated to the Unitarian Church for its work in the community."

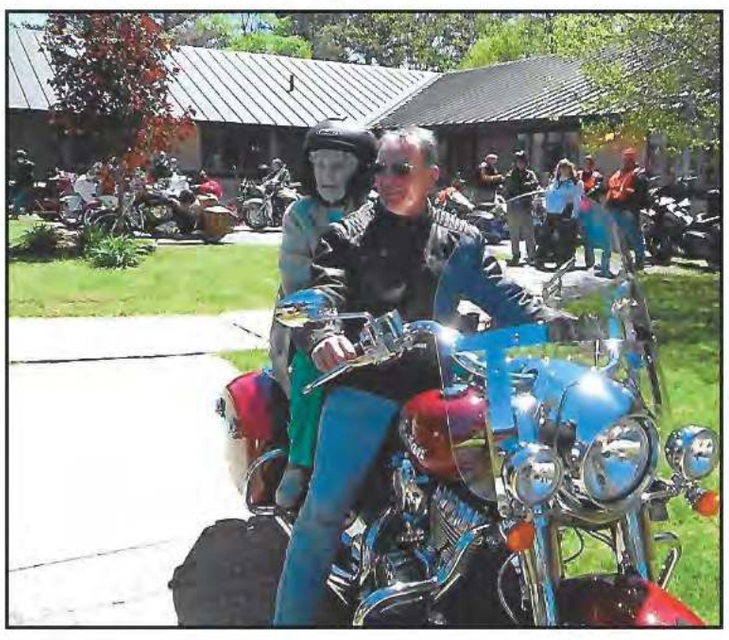
Rebecca Tucker, an artist who works in oils, pointed out the local landscapes she captured in her paintings. At the bottom of the display was a small 5x7 inch notebook, propped open to a painted landscape labeled "WET PAINT."

"My daughter and I send the notebook back and forth," Tucker explained, "and we take turns painting for one another."

Other artists represented in the show were Gaffron-Hargrove, Richard Cofrancesco, Nancy Lanoue, Joanna Alix, Sandra Silva, Junalene Gould, Bruce Johnson, Dan Keebler, and Sloane Dawson, who is in her eighties and still producing stunning mixed-media pieces.

**May Festival vendors.**

PHOTO BY KAREN ENGDAHL



## Over the Hill Poker Run

**The River Valley Ridge Riders held their 10th annual Over the Hill Poker Run on May 20. The ridge gets its name "Over the Hill" because it is a ride that the elderly residents of local nursing homes have come to look forward to each year.**

**The ride is organized by Ed Foster and Gail Benton. They say it couldn't happen without help from the staff of the residential homes and then volunteers that help run things.**

**Marjorie Spaulding, 96, is given a ride by Ken Hathaway on his new Indian motorcycle. Spaulding has been riding motorcycles since the early 1960's. She says life is to be lived and she still tries to get a ride "at least once a year."**

**The people, the stories, and the spirit of the often forgotten is why the bikers take this ride every year.**

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# "Three strikes you're out" does not apply

**BY BRANDY TODT**
*The Shopper*

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Due to the multiple ineffective stunning attempts, Vermont Packinghouse was found in violation and consequently temporarily suspended five times in the past seven months. The establishment, opened in 2014, works with over 300 local, small-scale farmers and strives for transparency. In an effort to demonstrate this standard the company encourages visitors to view the plant to know that each animal is slaughtered with "respect and dignity." The plant is co-owned by Arion Thiboumery and Lorentz Etc., Inc., a company from Minnesota.

The Animal Welfare Institute located in Washington D.C., works to see the biggest animal factories that cruelly raise and slaughter pigs, cows, chickens and other animals put to end "through engagement with policymakers, scientists, industry, and the public." AWI was the group that alerted The Shopper to take a closer look at the inhumane incidents of VP.

Vermont Packinghouse's first incident was October 12, 2016 when a large swine, held in the larger cattle stun box with lack of proper restraint, was ineffectively stunned. The pig also managed to escape onto the kill floor. Nine minutes later employees were able to get the animal back into the stun box and was successfully made unconscious with a shotgun. However, 2.5 hours later another attempt to stun a large swine was ineffective.

The assignment of inspectors for the slaughter operations was suspended due to the "egregious ineffective stunning." Until the establishment provided a written plan of corrective actions and preventative measures to humanely slaughter animals the plant was in suspension.

The next day the suspension was lifted as VP determined the root cause was "too large of an animal for the swine stun box." Their plan included retraining the stunning employees, limiting only qualified personnel to stun, and putting size limits on the hogs.

On January 20, 2017 the suspension was reinstated because VP failed again to "handle livestock humanely, resulting in the commission of an egregious act." The incident involved the stunning of a bovine but the first attempt failed and the back up device didn't fire. The employee exited the stunning platform, grabbed another device and the kill floor supervisor was able to effectively stun the animal.

Three days later the suspension was placed back into abeyance because VP provided acceptable corrective actions. These included having a roping halter present during slaughter and used if the animals appears to have signs of skittishness. A locking head gate was ordered and was to be installed no later than April 24, 2017. Maintenance on the back up device was to be done on each slaughter day.

Animals are to be made insensible to pain by a single blow or gunshot or other means that is rapid and effective states the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act.
STOCK PHOTO

Fast forward to March 2, 2017 and Vermont Packinghouse receives its fourth notice of suspension after the inspection officer witnessed the animal still standing and kicking after the first stunning attempt was ineffective. After trying to be halter the animal and the manager came over to perform the second stun.

Again VP submitted corrective measures and the suspension was repealed the next day. The employees were going to be retrained and instead of having the halter available, it now was to be used on all beef animals.

The most recent incident was on April 6, when an inadequately restrained animal first stun attempt was ineffective; administration of the second attempt occurred after the employee had to wait for the animal to raise its head. Suspension followed.

In response, VP submitted the preventative actions they were going to take. Due to a delay from the manufacturer the locking head gate was not yet installed and in usage by this time. Tuesday, April 11 the suspension was lifted.

According to the data collected by AWI, between the years 2010-2015 ineffective stunning violations in the USA have tripled from 14 percent to 46 percent. AWI has reviewed a sample of the inhumane handling incidents to identify the common causes. They found that approximately half of the violations are associated with:

"Lack of worker training in humane handling techniques, use of inappropriate stunning devices, improper shot placement often in connection with inadequate restraint, lack of routine testing and maintenance of stunning equipment and lack of functional backup stunning devices."

Vermont Packinghouse does have a written Systematic Approach to Humane Handling but the violations have prompted them to correct problems. However, AWI issued a letter to the USDA at the end of April encouraging the removal of VP's federal grant of inspection and urged the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Foods and Markets to send the case to the state attorney general for "possible criminal prosecution of the plant's management."

PETA, after viewing the USDA reports, sent a letter Thursday, May 18 to the Windsor County State's Attorney David Cahill requesting him to investigate and file criminal charges against VP workers "who failed to restrain, stun and kill pigs and cattle properly on the first attempt."

The incident was referred to the Springfield Police Chief Johnston,

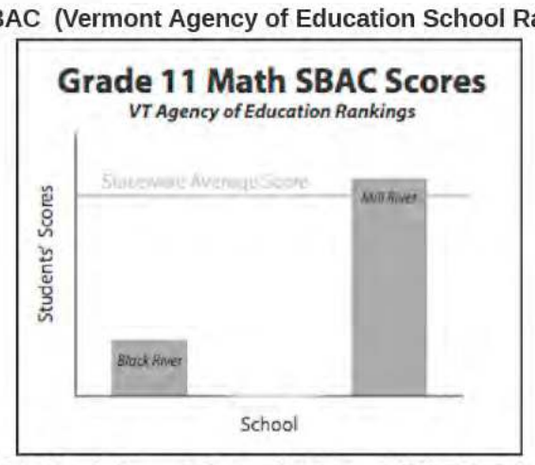
A full detailed report of each incident and corrective measures to be taken can be found online at https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/regulatory-compliance/regulatory-enforcement/humane-handling-enforcement-actions

## Educational Comparisons

**I. NICHE (Vermont Ranking, US Dept. of Education Data)**

| | Mill River UHS | Black River HS |
|---|---|---|
| State Ranking out of 60 Schools | 17 | 47 |
| SAT Average | 1170 | 970 |
| AP Enrollment % | 32 | 16 |
| Graduation Rate % | 87 | 85 |
| STEM ranking (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) | 14 out of 56 | 49 out of 56 |
| College Readiness | 16 out of 60 | 49 out of 60 |
| Best HS for Athletics | 10 out of 39 | no rank |

**II. SBAC (Vermont Agency of Education School Ranking)**




**VT AOE 9-12 Grade Dropout Rate** Mill River 2.48% Black River 4.35%

**III. U.S. News & World Report-2017 Ranking of US High Schools**

**Mill River is Ranked 10th in Vermont.** Math and English proficiency in the 2 schools are similar to those in the other two ranking systems. Black River is not ranked.

# Benefit dance for Peter White at Mole Hill

**BY MARY ELLEN CANNON**
*The Shopper*

**ALSTEAD, N.H.** - Lon Livengood and the Best Revenge, Hankey Bannister, Bill Symonds, and Julio Razquin will headline a benefit dance at Mole Hill Theatre in Alstead, N.H., 6-11 p.m. on Saturday, June 3. Friends offer the benefit to help offset some of the medical and other expenses Peter White, 74, faces due to liver cancer and the passing of his beloved wife, Carol Pienkos.

Comments on youcaring.com, a crowdfunding website, write, "To our friend and Zen Carpenter," "I remember the first time I saw the door to the meditation hall at Morning Sun. … I felt honored to walk through it," "I observed you offering your gifts of experience, patience and wisdom so kindly and humbly, while gently guiding young and old alike in learning to use a hand plane for the first time."

White says, "The most amazing thing is my discovery of community. The way community pours out whatever is needed and a large measure of love. That's been the most touching insight I've gained in this two-year struggle."

Friends of White encourage all to join the celebration. They say, "Let's rock and boogie together for a great cause and a dear old friend." Lon Livengood and the Best Revenge will play lively rock-n-roll music. Hankey Bannister is known for getting people on their feet. Bill Symonds is master keyboardist. Julio Razquin bills himself as the "Argentine troubadour." Never met White?

Peter White in his workshop.
PHOTO BY MARY ELLEN CANNON

Be advised you are welcome to join the party. A silent auction will be held that will include some of Carol Pienkos' and Peter White's works of art.

Mole Hill Theatre is located at 789 Gilsum Mine Road, Alstead, N.H. Owner Dennis Molesky explains the venue is bring your own bottle but no hard liquor is allowed.

## Education Tax Comparisons

| FY 2018 | Tax Rate | Tax | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Property Value= | | $100,000 | 200,000 | 300,000 |
| Black River | 1.8087 | $1808. | $3617. | $5426. |
| Mill River | 1.6441 | 1644. | 3288. | $4932. |
| SAVINGS | | $165. | $329. | $494. |
| **FY 2020** | | | | |
| Estimate | Tax Rate | Tax | | |
| Property Value= | | $100,000 | 200,000 | 300,000 |
| Black River | 1.9475 | $1947. | $3,895. | $5,843. |
| Mill River | 1.5515 | 1551. | 3,103. | 4,655. |
| SAVINGS | | $594. | $792. | $1,188. |

Tax Rate data from TRSU and Mill River Supervisory Union Offices

# Bowling Tournament fundraiser a success

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - The Ballard Hobart American Legion Auxiliary Unit 36 held its second annual Bowling Tournament Fundraiser on April 8 at the Springfield Bowl to benefit the Disabled American Veterans' Van project and Unit 36 projects. The event was filled with bowlers, all eager to display their bowling skills or at least have a good time.

Events are only possible through the participation and sponsorship of generous individuals and organizations. Without the help from our sponsors, this event would not have been a success. A huge thank you to all the following for being concerned, active and contributing partners in the community:

American Legion Post #36; American Legion Auxiliary Unit #36; American Legion Squadron #36; American Legion Squadron #7; Benson's Chevrolet; Mike & Maria Blais; Cavendish Green Mountain Snow Fleas; Chester American Legion Unit #67; Cleveland Cedar Products; Countryside Lock & Alarm; Dave Berry Woodworking; DJ's Restaurant; Gilcris Enterprises; Green Mountain Sugar House; Hair By Paula; The Honey Dew Man; In Memory of US Marine Edwin O'Connor; Java Baba's; John C. Stewart & Son; Larry Brown Enterprises; LaValley Building Supply; Lexi, Valkryie, Astridinia, Sophia & Ruth; Ludlow Side Hill Cronchers; Ludlow Shell; Stryhas Builders; Dan & Deb Tiernan; Wright Construction.

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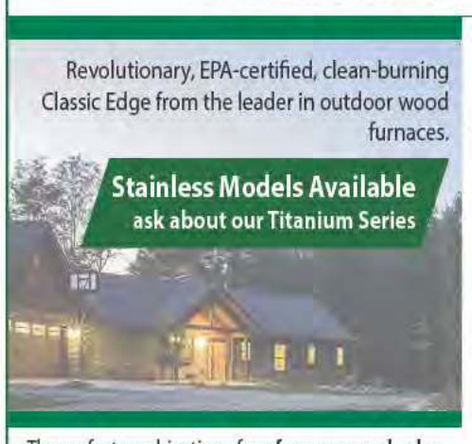

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# Youth Services holds June 1 Open House at new location —

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - Youth Services has opened a new office at 22 Bridge St. to better serve the young people and families of the Greater Bellows Falls region and will hold an Open House from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, June 1. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be facilitated by the Bellows Falls Chamber of Commerce at 5:30 p.m. Youth Services is a 45-year-old nonprofit organization with 19 programs serving Windham County and surrounding New Hampshire communities.

Last year over 200 young people from Athens, Grafton Saxtons River, Westminster, and the Bellows Falls areas received services from Youth Services, including 10 young people who spent 4-6 months in its Transitional Living program housing for homeless or unsafely housed youth while they gained employment and other independent living skills.

Youth Services has operated a satellite office in Bellows Falls for 20 years, previously at Parks Place on School Street, with at times up to four full-time staff. Before then, Brattleboro-based staff provided all the services for area youth, including full-time student assistance counselors at Bellows Falls Union High and Middle schools with an emphasis on substance abuse prevention.

Out of the new office, Bellows Falls-based staff members Michelle Sacco and Janice Berube continue to offer case management for ages 16-22, job skills training and transitional living skills for area young people living under difficult circumstances. JUMP (Just Us Moms Program) and the Diaper Bank Collaborative serves young parents. This year alone, Sacco and Berube trained 106 high school students in healthy relationships and STD and Pregnancy prevention using the evidence-based Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) curriculum.

Youth Services Court Diversion board will continue holding panels in Bellows Falls as needed as will its Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) program serving youth ages 13-22. These are young people who have been adjudicated in Family Court, are on probation, are at risk of a truancy filing, have Youthful Offender Status, or require additional support.

Youth Services' RAMP mentoring program at Bellows Falls Union High School is holding its last meetings for the year and they are laying the groundwork to recruit new participants, mentors and site visit locations for when school starts next September.

"We are pleased to have a sustained presence in the greater Bellows Falls area and enjoy close partnerships with the area's nonprofits, social services and schools," stated Russell Bradbury Carlin, youth services executive director. The office on Bridge Street gives us higher visibility in the community and we hope many more young people and families seeking assistance walk through our doors as a result."

There are many ways community members can get involved in Youth Services Bellows Falls operation, according to Bradbury-Carlin. "We are seeking Host Homes to provide emergency shelter for homeless and runaway youth, need volunteers to share their time, skills and life experiences with young mothers in our JUMP: Just Us Moms Program and welcome donations of diapers and wipes to the Diaper Bank Collaborative," he said.

Bradbury-Carlin explained that Youth Services is always looking to collaborate with area businesses on training its clients in job skills while its RAMP mentoring program at BFUHS is seeking area professionals to share their career trajectories with the high school participants.

For more information about Youth Services in the Greater Falls Region, contact 802-460-0398 or email michelle.sacco@youthservicesinc.org.

**Youth Services new office in Bellows Falls.**

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# Winners announced for the Jeffrey P. Smith Farm Scholarship —

**WALPOLE, N.H.** - The Monadnock Localvores are proud to announce the following twenty-two recipients of the 2017 Jeffrey P. Smith Farm Scholarship award. Congratulations to Brayden Audet of West Swanzey, Bryan Brown of Keene, Cameron Brown of Spofford, Estrella Cannon of Alstead, Emily Chalice-Throop of Keene, Ella Hansen of Surry, James Harrison of Marlborough, Addison Howard of Keene, Aidan Howard of Keene, Bryce Mackey of Westmoreland, Logan Majoy of Troy, Cadence Manuel of Stoddard, Liam Manuel of Stoddard, Mia McGilvery of Keene, Isaiah Merrill of Stoddard, Negev Moon of Harrisville, Stav Moon of Harrisville, Deeanna Nicol of Stoddard, Serenity Russell of Keene, Rylee Tosto of Keene, Teagan White of Marlow, and Henry Wichland of Keene.

All scholarship recipients demonstrated a desire to learn more about farming and gardening and they will have the opportunity to attend a farm camp of their choice this summer. As one of the young recipients put it "for a long time I've been wanting to do gardening and farming so this is the perfect chance to do it!" Many thanks go out to the Monadnock Food Coop, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, Cheshire County Farm Bureau, Westmoreland Lions Club, Keene Lions Club, and other generous donors that have made these scholarships possible.

The Jeffrey P. Smith Farm Scholarship endeavors to connect young people with agriculture and the natural world around them. We hope to inspire the next generation of local farmers and local food supporters, by giving regional children an opportunity, through summer camp, to experience sustainable farming practices first-hand and watch their efforts bear fruit.

During his lifetime, Jeff Smith, a former member of the Monadnock Localvore Steering Committee, was an enthusiastic supporter of sustainability and local agriculture. Food travels an average of 1500 miles before it ends up on your dinner plate. The Localvore movement is working to change this statistic, for the benefit of our health, palate, local farms, the environment and the community. Now in its twelfth year, The Monadnock Localvores are focused on encouraging the eating, growing, and buying of more local food. 2017 sponsors for the Monadnock Localvores include Hannah Grimes and the Cheshire County Conservation District.

For more information or to donate to the scholarship fund, please contact the Cheshire County Conservation District at 603-756-2988 ext.116 or amanda@cheshireconservation.org. More information is also available online at www.cheshireconservation.org.

# RVTC National Technical Honor Society awards

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – The River Valley Technical Center (RVTC) will induct 5 new members to the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) on Tuesday, May 30 at 4 p.m. in the auditorium of Springfield High School. Immediately following the NTHS event, the River Valley Technical Center annual end of the year celebration and awards ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. in the same location.

The awards ceremony will include the awarding of the RVTC Director's Award, given to the student who best exemplifies the qualities that technical education embodies. Scholarships will also be awarded at during the ceremony. The National Technical Honor Society 2017 inductees are: Jarrett Lapinski (Criminal Justice Level I), Danielle Marchica (Health Careers Level I), Sarah Scarlett (Health Careers Level I), Emily McCann (Culinary Arts Level I), and Brianna Luman (Technology Essentials). Both events are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

# Stickers help prevent underage drinking

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – Greater Falls Connections and the Advanced Above the Influence Group completed their "Sticker Shock" project on May 4 at three local retailers. Sticker Shock is targeted towards adults 21 and over, who provide alcohol to minors. This project gives youth the opportunity to send a powerful message that it is not okay to provide alcohol to minors. Local alcohol retailers were asked to participate in this project, where stickers with the message were placed on multi-packs and cases of alcoholic beverages.

The stores that participated in the event were Cumberland Farms, Penguin Market, and James Petro Shell Station, who help make it possible for our youth to spread healthy messages, such as "It's Just Not Cool" to provide alcohol to minors. The sticker shock project is part of a cooperative effort between Greater Falls Connections' Advanced ATI and Friends for Change. The youth involved in the sticker shock project hope to raise awareness among adults and older peers (who can legally buy) about the legal consequences of providing alcohol to minors. They put the message in their own words in order to get their older peers to think twice about providing alcohol to anyone under 21.

Preventing underage drinking is everyone's responsibility, including parents, teens, public health agencies, law enforcement, and retail establishments. Activities such as Sticker Shock help reduce youth access to alcohol and also show that teens can take the lead in reducing underage drinking. Learn more about "Prevention through Inspiration!" at www.greaterfallsconnections.org.


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# Graduates announce exciting plans on Gap Year Decision Day

REGION - High school seniors who are making the increasingly popular choice to take a gap year following high school graduation will have their day to shine. On May 25, students from across the country will take to social media to announce their gap year plans on the first Gap Year Decision Day.

Gap years are becoming increasingly popular for high school seniors. PHOTO PROVIDED

The concept first originated with athletic signing days to celebrate sports stars. Then in 2014, First Lady Michelle Obama initiated College Signing Day to rally college-bound seniors.

Gap Year Decision Day is a campaign spearheaded by prominent gap year industry leaders, including USA Gap Year Fairs, American Gap Association, GoOverseas.com, and EnRoute Consulting.

"We are seeing more and more students every year making the deliberate choice to take gap time and learn more about themselves as well as their academic and personal interests before pursuing higher education. Until now, there was no way for them to feel like a cohesive group," said Julia Rogers, Founder of EnRoute Consulting. Rogers developed the campaign as a way to bring together the growing number of students deciding to take 'time on' in the form of a gap year.

Gap year students can do any number of things with their time, including group service learning, volunteering, interning, working abroad, backpacking, studying languages, and more. "Last year I had students who participated in a wide variety of activities – one student spent the year in Worcester, Massachusetts interning at a non-profit, while another volunteered in marine conversation in Madagascar, and yet another walked the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage in Spain."

Alia Pialtos, Director of USA Gap Year Fairs, further explains the goal of the campaign. "We hope that Gap Year Decision Day will empower students by allowing them to feel like a connected community by sharing their unique educational paths. The possibilities for a gap year are endless, so this initiative will demonstrate to the public just how many students are taking gap time and exactly what students are planning to do," she said.

High school seniors planning on taking a gap year are encouraged to post about their plans on May 25 using the hashtag #GapDecisionDay.

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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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## Classic cars

Recently I was recalling the cars I learned to drive on and how they have improved over the years.

Today cars have an emergency brake. These old cars had a hand brake, usually located just to the right of the steering column. You would grab the handle and pull back on the handle to set the brake. To release the brake you turned the handle a quarter-turn clockwise and pushed it back in.

1952 Chevy Deluxe.

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The steering wheels were huge, usually with a chrome ring inside of the steering wheel to blow the horn. Windshield wipers were not electric but vacuum operated. If you accelerated, the windshield wipers would stop. Let off the gas and the wipers would operate again.

The headlight dimmer switch was located on the floor on the left side. This switch was a little larger than the diameter of a quarter. If you needed to dim your high-beams you placed the toe of your left foot on the dimmer switch and depressed it. That's how you went from low-beam to high-beam.

Many cars from the 1950s had four doors with bench seats front and rear. If you had a two-door and opened the driver's door, the rear of the front seat folded forward so passengers could get into the back seat.

Seat belts didn't exist. On many cars of this vintage the rear door windows rolled all the way down. Speaking of windows, the two front doors had roll-down windows and vent windows. Vent windows were a small, often triangular window in front of the roll-down window. If it was raining you could crack the vent window open for fresh air.

"Three on the tree," as it was called, was a three-speed shifting lever located on the steering column. These early transmissions didn't have synchronized gears. You could shift up from first to second or second to third without any difficulty. Likewise you could downshift from third to second gear as easily. But second gear to first gear was a problem. If you were moving and tried to shift to first gear the gears would grind.

There were two ways to shift from second to first gear. You could come to a complete stop and then shift to first gear or you could 'double-clutch.'

Double-clutching requires good timing. As you shifted from second gear to first you had to pump the clutch pedal twice in succession with a couple light taps on the accelerator pedal at the same time. Once you got use to this it became second nature.

The tires in those days were narrow 2-ply nylon tires with inner tubes. In the winter if it was cold the tires rode real hard for a few miles until they warmed up. These cars didn't have power steering or power brakes.

I remember about 1967 Mark Gomez had a beautiful 1956 blue and white Chevy he customized. That car had come from California and was rust-free. It came with a stock 265 V-8 motor with Power-Pack heads. Mark put in a 327 engine, a four-speed transmission, bucket seats and a new interior.

Mark is the owner of Green Mountain Classic Cars in Springfield. He started his business in 1972 and has built it into a nationally known company for restoring and buying/selling classic cars. I thought to myself, who better to talk to than Mark for information for this article?

I went to see Mark the other day. Boy, did we have fun recalling those old days. I noticed when I drove in that Mark had a really nice 1952 Chevy Deluxe.

I asked Mark about his '52 Deluxe. He had bought it last November in Hartland, Vermont. It was a one-owner car and completely original. Mark showed me the original 1952 sales receipt. It cost $1,815.07. Further, the buyer bought many extras that were not standard. These extras were another $365.28. This itemized receipt best illustrates how cars have improved. The extras were: oil filter $13.50, back up lights $13.00, radio $72.34, special gold hood ornament $8.95, directional lights $22 (they used hand signals at this time), sun visor over windshield $22.00, heater $76.12 and other extras. I didn't know new cars came without a heater.

This car is in amazing condition with original paint. The photo with this article is Mark's 1952 Chevy Deluxe.

Don't forget the antiques estate sale this Saturday, May 27, at the Chester Historical Society.

This week's old saying. "In the history of the world, no one has ever washed a rented car."

Interior of the '52 Deluxe.

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# Shedding light on Vermont's sometimes dark past

REGION – The Vermont State Archives and Records Administration (VSARA), a division of the Office of the Secretary of State, is hosting two evening events at the State Archives in Middlesex to provide history and insight into the sometimes challenging history of State of Vermont institutions.

"Eugenics and the Vermont State Hospital are subjects with which we, as a state, continue to wrestle," says Secretary of State Jim Condos. "Archival records provide context for these chapters of our government's past, some of which are dark. We are pleased to have the opportunity to host two presentations that illustrate how these and other historical records help shed light on these matters."

WARD, STATE HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE, WATERBURY

A ward in the State hospital for the insane in Waterbury, Vt.

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May 31 is the event the "Blood has told: The Push for a Eugenical Solution" in the Green Mountain State Scholarship on Vermont's eugenics movement has largely focused on the Eugenics Survey of Vermont of the 1920s, even though state officials proposed eugenical policies as early as 1912. Mercedes de Guardiola, a senior at Dartmouth College majoring in history, examines why eugenics emerged in Vermont and its impact on Vermont's eugenical policies over the course of the twentieth century.

June 7 is Art Out of the Archives: Telling the Story of the Vermont State Hospital.

Inspired by Vermont State Hospital records in the state archives, artist Sarah-Lee Terrat and filmmaker Bryce Douglass discuss the history of the mural in the atrium of the Waterbury State Office Complex and how it honors the lives of former patients by reflecting on the Hospital's complex past.

Both events include open houses from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., when members of the public can get behind-the-scenes tours of the State Archives and view exhibits of records and photographs relating to the evening's presentation. The presentations are scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.

The Vermont State Archives and Records Administration is located at 1078 US Route 2 in Middlesex and its Reference Room is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Members of the public interested in state archival records are encouraged visit or contact the Vermont State Archives at 802-828-2308 or archives@sec.state.vt.us. VSARA's mission is to provide, protect, promote, and preserve Vermont public records, in collaboration with other public agencies, for the benefit of the public collectively served.

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# editorial

## The irony of Act 46

The tsunami of letters to the editor on the fate of Black River High School and its ripple effects is an encouraging sign that democracy is working, at least at the grassroots level.

Some have remarked on the irony that community involvement is coming perhaps too late in the game, that the process of determining how to comply with Act 46 mandates began months ago – and further than parents and school supporters have been slow on the uptake and haven't shown the school loyalty at games and programs that they now profess.

But even if those accusations were true, that's not where the irony lies.

No one disagrees with the stated goals of the Act: equal educational opportunity across districts, student academic success, the efficiency of scale, and transparency/accountability.

The irony lies in the Act itself and the way it has been launched.

We invite anyone to actually read through Act 46 on the state website. You just have to find it, first of all. Then you have to negotiate the abstruse language, look up cross-references and put it all into context without the aid of an attorney.

The seemingly endless stipulations, the confusion around the process, the state's own inability to explain it well, have had the predictable result: hard-working people turned to more pressing issues in their lives while they waited for more clarity. And then it might be too late.

As for participation, by law the decision-making process statewide has been contained within study committees made up primarily of school board representatives. They were charged with determining the advisability of forming a union district, with the help of data analysts and attorneys. This has had the effect of sequestering information until the final unveiling for the public vote. Independent thinkers were isolated from the process. If a study committee couldn't make it work, it was disbanded and a new set of players took its place.

One obstacle to implementation in many towns has been the sense of cognitive dissonance – what is being demanded doesn't match up with direct experience. Taxpayers, parents and probably at least a few educators can't see how upending a five-year-old, workable model would improve upon what and how children have been learning already.

The real sticking point has been the loss of local control, the division of school and town properties, and with these the interdependency between the community and its schools. It feels to many as if the family and community structure of these close-knit towns is being dismembered, and beyond that, a certain category of people, usually from elsewhere, feels that's ok.

So there has also been the insult felt by the teaching staff, school administrators, and parents as the existing school district has been subjected to open contempt for its supposed shortcomings, compared to the glowing sales pitch for the new unified school district up the road.

No school district will ever be perfect. Students will still get an education. Many will do fine in life without college, and many who go to college will end up being un- or underemployed. And if we assigned a dollar value to the unpaid hours spent over the last two years, the cost of this process would far outweigh any tax savings.

In trying to fit the pieces together according to the state's "preferred governance structure," the task resembles forcing a square peg into a round hole. And the inability – often viewed as unwillingess - to comply comes with a financial penalty, like a speeding ticket. But unlike a speeding fine, if you have to attach a financial penalty for non-compliance to make the thing work, then something is wrong to begin with.

~BM~

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

With voting day approaching in Ludlow and Mt. Holly, the tension is thick. People who once greeted you with a cordial greeting and a smile, now turn around and walk the other way when they see you in their path. Or maybe that's just me. Probably not.

As soon as I became aware of Act 46 meetings, I have been very vocal in my support of Black River High School. BRHS has consistently provided a quality education for thousands of students with a myriad of educational opportunities within its four walls and beyond. I could spend time addressing fabricated tax projections, unofficial school ranking systems, and sporadic test score results, but I won't. I won't waste time comparing Black River to Mill River because I've always believed you get out of school exactly what you put into it. A few extra course offerings or athletic teams will not make or break a high school career. What is important to address is how important BRHS/MS is to our community and the students that it serves.

Our school is full of excellent teachers who care about our students beyond their grades. For years BRHS has ensured that our children receive a quality education, but what doesn't show up on paper is the amount of care and nurturing that happens on a daily basis. The personal relationships between students and teachers is an enormous part of what keeps our children in school and what drives them to succeed. The teachers and administration at BR take time to get to know their students on a personal level - they notice when children are depressed, they lend a hand or an ear when they see a student struggling, they find a way to reach kids who have checked out. Our kids will never be just a number - they are thinking, feeling young adults and are always treated as such.

Earlier this year, Tom Haley wrote a piece about Black River's rich athletic history and all of the fantastic athletes that BRHS has produced. BR alumni know that star athletes and successful teams are only a small piece of the pie. For those of us who regularly attend games at Dorsey Park and Pullinen Field, we know that there is something truly magical about being a President. Earlier this year during a softball team meeting I talked to the girls about the successful teams I was on in the late 2000's, the state championships we won and the winning streaks. The things I remember the most from that time are the moments spent with my teammates - bus rides, dance parties, whacky traditions, stuffing our mouths full of bubblegum and twizzlers at softball games. I remember the smell of permanent marker when our team would gather to make shirts for the Josh Cole Memorial Tournament, and how each and every one of us knew how much that tournament meant to our coaches and our community and what an honor and privilege it is to wear that name on your shirt. Not only will we be saying goodbye to these traditions, but many of our students will be saying goodbye to high school sports opportunities entirely.

Between 60 and 65 percent of our school population is on free or reduced lunch. These are often the kids who rely on the bus or their own two feet to get to school. Many of our parents are busting their backs to make ends meet, working countless hours to support their families, and thanks to a school in our town they still have the benefit of spending time with their families and supporting them in their extracurricular endeavors. The majority of our students do not have parents who have the luxury of driving them 30 miles away to school in the mornings or accommodating erratic after school extra curricular schedules. Dismissing transportation as a legitimate issue and highlighting athletic programs that our students won't be able to participate in reeks of a level of privilege that the majority of our population doesn't have.

I have seen many students agonize over the proposal that will go in front of our voters on May 30. I watched certain administrators and board members high five each other when this proposal was agreed upon, while sophomores were brought to tears at the prospect of graduating somewhere else. Our students don't understand why a town that brings in 20 million dollars in taxes is in jeopardy of losing its school, and frankly, neither do I. Our community has watched other schools renovate their buildings, add course offerings, build new athletic facilities all while our budget continues to shrink.

In spite of this gross injustice, BRHS has continued to provide students with an education and a community that they are deeply proud of. Students have continued to put forth their best effort while certain community members have disrespected their teachers and undermined the quality of their education. In the face of adversity, our kids have continuously shown a level of maturity and grace that many of our adults have not.

BRHS has been a beloved institution that the communities of Ludlow and Mt. Holly have been proud of for years. It has fostered the development of countless young adults and provided many with the first truly nurturing environment of their lives. The loss of our school will suck the life out of an already aging town and will discourage younger generations from returning at all. Black River may not be what is best for your children, and that's okay. Don't take for granted that for most, Black River is not only the best choice - it is home.

Zoe Trimboli, Ludlow, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Vermont does not have a ranking list for its high schools. No such animal exists on the Agency of Education website, though one year of the statewide SBAC test results can be found. "At least three years of test results are needed to analyze trends, according to Michael Hock, the Agency of Education's director of assessment." That's especially important when analyzing the results for small schools where one very bright student or one very disadvantaged student can make a big difference.

Vermont Digger analyzed the latest data and noted that the best performing schools had 12 percent or less students taking free or reduced price lunch, an indicator of poverty. The data also revealed that poorly performing schools had more special education students. "Teachers at the highest performing schools had an average salary of $65,000 while those at the other end of the spectrum were paid an average of $52,000."

There are too many factors to be able to say one school is number 10, 20 or whatever. Mill River sends kids to prestigious colleges. Black River sends kids to prestigious colleges. One of Mill River's strengths is its drama program. One of Black River's strengths is its Special Ed programs.

Maybe the most obvious difference is pointed out on the vote yes poster with its yellow school bus filled with smiling chubby faces. Vote yes and we are guaranteed to have our children spending three to four or more hours each day riding on a bus. Get after school help? Nope, ride the bus. Walk to Dorsey Park for a game? Nope, ride the bus. Three to four hours a day… ride the bus!

Carol Ballou, Belmont, Vt.

Dear Editor,

When our communities started the process of researching ACT 46, it seemed fairly straightforward; we would create a RED within the current TRSU. We would meet the requirements of the "preferred" model and not much would change ... or would it? It turned out that under the state's "preferred" model, the district could only have one high school. This became problematic for many residents of Ludlow and Mt. Holly because of the driving conditions to GMUHS and the long commute for some residents. It also told that BR would have to close due to the inefficient economies of it's present state.

The committee members looked into Mill River. They looked into privatizing BR. Twenty years ago my husband sat on the board of RWSU. Back then, declining enrollment was a concern and there was talk of privatizing BRHS. It went nowhere then and it looks like there is little chance now.

The problem is the state's models require a specific number of kids within the district. The "preferred" model calls for 900 students and the "alternate" model calls for "no less than 1,100 students." I got this information from the state legislative website. Not merging means is we don't have enough students to meet the state's requirement.

Through this merger and the closure of BR, we will have the opportunity to keep much needed funds for the elementary schools, get back some of the opportunity and financial benefits that we have sent out in the form of education taxes to the state, the opportunity for growth for our teaching professionals as well as providing a more diverse and stable environment for our students. Vote on May 30.

Carolyn Gauthier, Ludlow, Vt.

Dear Editor,

Closing a school guarantees an economic decline for that community. Without BRHS, Ludlow businesses will lose local traffic. With a loss of retail sales, some jobs and stores will disappear. Leading to more people finding jobs out of town and shopping where their jobs are located. Ludlow businesses lose out some more.

Families who can afford it may move closer to the new school. At some point the elementary school population is affected. As more homes are sold to out of state families, it becomes even more difficult to find the manpower for our voluntary fire departments and rescue squads. Closing BRHS may create only a slow downward spiral, but it will affect us all.

Kelly Tarbell,
Mt. Holly, Vt.

Dear Editor,

The state continues to raise property taxes and all other taxes while having no authority under the Vermont Constitution to take over our schools.

Section #75 of Chap II of the Vermont Constitution. One branch of government cannot direct another branch to rewrite and change a contract that defines what the government's limited authorities are as delegated by the people. The 2010 Revised Vermont Constitution should be void. The people must demand that the older versions untouched by the legislature and or supreme court be valid instead. The changes shift more authority to the General Assembly that was never intended.

**§ 75. [REVISION OF CHAPTER II] The Justices of the Supreme Court are hereby authorized and directed to revise Chapter II of the Constitution by incorporating into said Chapter all amendments of the Constitution that are now or may be then in force and excluding therefrom all sections, clauses and words not in force and rearranged and renumbering the sections thereof under appropriate titles as in their judgment may be most logical and convenient; and said revised Chapter II as certified to the Secretary of State by said Justices or a majority thereof shall be a part of the Constitution of this State in substitution for existing Chapter II and all amendments thereof

Download a copy of the 1793 Version of the Vermont Constitution and the 2010 version.

Compare Article #46 of the 1793 Version of the Vermont Constitution to Par #68 of the new 2010 illegally revised version of the Vermont. See the change? Here is the original meaning from the 1793 and then read the new meaning in the 2010 version

1793 "SECTION 41st. Laws for the encouragement of virtue and prevention of vice and immorality, ought to be constantly kept in force, and duly executed: and a competent number of schools ought to be maintained in each town, for the convenient instruction of youth: and one or more grammar schools be incorporated and properly supported, in each county in this State. And all religious societies, or bodies of men, that may be hereafter united or incorporated, for the advancement of religion and learning, or for other pious and charitable purposes, shall be encouraged and protected in the enjoyment of the privileges, immunities and estates, which they in justice ought to enjoy, under such regulations as the General Assembly of this State shall direct."

2010 "§ 68. [LAWS TO ENCOURAGE VIRTUE AND PREVENT VICE; SCHOOLS; RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES] Laws for the encouragement of virtue and prevention of vice and immorality ought to be constantly kept in force, and duly executed; and a competent number of schools ought to be maintained in each town unless the general assembly permits other provisions for the convenient instruction of youth. All religious societies, or bodies of people that may be united or incorporated for the advancement of religion and learning, or for other pious and charitable purposes, shall be encouraged and protected in the enjoyment of the privileges, immunities, and estates, which they in justice ought to enjoy, under such regulations as the general assembly of this state shall direct."

They took the colon out and added this followed by a period "unless the general assembly permits other provisions for the convenient instruction of youth."

Now go to either the 1793 version of the 2010 version and read Chapter II par #6 and pay very close attention to the last sentence.

** § 6. [LEGISLATIVE POWERS] The Senate and the House of Representatives shall be styled, The General Assembly of the State of Vermont. Each shall have and exercise the like powers in all acts of legislation; and no bill, resolution, or other thing, which shall have been passed by the one, shall have the effect of, or be declared to be, a law, without the concurrence of the other. Provided, That all Revenue bills shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur in amendments, as on other bills. Neither House during the session of the General Assembly, shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than three days, nor to any other place than that in which the two Houses shall be sitting; and in case of disagreement between the two Houses with respect to adjournment, the Governor may adjourn them to such time as the Governor shall think proper. They may prepare bills and enact them into laws, redress grievances, grant charters of incorporation, subject to the provisions of section 69, constitute towns, borroughs, cities and counties; and they shall have all other powers necessary for the Legislature of a free and sovereign State; but they shall have no power to add to, alter, abolish, or infringe any part of this Constitution."

Article 6 and 7 of the Vermont Constitution where the Articles define that the people are the sovereign ones and that all the power comes from them and can be taken away by them.

Would someone please explain to me how the General Assembly was able to have our Constitution rewritten, as only the people have that authority and that authority was never delegated to any level or branch of Government. They change the Contract at their leisure to give themselves more power over the people?

Article 6. [Officers servants of the people] That all power being originally inherent in and co[n]sequently derived from the people, therefore, all officers of government, whether legislative or executive, are their trustees and servants; and at all times, in a legal way, accountable to them. **Article 7. [Government for the people; they may change it] That government is, or ought to be, instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security of the people, nation, or community, and not for the particular emolument or advantage of any single person, family, or set of persons, who are a part only of that community; and that the community hath an indubitable, unalienable, and indefeasible right, to reform or alter government, in such manner as shall be, by that community, judged most conducive to the public weal.

Article 18. [Regard to fundamental principles and virtues necessary to preserve liberty] That frequent recurrence to fundamental principles, and a firm adherence to justice, moderation, temperance, industry, and frugality, are absolutely necessary to preserve the blessings of liberty, and keep government free; the people ought, therefore to pay particular attention to these points, in the choice of officers and representatives, and have a right, in a legal way, to exact a due and constant regard to them, from their legislators and magistrates, in making and executing such laws as are necessary for the good government of the State.

**Article 20. [Right to assemble, instruct and petition] That the people have a right to assemble together to consult for their common good--to instruct their Representatives--and to apply to the Legislature for redress of grievances, by address, petition or remonstrance.

The Legislature took it upon themselves to delegate authority to the Vermont supreme court to change and amend the Constitution and then have this authority added to it, as if the people delegated them to the Authority to do so. We did not. The constitution is a contract and the Supreme Court as an instrument under this contract does not have any authority to alter, amend, add to or delete from this legal and binding contract and yet they did.

Craig Averill, Goshen, Vt.

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# OBITUARIES

# church services

## ASCUTNEY, VT.

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

## BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

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

**Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.**
The stone church on the hill is where baptismal ministry lives. Holy Eucharist Services are offered at 8 a.m. (quiet service) and 10 a.m. (with music) every Sunday. Immanuel Church is accessible and everyone is welcome.

## BELMONT, VT.

**The Village Church: 35 Church St.**
"A church for all seasons." Everyone is invited to come and worship with us. The Sunday service and children's church is at 9:30 a.m. followed by fellowship and coffee hour. Contact information: Pastor Glenn Davis 802-259-2440; http://vbch.weebly.com/.

## CAVENDISH-PROCTORSVILLE, VT.

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

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

**Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church, Main St.**
Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m. Call 802-228-3451

## CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

**North Charlestown United Methodist Church, River Rd.**

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

## CHESTER, VT.

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 313 Main St.**
Holy Eucharist, Rite I at 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music at 10 a.m. www.stlukesepiscopalvt.org

**First Universalist Parish of Chester, Rte. 103. 211 North St.**
Sundays at 9:30 a.m. between Sept. and June. Fellowship with refreshments follows the service. www.chestervtuu.org or 802-875-3257.

## CLAREMONT, N.H.

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

## GRAFTON, VT.

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

## LUDLOW, VT.

**Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St.**
Mass on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Call 802-22-3451

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

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

## SPRINGFIELD, VT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.**
Sunday services at 10 a.m. through June 9; twice a month in summer. May 28: The gift of remembering. We will remember and honor Vermonters who have served our country and have died doing so. We provide religious exploration for children and childcare during services. See https://uuspringfieldvt.org/. Email uuspringfieldvt@gmail.com or leave a message at 802-885-3327.

## TYSON, VT.

**Tyson Congregational Church, Route 100**

Call 802-228-4770 for more information.

## WALPOLE, N.H.

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

First Congregational Church of Walpole / United Church of Christ, 15 Washington Sq.

Sunday School at 10 a.m. with coffee hour at 11 a.m. Located on east side of the Walpole Common. Wheelchair accessible with ramps and elevator. 603-756-4075. E-mail: walpolechurch@yahoo.com.

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

## WESTMINSTER, VT.

**Christian Family Circle Chapel, 1512 Back Westminster Rd.**
Sunday song service begins at 10 a.m., Sunday school at 10:30 a.m. Coffee time after service. Fellowship lunch on first Sunday of each month. Non-denominational. Visit www.christianfamilycirclechurch.com and like us on Facebook.

## WEST WINDSOR, VT.

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

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## Obituaries

### *William Scott Fletcher, Jr., 1949 - 2017*

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - William Scott Fletcher, Jr., 67, of Corey Hill Road died Monday, May 15, 2017 at Cedar Hill after his battle with Alzheimer's. Scott was born in Townshend, VT on September 22, 1949, the son of William S. "Billy" Fletcher and Nora Elizabeth Robinson. He was a 1967 graduate of Bellows Falls High School.

He served in the US Air Force during the Vietnam War, and worked at Grafton Village Cheese Company for 43 years, until his retirement in 2011. He was a member of the VFW in Springfield, VT, the Abenaki Snowmobile Club where he was active in trail grooming and maintenance, and VAST. He was a former member of the Vermont Trappers Association and enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping, and snowmobiling - He was an avid outdoorsman who loved his trips to Alaska.

Scott also enjoyed NASCAR, the Red Sox, mowing the lawn, being a Little League coach, and his many trips to the family camp, which he helped build, on Lake Seymour in Morgan, VT. As a child he was bat boy for the Grafton Baseball Team in the West River Valley League and was so proud of his father, a left- handed pitcher. As an adult, he played in the men's softball league for the Bellows Falls Cash Market.

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to the VA, VNA Hospice, Bayada Hospice Nurses, Springfield Health & Rehab, and the Cedar Hill staff, and the ever-loving support of family during his care at home.

On June 6, 1999 in Homer, Alaska he married Maureen Fisher Fletcher who survives. Also surviving is his mother Nora Fletcher of Townshend, VT; his sons W. Scott Fletcher III & wife Samantha of Saxtons River, Gregory E. Fletcher & wife Noel of Westminster, his step son Robert D. Sprague & wife Darcie of Grafton, VT; his step daughter Terri Sprague Pickett & husband Jason of Ypsilanti, MI; his sisters Ellen Wheeler & partner Bruce Howard of Venice, FL, Sherry Bartlett & husband Tom of Venice, FL, and Debra Jean Stevens & husband Mike of Milton, VT; his grandchildren Jaden Pickett, Lauryn Pickett, Tyler Sprague, Trenton Fletcher, Calli Sprague, William Fletcher, Tim Fletcher, and Jackson Fletcher; his niece Tiffany Smith who he has raised since she was five years old; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

There will be a graveside service 3:00 p.m. Sunday, May 28 in the Houghtonville Cemetery in Grafton, VT.

Memorial contributions in Scott's memory may be sent to the American Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011 or to the Abenaki Snowmobile Club Scholarship Fund, PO Box 55, Bellows Falls, VT 05101.

### *Debra "Debbie" Jean Reed, 1958 - 2017*

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Debra "Debbie" Jean Reed, 59 of Bellows Falls, Vermont passed away quietly on Tuesday, May 9, 2017. Debbie was born on February 25, 1958, in Bellows Falls, Vermont to parents William and Mary Lou Reed.

Debbie graduated from Bellows Falls High School in 1976 and remained in Bellows Falls after graduation. She shared a home with her mother, sister, brother in-law, four cats and a dog. Over the past several years Debbie had provided primary care for her aging mother. In addition, she still found time for a variety of hobbies and activities. She was an avid NASCAR, Boston Bruins and New England Patriot fan. She loved Christmas, music, animals and family. Debbie will be dearly missed especially around Christmas. Her passion for the season was inspiring.

Debbie is survived by her mother Mary Lou Reed, her sister Gail Baker and brother-in-law Bruce Baker of Bellows Falls, Vermont, her nephew Harley Baker of Lowell, Massachusetts where he lives with his wife Marney and daughters Audrey and Julia, her niece Megan Lund of Mountainside, New Jersey where she lives with her husband Erik, daughters Abigail and Claire.

In observance of her wishes a small, private service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Norris Cotton Cancer Center: DHMC Development Office, 1 Medical Center Drive, Lebanon, NH 03756.

Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vermont is assisting the family with the arrangements.

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# letters to the editor cont.

Dear Editor,

The Mill River Merger Vote – it's also about "saving" our two Elementary Schools. As I've listened to the discussion back and forth it has focused almost exclusively on the two high schools at issue; the size and quality of each, tax savings, travel distances, community, etc.

But let's not forget about our two Elementary Schools. The merger will also impact them. No, they won't close if a 'YES' vote passes. The law is clear about that. However, what we do need to worry about is attracting and retaining young families with children, for our elementary schools and then their moving up to a top-rated high school. Vermont's student population has been declining for decades, and the Mt. Holly and Ludlow Elementary Schools have faced that same pressure; we still do today.

Could a merger help prevent one or both of our Towns from facing the fate that befell Plymouth Elementary School a few years back? Even if you believe that Black River H.S. is as "good" as Mill River H.S., that's not the general consensus, nor what one finds when reviewing several different evaluations. Ask realtors you know what objections they hear from prospective home-buyers when they consider Black River H.S. And why do so many families in Mt. Holly move out of town when their children complete the sixth grade? (I don't know Ludlow well enough to comment on its family attrition rate).

A merger with Mill River will give our Towns' a reputation for some of the best schools in the State, all the way from Pre-K through High School. That is a selling point I'd like to make to. Add to that a lower tax bill and we have a winning combination to attract new families with children. So I'm voting 'YES' to save and support our Elementary Schools.

Ron Unterman
Mt. Holly, Vt.

Dear Editor,

It takes a community to raise a child. When my daughter began thinking about high school, BR was her first choice even though we live in Springfield. She visited for a day, and was warmly welcomed by students, teachers, and administrative staff. She is often very quiet, but on our ride home after that visit, I heard about all of the wonderful things she saw, heard, and experienced in her one day at BR, and her choice was made. Over the summer, she played summer soccer and quickly made lasting friendships that would make her first day as a freshman in a new school less scary. The transition that we worried about was seamless. She was accepted immediately.

BR graduates have succeeded academically and have enjoyed great success in athletics. I was amazed when I attended my first Invitational Soccer Tournament this fall. The community was there. It wasn't just grandparents, parents, and siblings. It was school board members, town officials, business owners and residents that didn't even have children participating. The stands and sidelines were full. It was a community supporting their local school.

If BRHS and Middle School closes, and children attend Mill River, that sense of community will be lost. Many children will not be able to participate in sports or after school activities merely because of the distance. Students may not be able to hold jobs in local businesses. Young families may decide to move closer to Rutland. New families may not consider moving to the Ludlow, Mt Holly area at all, due to a lack of local high school.

The cost of educating youth in Vermont is high statewide. It will be high whether they are in a local high school or in one over 20 miles away. Look at the cost to your community. That cost may not be seen immediately, but the loss of community will resonate loudly for decades to come.

Kathy Benson, Springfield, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I feel strongly that Black River does not close. As a single parent, I raised my two children in this school's community. I was fortunate to have the support of the teachers and coaches at BRHS. They were compassionate and I always felt they were rooting for us to succeed. Our community is small which enables the school staff to know each child and their individual situations.

As my children attended BRHS, I felt a connection to the community. I was working full time but because the school was in our town I could be more involved in my children's lives, both academically and in sports. The teachers and coaches were there for us. There was camaraderie amongst the other parents during it all.

If the school closes the children, the families and our community will lose support, the individual attention, and the opportunities to be involved and work together. I have always felt blessed to have had this in my life and want this for others. If people do not move to Ludlow the town automatically suffers, businesses suffer and jobs will be lost. I have graduated from BRHS; just as many other community members have and many of us have gone on to have successful careers.

Thinking about transportation to and from Mill River causes some concern. Winter is not predictable; the roads can be treacherous. This extra traveling will be taking away student's time with family, time eating breakfast or time to rest and restore their mind. The anxiety children and parents are feeling now, awaiting the vote, I am sure is difficult. Thinking your child is safe and nurtured in a small school like BRHS would come to a halt. To have to conceivably go to a much bigger school where the teachers are unknown, the community unknown and there are more students in the classroom. Ludlow students will be seen as "outsiders" leading to possible bullying.

Many parents work full time and having to send a child miles away to go to school will prevent parents from being involved in their child's education and therefore their life. There is a lot to be said about a small school, the teachers and coaches are invested in your child and his/her future.

Your voice needs to be heard.

Sheila Barton, Ludlow, Vt.

Dear Editor,

I am concerned with the level of vitriol that I have observed in the Mt. Holly community over the upcoming vote. There are rational arguments to be made for each choice and we should respect each other's opinions. I have complete confidence that the teachers at Mill River and Black River are equally passionate and committed educators who will do anything to help students.

I am deeply disturbed by the lack of recognition and empathy for the dedicated people in our community who are devastated by the prospect of losing their jobs and their students, and for the young adults who may be losing their school. Let us not celebrate this as if we had just won the "big game." To do this diminishes all of us and is disrespectful to those who have focused their careers on helping our children.

Another issue that I find deeply disturbing, the "informational" flier, Educational and Cost Comparisons of Area Schools. This has been circulated and quoted in various outlets. As it is unattributed, I am unclear about who the authors are but I can say that they are either extremely naive or intentionally disingenuous, cherry-picking only the information that supports their position. The data used does not consider all the different variables that affect both reliability and validity. I encourage you to go to the primary sites for this data. Niche.com and vtdigger.com. On The Niche site you will find that the BR students had a higher rating on reading than the Mill River students (57 percent to 52 percent) even though it had a much higher poverty count (52 percent to 35 percent). The highly discussed Average SAT score for BR relied on self-reporting and had a sample size of only 7. There can be no statistical comparisons based on these numbers yet again the authors chose to use them. On VTDIGGER the authors chose to highlight that Mill River's 11th grade math students scored the second highest in Rutland County, yet inexplicably the authors failed to inform us that the same cohort had the second lowest scores in Rutland County on the English Language Arts exam. I point this out not to denigrate any school but simply to point out the seemingly intentional misuse of data. I firmly believe that both schools are making strong progress helping each student succeed. In our small schools, each data point is not merely a statistic; it is a young adult in our town with his/her own set of aspirations and needs. Students in poverty do best when classes are small and adult interactions are rich. please keep our at-risk populations in mind when you vote and please verify the information that folks share with you.

Dan Connor, Mt. Holly, Vt.


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# Gearing up for the 2017 Springfield Steampunk Festival —

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - The Steampunk Society of VT, a federally recognized non-profit based in Springfield, is hosting the 3rd annual Springfield Steampunk Festival on September 23 and 24 at Hartness House Inn. The Hartness House Inn is a Victorian Mansion located in Springfield, VT making it the perfect location for a steampunk themed festival.

This festival is a fundraiser used to create an educational scholarship program for Springfield students studying the STEAM subjects of science, technology, engineering, art, or math post high school. The theme for the 2017 Springfield Steampunk Festival is Steampunk Circus Spectacular. This themed fantasy retro-futuristic weekend will feature workshops, circus themed acts and activities, musicians, tea dueling, vendors, fashion show, children's activities and crafts, photo booth, telescope observatory tour, absinthe tasting, talks and more. This is a family friendly event with kids 11 and under getting into the festival for free.

This spring, the Steampunk Society of VT hosted a cosplay event in Keene, N.H. as a fundraiser to raise seed money for the September festival. This event, called the March Hare's Made Cosplay Soiree, was a big success and provided attendees the opportunity to sport costumes outside of the steampunk genre as this event was open to all types of cosplay. As you can imagine there were many Alice in Wonderland inspired costumes. The Steampunk Society of VT hopes to branch out and continue to organize more small-scale events outside of the yearly September festival in the future.

March Hare's Made Cosplay Soiree group photo.

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As the non-profit is run exclusively by volunteers, it is essential to have a significant amount of volunteers available the weekend of the festival. The Steampunk Society of VT is actively recruiting for festival volunteers to performs jobs such as: set up, break down, parking, security, performers, ticket booth staff, kids program assistants, and more. Those willing to volunteer for a 4-hour shift over the course of the festival will earn themselves a free weekend pass to the Springfield Steampunk Festival.

Those interested in volunteering can submit a volunteer application at: http://springfieldvtsteampunkfest.com/volunteerapp2017.html.

In addition to recruiting for volunteers, the festival is looking for non-food and food vendors for the weekend. There are also sponsorship packages available for local businesses or individual who would like to sponsor the festival. It's a great marketing opportunity for local businesses and a way to support the Springfield community and students by helping to support the scholarship program.

To learn more about the Steampunk Society of VT: http://www.steampunksocietyvt.org/. To learn more about the festival, sponsorship, or to buy tickets: http://springfieldvtsteampunkfest.com/.

Follow the festival on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/springfieldsteampunkfest/. Request to join the Steampunk Society of VT at the non-profit's Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/852313701445331/?ref=bookmarks

For those unfamiliar with steampunk here are the basics:

· The term "steampunk" was originally a term coined by author K.W. Jeter to describe a genre of fiction set in Victorian times but inclusive of modern or futuristic technology.

· The "steam" in steampunk refers to the use of steam-power, common during much of the 19th century. The "punk" relates to engaging in the unconventional and setting one's self apart by means of fashion, style, art, or attitude.

· Steampunk describes a melding of old and new, is now applied to a variety of artistic endeavors from literature, music, fashion, film, décor, and visual arts.

· Visual art with a steampunk flavor will often employ the use of gears, pipes, clocks, machines, dirigibles, futuristic landscapes, and occasionally an octopus here and there.

· Modern popular culture examples of films with steampunk elements are "The League of Extraordinary Gentleman," "The Golden Compass," "Hugo," and "Wild, Wild West."

# BrattRock Youth Rock Festival new events

**BRATTLEBORO, Vt.** - Planning is underway for this year's BrattRock - The Brattleboro Youth Rock Festival. Now in its second year, the festival's mission is to provide a venue for musical youth from Brattleboro and the surrounding region to connect, learn, perform, inspire, and be inspired. Events and activities emphasize both educational and performance opportunities. Participation is free and open to youth under age 20 who are musicians, or who have an interest in music or the music industry.

Last year's inaugural event included workshops offered by local music professionals, including Samirah Evans, Kevin Parry, and Aaron Chesley. The public concert held at 118 Elliot in downtown Brattleboro, featured live performances by 14 area youth bands on two different stages and drew an audience of over 400 spectators.

New this year is the BrattRock Lounge, a monthly gathering for youth at the newly renovated performance space at the Brattleboro Boys & Girls Club. Activities feature music-related workshops, discussions, and demonstrations followed by a youth open mic. Musicians and non-musicians are welcome. Workshops are free, and registration is open to youth ages 18 and under. The first BrattRock Lounge takes place Sunday, June 4 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. The schedule will offer a "Beatboxing for Beginners" workshop, led by Ian Epstein, a tech skills demo on PA Set-up and Sound Check Basics. The teen open mic happens from 5-7 p.m. and is open to youth under 18. Pre-registration for workshops is required. For information on scheduling or to register, visit www.brattrock.org/brattrock-lounge.

Youth musicians perform at the first ever BrattRock last October.

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BrattRock co-founder Jaimie Scanlon says the expanded programming comes in response to feedback from local youth, "Last year's event was an incredibly positive experience for all involved. Afterward, we heard from parents, and directly from the kids who participated, that they wanted more opportunities to connect and play music throughout the year, so that's the aim of starting up the Lounge. We're grateful to be able to make use of the new space at the Boys & Girls Club, and for the donors and sponsors who have helped make it possible for BrattRock to offer these opportunities to the talented, deserving kids in our community."

BrattRock's main event is scheduled for Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 118 Elliot. Youth musicians and bands are invited to register online at www.brattrock.org. Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are also available. Contact brattrock2016@gmail.com.

BrattRock is made possible by fiscal sponsor, Youth Services. Funding for 2016 programming came through grants from the Vermont Community Foundation, the Vermont Arts Council, and the Ben & Jerry's Foundation, and local sponsors 118 Elliot, Guilford Sound, the Brattleboro Music Center, C&S Wholesale Grocers, Oak Meadow, Hilltop Montessori, the Brattleboro Retreat, and WKVT.

# Southern Vermont Idol call for auditions –

**BELLOWS FALLS Vt.** - Much to the delight of producer Susan MacNeil, the 2017 Southern Vermont Idol event will be held on the main stage of the Bellows Falls Opera House in downtown.

Auditions are in the Lower Theatre of the Opera House for both youth (ages 6-12) and adult (13+) contestants; Thursday, June 15 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, June 17 at noon. Be prepared to sing a full song; bring your own CD or email an MP3 music file in advance to susan@svidol.com or perform acapella. Singers will be allowed to accompany themselves on guitar or keyboard during the event.

There is an adult audition fee and a youth audition fee. Register at the door or online at www.southernvermontidol.com. Pre-registered contestants will perform first.

The five-week elimination round event will be held on July 6, 13, 23, 30 and August 4. Youth contestants join in weeks 3 and 4. The 2016 winners will not be eligible to compete in 2017. Returning as Emcee is Wade "The Great" Garrett. For more information call 603-313-0052.


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# sports

## THIS AND THAT

**BY BILL MURPHY**

*The Vermont Journal & The Shopper*

Many children dream of their future. Many, depending upon how quickly they grow a worldly sense, dream of becoming a professional athlete so good, they sink the winning shot in the big game. Then, there are most of us, who just submerge ourselves in the sport at hand, to live through our involvement. We notice the world around us, but our daily sports fix, on and off the field, makes us whole and lets us keep on ticking.

Today's tale is about a young man who grew up in this area and has basically kept on ticking in the sports world ever since.

Mark Swasey grew up in Charlestown and was hooked on the Red Sox since the age of seven, when some bizarre things happened and he hasn't been the same since.

One unusually warm fall night he was sound asleep, when out in the living room there arose such a clatter, that he sprang from his bed to see what was the matter. He witnessed his dad jumping up and down. He was told to go back to bed and he did what he was told, only to be woken again, a little while later, by the towns church bells ringing and he says now, "after all that, I was pretty much done for." Carlton Fisk had obviously hit his historic blast in game six of the 1975 World Series that evening. The shot heard round the baseball universe, played a small integral part in Swasey searching for and finding a sporting life to live. His dad's reaction and the bell-ringing escapade of one Dave Conant, grabbed this young man's attention firmly.

This Fall Mountain graduate never had any genuine plan, but his life experiences paved his way for a variety of athletic endeavors, which have shaped his path and brought happiness and success to his life. He took step by step in his journey with a little nudge from a mentor here or a mentor there.

He has plenty of people to thank and influences to recall, which helped stir him in the sporting direction. Swasey played basketball and baseball as a Wildcat. He tells us he thinks, "there is a difference in commitment to sports between when I went to Fall Mountain and what happens today. Back then we wouldn't dream of missing a practice or a game. Today, for a multitude of reasons, it is commonplace, making it that much tougher on our coaches to try and build competitive teams."

The former Wildcat should know about those types of things, because in 2017, he is a high school athletic director at ConVal High School in Peterborough, New Hampshire. Although he mentioned only the Red Sox in our interview, Swasey was clearly a basketball guy first. He played hoops for Kevin Haverty, one of the best hoop coaches and leaders this area ever saw and Swasey says, "I valued his presence in my life."

In fact, Swasey handed out credit to a cast of hundreds in singing praises for a blessed athletic life, but it was three basketball influences, Brian Pickering, who was a Wildcat prior to Swasey, Keith Boucher, Keene State's Womens Basketball Coach and Haverty, who appeared to pile up the most numbers of praise. Pickering kind of became a natural for Swasey to follow after he watched Pickering's playing days as a Wildcat and then stayed in the local spotlight athletically following graduation.

"I wish I could say I had a plan," Swasey looks back, "but it all just kind of happened." That is actually true, he knew basketball was a strong influence in his life and although he may not have known the exact direction, he always put himself in position to take the next step up the rung of the ladder.

Swasey may have been "pretty much done for," following Fisk's homer, but that really was just the beginning. His parents split up in his youthful days and that was not what Swasey wanted to focus on as a teenager, despite his love for the two people who brought him into the world.

He lived with his mom and the time he spent with his dad "was the driving force behind my focus on athletics. All I thought about was playing. I loved sports. I loved our rivalries back in the CVL days. High School sports had such an important place in the communities. Sports kept me in the classroom and out of trouble and still does this today for many kids. This is where I learned the importance of teamwork. Success is a mindset and I was lucky to be a part of some very successful teams at Fall Mountain."

Swasey's athletic days continued after high school. He went on to Lyndon State and played basketball under another important influence in his life, Tim Kelley, who gave him sage advice at several turns in the road. The most important recommendation Kelley gave the youngster was to hook on with coaching camps to excel his way up the ladder of the game. The first main connection was with Dartmouth's Paul Cormier and Dave Faucher and it was at that camp where Swasey met Boucher, who has made several calls to the former Wildcat along the way, to help point him to his next professional change.

"Things were moving fast for me at the time, but I knew I wanted to be in education and I wanted to be in the game. I started to work camps all summer long," Swasey reflects and boy did his time prove to be well spent.

Boucher was front and center for Swasey's first coaching gig. He served as a Boucher assistant from 1992-1995, while gaining his Masters Degree as a Graduate Assistant. Boucher was the son-in-law of legendary Lebanon Head Coach Lang Metcalf and helped mold Swasey both on and off the coaching seat.

While visiting his brother Mike (another Fall Mountain athletic graduate 1990, who was a student at the University of Iowa majoring in communication and has now established himself in the restaurant and catering business, having owned restaurants in Costa Rica and Alaska and was once a radio show host in the Boston market) that Swasey found and nabbed his next opportunities in the state of South Dakota. Over the next four years, he would spend three years as a high school Head Coach, as well as a Director of Guidance and then a season as an Assistant Mens' Basketball Coach at Black Hills University, a team which finished ranked second in the country in the NAIA Division II ranks. Certainly, this was a big step and it came thousands of miles from home. Swasey added more than coaching experience to his existence in South Dakota. He met the love of his life and she has enjoyed all the remaining steps along the way of his journey beside him as Mrs. Swasey.

Swasey coaching.

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Boucher was one of the influences, who helped stir Swasey back east at this time in his journey, where he spent three seasons as the Head Womens Basketball Coach at Norwich University and brought the Lady Cadets to winning heights they had never seen before. Over a that time, the team won 56 games while losing 26 and they were 7-3 during that span in post season contests. During Swasey's stint, he also designed the Norwich Academic Monitoring Program and served as a liaison between the schools faculty and coaches.

In the fall of 2002, Swasey moved on to become the Head Coach at Division II Franklin Pierce University, in Rindge, New Hampshire. During his tenure at the school, he built the Ravens into a national power, culminating in his final two seasons of 2008 and 2009, when the team was ranked number six in the country the first of those two years and then advance to the National Division II title game his next and final campaign there, before bowing. The Franklin Pierce team is the only collegiate Womens Basketball team at any level to play in a national title game.

It was in the Final Four, where Swasey and his team proved how adaptable and competitive they could be, where they eliminated Delta State 51-39 in the National Semi-Finals before proving they could play an up tempo game as well, taking Minnesota-Mankato to the final minute before bowing in the title game 103-94.

By that time, Swasey had become a national buzzword in the NCAA Womens Basketball ranks. Gino didn't come running, backing up his truck, but many others did and Swasey ended up moving on for his final two coaching seasons at California University of Pennsylvania. The final steps in his 18 year coaching resume found Swasey being the leader of a program which compiled a 50-19 record and earned back to back advancements to the second round of the NCAA Regional Tournament. By then, it was time to step away and serve his sporting life in a way that allowed him to at least sniff the roses, if he still didn't have time to smell them.

Boucher was there again, to make Swasey aware there was an High School Athletic Directors position available back near the Promised Land and that the person leading the school was none other than Swasey's one time influence, Pickering. The fit was a natural and Swasey made the shift east.

Thus, Swasey is currently in his fifth year as the AD at ConVal, where he presides over a large and varied sports program. He continues to be focused on his sporting tasks ahead, just like he has done since his days as a student/athlete at Fall Mountain Regional High School and maybe a few years before.

Swasey told us, I have always loved organizing sporting events, I remember organizing wiffle ball tournaments in our neighborhood and other things like that. Those were just passions of mine and it's why 14 hour days in this job are just fine, not one of those hours seem like work things. It's something I truly love to do and have my whole life."

Mark Swasey has lived a charmed life and has enjoyed the fruits of his labor. Here's wondering, which area school, has the next Mark Swasey presently in their ranks? There has to be at least one. Best of luck to him or her.

## Fall Mtn., Green Mtn. and Springfield softball

**BY BILL MURPHY**

*The Vermont Journal & The Shopper*

REGION - They are in three separate divisions in two different states, but Fall Mountain, Green Mountain and Springfield are playing good softball and speeding down the home stretch hoping to play their best ball come spring play-off time.

I saw Fall Mountain recently in a tense 4-2 victory over archrival Bellows Falls. The game went down to the Wildcats last at bat when pitcher Erin Devanney took things into her own hands and blasted her way to the win. Devanney hit an opposite field homer in the bottom of the sixth to break a 2-2 tie to assure the Cats came away victorious.

Coach Molly McManus said that in many ways, this win was the normal script for most of Fall Mountain victories. "When we get timely hits, we seem to pull games out," she offered adding, "defense has pretty much carried us the whole season and it is the whole team, everybody."

The top Wildcat stick person is junior catcher Alie Stoddart with outfielder/ hitter Savana Wilson, a sophomore and sophomore shortstop Khloe Vogel coming up with their share of timely hits. The other Cats in their defensive set-up are first baseman Amber Beliveau, a junior, second baseman Molly Cobb, a junior, senior third baseman, Karmen Grenier, while across the outfield is sophomore Tess Marden, sophomore Zoe Utton and junior Faith Golec from left to right respectively. Vogel and Devanney share the pitching duties and in case she is needed sophomore Makayla Barre will be on the play-off roster as well. Other back-ups for the Wildcats are infielders, Zandy Fitzpatrick, a freshman, Lindsey Vaine, a sophomore and freshman Sarah Schadler. Take notice, there is only one senior on this team.

Fall Mountain Coach Molly McManus says "defense has pretty much carried us the whole season." Here centerfielder Zoe Utton waits for the putout in a game early this season.

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Erika Knockenhauer, ace pitcher, of the second seeded Green Mountain Chieftains. Softball fans should take notice that the pitcher has k's in both her first and last name.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

The Bellows Falls win was the third in a row, in the midst of a present six game winning streak. In games since that triumph, the Cats scored wins over Newport 2-1 and Monadnock 5-2 in the same fashion, they defeated the Terriers. They also upset fourth seeded Conant during the streak. They now stand 10-5 and with wins in their final two contests could be seeded as high as sixth.

Green Mountain sits at 12-1 in second place in the Vermont Division III standings. Their lone loss came at the hands of Springfield 8-5 on the road and they meet the Cosmos again Saturday at 11 a.m. at Grevin Field in Cavendish.

Coach Terry Farrell says "I told the team early this season that we should be thinking about a state championship. This is the type of group that needed to hear that and they haven't done anything to disappoint."

Freshman catcher Maddie Wilson and sophomore Erika Knockenhauer make up the teams battery. Junior Lexi White is at first, her classmate Noelle Gignoux is at second with senior Kassidy Cummings at third and senior Hanna Veysey at shortstop. The outfield has sophomore Anne Lamson in left, senior Kim Schultz in center and senior Becca Washburn in right. Sophomore Rachel Guerra plays some outfield and some designated hitter, while in reserve is Emily Barr, a sophomore behind the plate, and she also serves as another designated hitter, second baseman and outfielder and Micah White, who plays both second base and in the outfield.

Looking at his team Farrell feels, "this is a very balanced team, one of their best assets is base running. I think they are pretty comfortable about who they are and should continue to play well."

Springfield Coach Andy Bladyka says a strength of his team is that they are strong up the middle defensively. Catcher Cassidy Otis putting the tag on here preventing Green Mountain's Anne Lamson from scoring is the backbone of that defense.

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Year after year the Springfield Cosmos come to the head of the class in the softball ranks and are usually the last area team left playing in the area. They don't always have the best record because of their consistently tough schedule, but never count them out. They stand 6-6 right now and would be seeded ninth if the tourney began today, but again, don't count them out.

Coach Andy Bladyka admits, "we could have played better at times, but I am optimistic about this team because it starts with our battery and you always have a chance when your team is strong up the middle."

Senior catcher Cassidy Otis is a backbone of the team and is not only a steady receiver, but yields one of the strongest bats in the area. Sophomore Hannah Crosby is the Cosmo pitcher with the rest of the Green and White up the middle being comprised of senior Lina Geyer at second, junior Madee Stagner at short and junior Laura Wentworth patrolling centerfield. Freshman Julianna Albero-Levings is the first baseman and junior Hailey Rabtoy is at third while freshman Ashley Chamberlain is regularly in right field with three players sharing the left field position during this season, starting with junior Lizzy Chambers and including a pair of freshmen Jenna Veysey and Kayla Gibbons. Infield reserves include freshman Jessica Cerniglia, who starts some as designated hitter and junior Gillian Guy. Outfielder Jesie Fisher, a sophomore, also sees some time. Speaking of time, sophomore Mykahla Jasinski puts in plenty as she rehabs an injury, which she hopes will allow her to make it to the field in the future.

Springfield has a busy week ahead of them with four games and they will need to win at least three to assure themselves of playing on the home field in the postseason next week.

## Firefighter Olympics in Proctorsville

**BY AIYANA FORTIN**

*The Vermont Journal*

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - Denise Gebroe, proprietor of DG Bodyworks in Proctorsville, will be hosting the first Firefighter's Olympics from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 11 on the Green in Proctorsville (Cavendish). This event was inspired by one of Gebroe's clients and students, a firefighter, and by Gebroe's desire to give back to our local fire departments. She hopes to honor the firefighters who risk their lives to save others, and has planned fun activities for kids and adults.

Registration for events is at 9:30 a.m. The day will include awards, door prizes, face painting, t-shirts, and good food for lunch, including an ice cream truck. Proceeds and donations will directly benefit the Proctorsville and Cavendish Fire Departments.

Children ages 5-12 will have field day events planned for the morning, from 10 to 11:30, including a 100-yard dash, tug of war, a potato sack race, wheelbarrow race, and relay race. Gebroe has worked with the Physical Education instructors at Cavendish Elementary to train the kids for the event and encourage them to set goals and try their hardest.

The adult events are scheduled from noon to 2, and are modeled after Firefighter competitions, which bring fun and competition to everyday firefighting and keep volunteers motivated and interested in their work. Events include a hose carry, dummy drag, tool carries, attack crawls, and ax chops.

Denise Gebroe is a specially certified massage therapist and personal trainer and just opened her own business, DG Bodyworks, in December, 2016. Before opening DG Bodyworks, Gebroe worked as the Assistant Wellness Director at the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center in Springfield, where she organized two Power List meets for athletic and local people alike, attracting more than 150 people to the event. Gebroe would love to be a firefighter, but with her family and business, she doesn't have time, so she is glad to support our brave volunteers in any way she can.

## BR Baseball

Sophmore #10 Ryan Boyle sliding in safe. Freshman #21 Josh Noble stands nearby.

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## Hey Mambo!

WESTON, Vt. - You won't want to miss this exciting kickoff of Weston Playhouse Theatre Company's summer season at the Spring Gala at the Equinox Resort in Manchester, Vt. on Saturday, May 27! The evening starts with a selection of Italian wines provided by Farrell Distributing and Baker Distributing served with antipasti and hors d'oeuvres while browsing the unique auction offerings. An Italian dinner will be served family-style so you can sample everything.

Broadway actress and Weston favorite Susan Haefner will lead a 2017 Season preview with artists from our upcoming season, including Kyle Branzel from 2016's "Murder for Two" among others.

The Mambo Italiano ticket includes a tax-deductible gift to the Weston Playhouse Theatre Company and a fine Italian meal, delicious wines, entertainment and dancing! Plus, bid to win wonderful experiences and more.

There are a limited number of seats left! Order your tickets today on www.westonplayhouse.org.

Kicking off the new season with the spring gala.
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## Vt. Crafts Council Open Studio –

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Visitors and residents of Rockingham will have the opportunity to view artist/artisan studios as they stroll the historic downtowns of Bellows Falls and Saxtons River during the Vermont Crafts Council Open Studio Weekend on May 27-28.

"We're organizing a local effort in conjunction with the highly successful VT State Craft Weekend to draw attention to the unique artistic offerings to be found in Bellows Falls," said Rockingham Arts and Museum Project (RAMP) founding director, Robert McBride. "We've spent over a decade integrating artists and the arts in the organic revitalization of downtown Bellows Falls, and are proud of the integral role artists play in sharing their talents with the community."

Participating artists include Robert McBride, Phyllis Rosser, Chris Sherwin of Bellows Falls; Clare Adams and Jeanette Staley of Saxton's River; Ailyn Hoey, Mark Goodenough of Rockingham; and ceramicists Virginia Wyoming and Nancy Calicchio of Westminster West.

Additionally, the work of these artists will be on display from May 8 - June 4 at the Flat Iron Building, 51 The Square, Bellows Falls. The Flat Iron is the designated information center for the weekend. Brochures are located here including maps and listings of local eateries and businesses. Look for yellow balloons and placards that indicate arts venues open to the public.

"The Art of the Resistance" is the installation at Project Space 9 Gallery located at 9 Canal Street in the Exner Block (circa 1905), renovated 15 years ago to provide ten affordable live/work spaces and six retail spaces with a focus on the arts Project Space 9 is wheelchair accessible. Please call 802-463-3252 in advance to make arrangements.

The Flat Iron is also wheelchair accessible. Contact them at 802-460-0357 to make arrangements. There is plenty of all-day parking at the Amtrak train station, a walk that crosses over the oldest chartered canal in the United States (1792) just two blocks from the downtown square.

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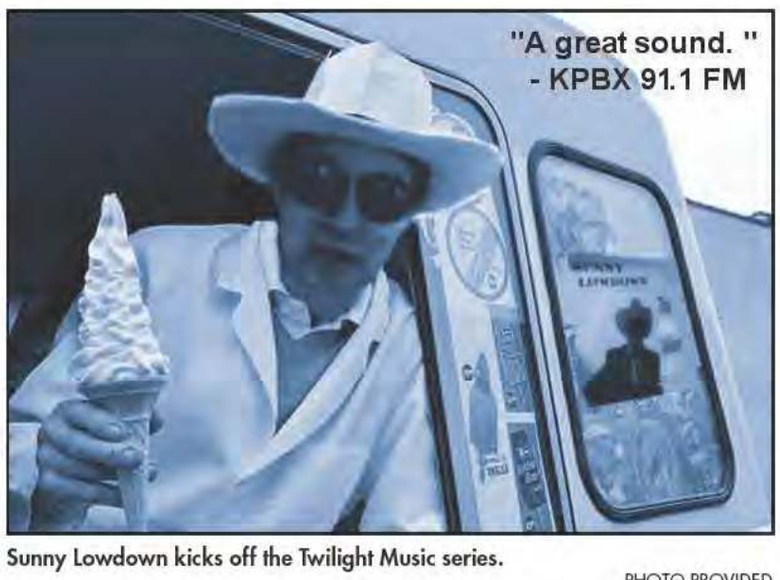
## Sunny Lowdown and the Ice Cream Men

PUTNEY, Vt. - Twilight Music begins its 15th annual Twilight On The Tavern Lawn series of folk rock, world beat, rock, pop, Celtic, blues and bluegrass summer concerts on Sunday, May 28 with blues quartet Sunny Lowdown and the Ice Cream Men. The seven concert series continues every other Sunday through August 20. All concerts begin at 6:00 p.m. in downtown Putney on the Putney Tavern lawn (bring a lawn chair or blanket) or at Next Stage at 15 Kimball Hill in case of rain. The series is sponsored by the Town of Putney, Soundview Paper Company, The Putney Food Co-op, The Stockwell Brothers and many other Putney businesses and organizations. The concerts are free to the public (donations are accepted) and food will be available. For more information, call 802-387-5772 or visit www.twilightmusic.org.




Sunny Lowdown kicks off the Twilight Music series.
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Sunny Lowdown plays a raw and rhythmic blues that was burned into him on his first professional gig-playing guitar behind John Lee Hooker. Since then he has worked with many blues greats.

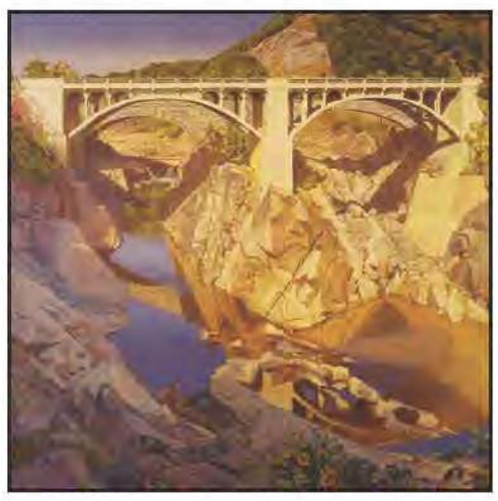
## Vilas Bridge painting on display

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - On Thursday, June 8 at 5 p.m., Jerry Pfohl's iconic painting, "Vilas Bridge," will be on display at the Rockingham Library. The historic bridge continues to symbolize the profound connection between Vermont and New Hampshire, despite having been closed to traffic in 2009. The library hopes to raise funds for the purchase of "Vilas Bridge" for its permanent collection.

A panel discussion on the painting, comprised of prominent area artists Brian Cohen, Charlie Hunter and Gretchen Abendschein, will follow. Abendschein was married to Pfohl and brings an intimate perspective to this discussion of Pfohl's monumental work. Jerry Pfohl was a highly regarded artist in both New England and Manhattan. He died in 2010, having lived in Acworth, N.H., for the last 44 years of his life. A long-time resident of New Hampshire, his work included scenes of the Connecticut River Valley, Vilas Bridge, the Bellows Falls railroad station and Opera House, and old mill buildings along the river.

The works of Cohen, Hunter and Pfohl reflect the intersection of the natural and manmade worlds found in post-industrial, post-pastoral New England.

The evening's program is the official kick-off of the Friends of the Library fundraising campaign to purchase Pfohl's "Vilas Bridge" for the library. Refreshments will be served. To learn more about the artist, go to jerrypfohl.com. For more information about the June 8 program and how to donate to the fund, call 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org or go to rockinghamlibrary.org.



Jerry Pfohl's iconic painting of Vilas Bridge in Bellows Falls will be on display at the library.
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## Open Studio Weekend at Fletcher Farm School

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – The 25th Vermont Open Studio Weekend, presented by the Vermont Craft Council, is a statewide event where artists open their studios to the public to exhibit and demonstrate their art. Fletcher Farm School for the Arts & Crafts opens the doors to the barn and invites local artists to exhibit, demonstrate and sell their art. Multiple artists will be located in one building and will demonstrate several arts and crafts: rug hooking, needle felting, painting, basketry, jewelry, primitive stenciling, necktie chair seat weaving, making birch baskets, quilting, and more. Everyone is invited to Open Studio to learn about the many classes offered this summer. Take advantage of the two-day offer for free registration if you sign up for a class during Open Studio, a $25.00 value. Residents of Ludlow, Proctorsville, and Cavendish may also take one class per year with a 50 percent discount.

Open Studio is held on Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the center of the barn at Fletcher Farm School, located at 611 Route 103 South in Ludlow.

Open Studio weekend is a time for visitors to view artists' studios.
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Fletcher Farm School is celebrating its 70th Anniversary (1947-2017) on July 1 during its Arts & Craft Festival. Fletcher Farm School is the oldest residential Arts & Crafts School in Vermont, and is owned and operated by the Society of Vermont Artists & Craftsmen, Inc., which leases the property from the Fletcher Farm Foundation. Summer classes will run from June 24 - Sept 1. The Arts & Crafts Gift Shoppe will open on Saturday, June 24 and run until mid-September. Two Arts & Craft Festivals will be held on July 1 and August 19. For questions or class registration, please go to www.fletcherfarm.org or call 802 228 8770.

## Kinhaven's Young Artist Seminar to perform

**WESTON, Vt.** - Residents of Weston and nearby towns have enjoyed concerts by the students and faculty of Kinhaven Music School for years. Kinhaven has traditionally offered Senior (High School) and Junior (Middle School) sessions. In 2015, Kinhaven introduced a pilot program, the Young Artist Seminar, a one-week, intensive chamber music program for highly talented college and pre-professional musicians, followed by performances at local venues.

Old Parish Church is proud to have hosted one of the inaugural concerts of the Young Artists in 2015. The group returned last year and will again in 2017, performing at 2:30 p.m. on June 3.Their concerts last just over one hour and have been extremely popular. Those wishing to attend are encouraged to arrive early to be assured of seating.

Kinhaven Music School, Inc. is a non-profit organization that fosters high-level music-making experiences in which shared learning, mutual support, friendship, and community is always present.

The H&V Series was established in 2009 in memory of G. Frederick (Fritz) Zeller, a longtime educator, community leader and a pillar of Old Parish Church. Revenues from the performances are donated to benefit deserving area non-profit organizations serving the local area. In this instance, patrons are asked to donate to benefit three Just Neighbors, an organization that provides short-term assistance and support to families in acute need.

Old Parish Church is located on Route 100, on the left as you enter Weston from the South.

Members of the Kinhaven Young Artist Seminar at rehearsal.
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## Classic Movie Night features "Pollock"

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - The Rockingham Arts and Museum Project (RAMP), Sherwin Art Glass and Flying Canvas Studio will host the film, "Pollock," on Wednesday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m. as part of Classic Movie Night at the Bellows Falls Opera House on the Square.

"Pollock" is a 2000 biographical film that tells the life story of American painter Jackson Pollock. It stars Ed Harris, Marcia Gay Harden, Jennifer Connelly, Robert Knott, Bud Cort, Molly Regan and Sada Thompson, and was directed by Harris. The film was a long-term personal project for Harris based on his previous reading of Pollock's biography.

"Pollock" is the second of several art-themed films to be shown as part of Classic Movie Nights at the Opera House. The idea arose in 2016 at an Artists' Town Meeting, a collaborative of artists and artisans who gather quarterly to share ideas, challenges, opportunities and a potluck.

Three local artists have donated items for a raffle: Janette Schuster, jewelry; Clare Adam, print and Virginia Wyoming, pottery. Tickets will be drawn at the end of the film. Funds raised will underwrite additional art-themed classic films.

The film also serves to highlight the upcoming Open Studio Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, May 27-28 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., when artist studios, designated with yellow balloons/placards will be open to the public.

RAMP, which hosts the Artists' Town Meetings, focuses on integrating artists and the arts into the long-term sustainability efforts of the community.

The Opera House is handicapped accessible; call the Bellows Falls Opera House 802-463-3964 x 120 for information about access. RAMP thanks The Vermont Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, Sovernet, Chroma and the Windham Foundation for supporting RAMP and its arts advocacy initiatives. For more information, contact RAMP, 802-463-3252, ramp@sover.net.

## Local wood turner has open studio

A woodturned goblet.
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**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Local artist Rich Detrano opens new woodturning gallery of his work. During the Vermont Crafts Council Open Studio Tour, May 27 -28, is a great time to stop by as he will be demonstrating his craft all weekend. The wood he uses in his work is locally sourced. The inspiration for his work comes from what nature provides to a particular species of wood. He attempts to highlight the natural features of the wood including its imperfections and peculiarities. It is often the grain pattern and bark inclusions that are the true beauty of his work. His intention is to create a form that will allow nature's beauty to be seen and enjoyed.

The studio and gallery are located at 488 Andover Rd., and will be open from 10 a.m. – 5p.m. and you can reach him at 802-228-8894. From 103 in Ludlow take 100 S for 3.2 miles at Andover Rd, bear left and his studio is 1 mile down from there.

If unable to make it during the studio tour visit his website at www.richdetranowoodturner.com.

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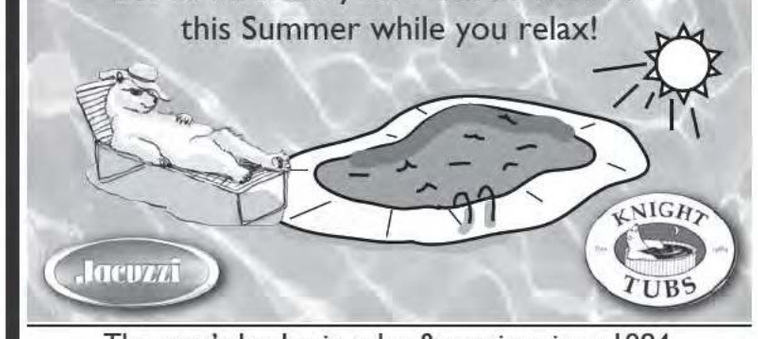

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## Okemo Valley Golf Club Men's League results

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Sunny skies and warmer temperatures greeted the gents for week two of Men's League at Okemo Valley Golf Club, May 16. The format shifted to match play, which the league will play primarily for the remainder of the season. Providing the first thumping of the season was Skygate Financial. The foursome of Kevin Theissen, Dean Alexander, Charlie Howard and Bob Herbst combined to win 23 out of a possible 36 holes. Finishing second was UBS. Chris Garvey, Ed Whitman, Craig Peters and Tom Harris combined to win 20 holes. Finishing third was Honey Dew Man. Peter Girouard, Eric Stocker, Larry Plumb and Tim Faulkner combined to win 18.5 holes. Closest to the pin winners were Charlie Howard on the 4th, and Trevor Benson on the 8th hole.

Weekly Results:

1st Skygate Financial score 23/15 pts. 2nd UBS score 20/13 pts. 3rd Honey Dew Man score 18.5/11 pts. 4th Diamond Realty score 18.5/10 pts. 5th Knight Tubs score 18/9 pts. 6th Stryhas Builders score 18/8 pts. 7th Built Rite MFG. score 17.5/ 7 pts. 8th Bensons Chevrolet score 17.5/6 pts. 9th Huntley Wealth Management score 16/5 pts. 10th Green Mountain Appraisals score 13/4 pts.

Season Standings:

1st Skygate Financial 24 pts. 2nd UBS 23 pts. 3rd Huntley Wealth Management 20 pts. 4th Bensons Chevrolet 19 pts. 5th Built Rite MFG. 18 pts. 6th Diamond Realty 18 pts. 7th Honey Dew Man 17 pts. 8th Knight Tubs 16 pts. 9th Stryhas Builders 12 pts. 10th Green Mountain Appraisals 9 pts.

Get your weekly local golf news and league results from The Vermont Journal & The Shopper!

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## Sugarbush Resort Golf Clubhouse update

**WARREN, Vt.** - Our first Valley League practice round has concluded. The second practice round was Wednesday, May 24 before our official opening night on the 31. If you are still interested in playing, you may sign up before opening night!

The annual full member meeting will be held on Saturday, May 27 at 5 p.m. On the agenda will be equipment acquisitions, course condition updates, summer events and future projects.

We will be hosting a Bridgestone Golf demo day on June 3 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. This event is open to the public. As always check the golf by giving us a call at 802-583-6725.

We look forward to seeing you at the course!

## Tater Hill Golf League results

**CHESTER, Vt.** - The Tater Hill Golf League kicked of the 2017 season last Thursday under beautiful spring skies. The 96-man group was happy to be back in competition, and the course was in excellent condition. No predictions yet … it's not how you start, it's how you finish.

***Mountain Division***
Old Guys 8
Cyr 7
Shack Attack 7
Green Door Pub 6
Chester Boyz 4
Coleman's Auto 4
East Easy Riders 4
Joe's Taxidermy 4
Piper Hill Plumbing 2
Members 1
Prouty Construction 1
Team Williams 0

***Valley Division***
Jake's 8
Homes de Peau 7
Camp Holly Golf 6
Chaves Excavating 5
Dam Diner 5
Stoneman Masonry 4
WWC 4
LaSalle Builders 3
T.K. Trucking 3
Gibson Painting 2
Ovitt Builders 1

## Keep an eye out for turtles

**REGION** – It's springtime and Vermont's turtles on are on the move. The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is asking for the public's help in keeping them safe. Female turtles are looking for places to deposit their eggs, sometimes choosing to lay along the shoulders of roads, which can end tragically.

"Turtles often cross roads as they search for a nest site," said Steve Parren, biologist for the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. "They are a slow-moving animal in today's fast-paced world, so they have a tough time making it safely across the road. Turtles grow slowly and live a long time, so losing a mature breeding female is a huge loss to the turtle population."

Turtle nesting activity peaks from late May through June. At this time of year, drivers are urged to keep an eye out for turtles in the road, especially when driving near ponds and wetlands.

To decrease the number of turtles that are killed by vehicles, the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department has been collecting data to identify stretches of road that are hotspots for wildlife migrations. They are working closely with VTrans, and with Jim Andrews from the Vermont Reptile & Amphibian Atlas, among other partners.

Drivers are urged to keep an eye out for turtles on the road and report any sightings.

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"When you spot a turtle in the road, you may be able to help it across. First be sure you're in a safe spot to stop and get out of your car, as human safety comes first," said Andrews. "If you're going to move a turtle off the road, always move it in the direction it was traveling. They know where they're going."

According to Andrews, most turtles can simply be picked up and carried across the road. However, if the turtle has no colorful lines, spots, or other markings, it is probably a snapping turtle, so people should not get too close to the animal to avoid being bitten. Snapping turtle's necks are nearly as long as their shell. Instead, people should push the turtle across the road with an object like a shovel or broom.

Andrews is also asking paddlers, boaters, and anglers to report turtle sightings throughout the state to the Vermont Reptile & Amphibian Atlas website at vtherpatlas.org. The reports help conservationists keep track of the status of these species in order to act if a species appears to be in decline.

"Sending in a report is quick and easy," said Andrews. "Just snap a photo or two of the turtle, and submit your observation via the website or email. We're constantly impressed with Vermonters' commitment to conservation and willingness to help us save turtles."

Observations can be submitted to the Vermont Reptile and Amphibian Atlas online at vtherpatlas.org or jandrews@middlebury.edu.

## Join the Learn to Row program on the Connecticut River

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - With the great success of the first season of rowing classes last summer, the EdgarMay Health and Recreation Center is thrilled to announce that they will be offering a second season of Learn to Row Classes in Springfield along the Connecticut River! Students in this class will learn the basics of sweep (Olympic style) rowing in an eight person rowing shell. Students will be introduced to a brief history of the sport of rowing before they begin to learn about the equipment and safety concerns that are specific to this sport – all participants must certify that they can swim prior to the start of the program. The first session will run for four-weeks, it begins on June 5 and runs through June 29. Participants can choose the introductory level on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. or the intermediate level on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Additional sessions will be offered in July and August.

Rowing is a special sport to learn, as it is a team sport from the first day of class. All boat members must listen and respond to the coach in order to safely move the boat to the water, through the water as a team, and then bring the boat back to the boathouse. Participants will be guided by Coach Thom Collins of Chester, Vermont. Thom has a long and successful coaching career, including leading crews to the USRA Youth National Championships three times, and winning multiple Regional Championships along the way. Thom is a patient and funny coach, and is excited to be introducing adults to rowing, and he is hopeful about a future that includes a thriving rowing community along the banks of the Connecticut.

Interested in giving this unique, team-oriented, outdoor adventure a try? Contact the EdgarMay at 802-885-2568 to sign up – space is limited. For more information about the program you can visit www.myreccenter.org.


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# LEGAL NOTICES

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## business spotlight

**Squeels on Wheels**
**471 VT-103 South**
**Ludlow, Vt. 05149**

**802-228-8934**
**www.squeelsonwheels.com**
**www.facebook.com/sowlcs**

**Squeels on Wheels owners Tump and Cindy bought the Ludlow Country Store location in 2010 and since then have become a force to be reckoned with in BBQ. The business is a member of the New England BBQ Society and the Kansas City BBQ Society and is also a certified BBQ Judge.**

**Squeels on Wheels' specialty is award-winning wood-roasted BBQ, including whole roasted pigs with an apple in the mouth, racks of ribs, and "Kickin Chickin," seasoned with their own recipe. The deli menu is "multi-cuisine" and features breakfast, hot and cold sandwiches, salads as well as BBQ favorites and lip-smacking sides. The full menu is available on the website.**

**The Ludlow Country Store sells Squeels on Wheels sauces and seasonings and Vermont products. The store is open 7 a.m.-5 p.m., year round, closed Tuesdays. The restaurant offers outdoor seating with views of the Okemo ski mountain; walk in or take out.**

**Have BBQ, will travel: the business offers winter "ski-thru BBQ" at Okemo Resort and BBQ for snowmobilers. Look for Squeels on Wheels (SOW) at BBQ events , fairs and festivals. Find SOW's off-site BBQ schedule on their website, "Info and News" tab.**

**The Ludlow Country Store is located on VT-103, south of Ludlow village RESERVATIONS? Call or email to cater parties and special events.**

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GRAFTON, Vt. – Wilson & Lawrence Inc. is now hiring help for the summer tennis court reconditioning season. Please call 802-843-2436 for job applications, 8 am – 4 pm. (05/30)

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## YARD SALE

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Garage Sale: May 27 from 8:00am – 2:00pm at 37 Reservoir Road in Springfield. Wide variety of items! (05/30)

WESTMINSTER, Vt. – Neighborhood yard sale on May 27, 9am – 3pm. Furniture, musical equipment, flatware, & much more! 626 Daigel Rd. (05/30)

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**802-875-2146**

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# calendar

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**TUESDAY, MAY 30-**
BRATTLEBORO, Vt. – The Sustainable Energy Outreach Network (SEON) presents the second in a 2-part program, "How (Older) Houses Work" on May 30, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Marlboro Graduate Center, Room 2C, 28 Vernon St., Brattleboro. Peter Yost of BuildingGreen will present both programs. Session 2, May 30, will address your own building science puzzles and will survey the tools and techniques used to diagnose building issues and energy efficiency. Register at www.seon.info/programs/. For questions, email admin@seon.info. We recommend registering early because of limited space.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3-**
WINDSOR, Vt. – Strawberry-vanilla preserves cooking class, June 3 at 9:30 a.m.–noon and 2-4 p.m. Blake Hill Preserves, Artisans Park, 60 Artisans Way, Windsor. Strawberry season is almost here! We will be sourcing super local early strawberries and will infuse them with pure Madagascar vanilla to make a decadent treat for triple cream cheese, Greek yogurt, or vanilla ice cream. Take home a complimentary jar, a detailed recipe card, and enjoy 15 percent off all jar purchases in our shop. Pre-registration required. For details, call Mary Ball, 802-674-4529.

**MONDAYS -**
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center Knit and Stitch group meets Mondays at 9:00 a.m. They can help you finish a project, repair an item and even take on special projects. The group is happy to donate "Knitted Knockers" to breast cancer survivors. Stop by and ask for Betty for more information. Call: 802-463-3907. TFN

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. TFN

**TUESDAYS-**
CHESTER, Vt. – Eight-week yoga series "Strong, Fearless & Free," May 23 through July 18 (no class July 4). 6-7:15 p.m. at Buddhaful Yoga Studio in the Fullerton Inn on the green in Chester. Register by May 16 for four weeks (choose as you go along) or all eight weeks. This yoga class is suitable for beginners and practicing yogis alike. Yoga mats, blankets, pillows and chairs provided. For more information and pricing options visit www.buddhafulyoga.com or call at 802-875-2868.

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. TFN

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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. The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections is located in Londonderry's Mountain Marketplace, next to the Londonderry Post Office. On Tuesday, May 30, at 10 a.m., Landscaping with Native Plants with Bob Little Tree.

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. TFN

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. TFN

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. TFN

**WEDNESDAYS -**
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center Knit and Stitch group meets Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. They can help you finish a project, repair an item and even take on special projects. The group is happy to donate "Knitted Knockers" to breast cancer survivors, stop by and ask for Betty for more information. Call: 802-463-3907. TFN

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. TFN

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/. TFN

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. Held at the Fullerton Inn, on the Chester Green. For more information visit www.buddhafulyoga.com or call 802-875-2868. TFN

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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. TFN

**FOURTH THURSDAYS-**
LUDLOW, Vt. – LPCTV offers "Train the Trainers" workshops at no cost, 4th Thursdays, 6-7 p.m. at the LPCTV studio, 37C Main St. in Ludlow. Everyone who wants to learn the "ticks and tricks" of TV-video production is welcome. Reserve a space at pcody@lpctv.org or call 802-228-8808. TFN

**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. TFN

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. TFN

**SATURDAYS -**
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. TFN

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

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

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

## CLUBS

**MONDAYS –**
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Community Chorus rehearsals are on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church on 21 Fairground Rd. Contact Terri at springfieldcommunitychorus@gmail.com or call Barbara at 802-886-1777. www.springfieldcommunitychorus.org. TFN

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

**THURSDAYS –**
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The Charlestown Rotary Club meets at the Charlestown Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Summer Street. For more info email rayandrosie@comcast.net. TFN

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. TFN

**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. TFN

**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. TFN

# LEGAL NOTICES

### TOWN OF MOUNT HOLLY
### PLANNING COMMISSION CLERK

The Town of Mount Holly seeks to hire a Clerk to assist the Planning Commission to carry out their duties and responsibilities. This is a part time position, up to approximately 20 hours per month, some evening hours required. Pay range is $10-$15 per hour, commensurate with experience. Interested parties should contact Bill McGrath, Planning Commission Chair, at 802-259-2724 or email at twigg16@vermontel.net. A resume may be sent to the email address, or the town office at Town of Mount Holly, PO Box 248, Mount Holly, VT 05758. Equal Opportunity Employer.

**Job duties for the position include:**
- Assist the Planning Commission to carry out their duties and responsibilities
- Prepare and post agendas for all Planning Commission meetings as required by the Open Meeting Law
- Attend and take minutes at all Planning Commission meetings. Post minutes as required by the Open Meeting Law
- Prepare and publish legal notices in the Town's paper of record and special notices/information in the Chit Chat or other publications as determined by the Planning Commission
- Review all Planning Commission mail/email. Respond to general inquires that do not require Planning Commission attention and forward all other correspondence to the Planning Commission for their action.
- Maintain a filing system for all correspondence, articles, documents, etc. that pertain to the Planning Commission.
- Perform other duties as requested by the Planning Commission.

### TOWN OF LANDGROVE
### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to 21 VSA, §§ 4441, 4442, 4444, and 4447, the Landgrove Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments regarding proposed revisions to the Landgrove Zoning Bylaws. (Adopted 13 July 2006; Updated Fall 2016)

**The public hearing will be held:**
**Wednesday, 14 June 2017**
**4 PM**
**Landgrove Town Office Building**
**88 Landgrove Road, Landgrove, VT 05148**

Copies of the Zoning Bylaws are available for inspection at the Town office on Thursdays, 8:30 - 1 PM; additional information is available by calling the Town Office at 802.824.3716 or by contacting the Zoning Administrator at landgroveza@gmail.com.

### GRIEVANCE HEARING
### TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM - BOARD OF LISTERS
### PO Box 370 Bellows Falls, VT 05101

Grievance hearings for the Town of Rockingham will be held on Tuesday June 6, 2017 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall third floor Listers office in Bellows Falls.

If you wish to grieve your 2017 Assessment, Homestead or Housesite value, or Current Use Allocation it is required to submit your grievance in writing before or on Tuesday June 6 by 4:30 p.m.

In addition, if you wish to have a hearing in person with the Listers Office, please call to make an appointment between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 802-463-1229 x 101.

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### PAVING CONTRACTOR

The Town of Westminster is seeking a qualified paving contractor for the .5" shim and 1" overlay of approximately 2 miles of roads in Westminster, Vt. The work will include: Shimming (.5") the existing pavement to assure proper crown and placing a 1" overlay for the entire width of the road. The work will be required to comply with the State specifications for Road Standards found in the "Orange Book" created by the State ofVermont.

• **Specifics:** The Town will expect the Contractor to grind the start and finish of each section of road with tack coat going the entire length of the project. Sweeping and Traffic Control to be supplied by the Contractor in the bid price. The Contractor must use a State approved bituminous concrete pavement mix and the mix will not contain recycled asphalt shingles (RAS).

**The section of road is as follows:** Approximately 2 miles on Westminster West Road from the Town line at the north. This section is approximately 22' wide.

The contractor will be responsible for measuring the roads before bidding the project and will also be responsible for the amount of shim needed to create the proper crown in the roadway. Under no circumstances will added costs be accepted for these sections of road unless previously approved by the Town Manager in writing. The Town is requesting that this work be completed no later than October 1, 2017.

Proposals are due by noon on May 31, 2017 at the Town Hall or by mail (PO Box 147 Westminster, Vt. 05158) and at that time the bids will be opened and read out loud. Proposals are to include a complete description of the work to be performed and the tonnage to be used at a firm price. Please include a per ton price in place. The contractor is to be qualified and will have to supply proof of insurance at the time of the bid. Any and all bids, not supplying the proof of insurance or a complete scope as requested will not be considered. Your proposal should be sealed and marked "Pavement Bid 2017-01". It is recommended to call the Town Manager and set up an appointment at (802) 722-4255 for the additional information and/or a site visit, if needed. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

### TOWN OF ANDOVER
### NOTICE OF TAX SALES

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:

1. 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.

2. 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: _____
Jeanette Haight, Collector of Delinquent Taxes
Town of Andover

### 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 26, 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
shacro@comcast.net | 802.548.8247

# LEGAL NOTICES

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## COMMUNITY MEALS

**FRIDAY, MAY 26-**
ANDOVER, Vt. – Spaghetti dinner, 5-6:30 p.m., to benefit Community Cares Network of Chester/Andover, Inc. At the Andover Town Hall, 953 Andover Rd., Andover.

**SATURDAY, MAY 27-**
LUDLOW, Vt. – Annunciation Church dinner and silent auction, 5-7 p.m. Menu features chicken cordon bleu. Located at 7 Depot St., Ludlow. All are welcome. For details, call 802-228-3286 or 802-228-4333.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3-**
CHARLESTOWN, N.H. – The Charlestown Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield Road, will hold a spaghetti and meatball supper Saturday, June 3. Tickets go on sale at 4 p.m. and we will start serving at 5. The menu includes spaghetti with marinara sauce, garlic bread and a side salad. Gluten-free pasta will also be offered. There will be a homemade dessert. For takeouts please call 603-826-5987 between noon and 3 p.m., to be picked up at 4.

**SATURDAYS-**
MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. – Belmont's Summer Supper series runs until Oct. 28 at the Odd Fellows Hall, 37 Lake St., Belmont, to benefit the MHVF Auxiliary, Colfax Lodge, Mount Holly fire Dept., Mt. Moriah Mason, the Historical Museum, the MHV Rescue Squad, and Gill Home, IOOF. Settings start at 5 p.m. All you can eat, served homestyle. Takeouts available with all dinners. Menu varies, call 802-259-2460 for details. Dates: May 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.

**WEEKDAYS-**
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center serves lunch 11:30-12:15 Monday through Friday to area seniors. The Senior Meals menu for the week is available by calling 802-463-3907. The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center is located at 18 Tuttle St. We are wheelchair and walker accessible with plenty of parking. TFN

## EVENTS

**THURSDAY, MAY 25-**
RUTLAND, Vt. – College of St. Joseph is hosting a free outdoor concert featuring the Beatles tribute band Across The Pond, Thursday, May 25, 6-8 p.m. Guests are encouraged to bring their own blankets, chairs, and picnic fare. The concert will be held on the lawn behind Tuttle Theater, located on the CSJ campus at 71 Clement Road in Rutland.

**FRIDAY, MAY 26-**
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Nature Museum of Grafton is partnering with Great River Hydro in Bellows Falls to offer summer programs at the Bellows Falls Fish Ladder Visitors Center, 17 Bridge St. in downtown Bellows Falls, June through August 12. The June 9-10 program topic is Amazing Adaptations, the adaptations that help New England wildlife survive. The Fish Ladder Visitor Center opens for the season May 26 and hours are Friday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. through September 3. Programs are always free. For a complete listing of Nature Museum topics at the Bellows Falls Fish Ladder, contact the Nature Museum, 802-843-2111 (Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.) or go to www.nature-museum.org and click on Summer Community Programming Dates.

CHESTER, Vt. - John Felts: free, family-friendly comedy at Grounded4Life Coffeehouse on Friday, May 26. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with food, coffee, and conversation. The program begins at 7. John delivers good humor in good taste on topics such as dating, marriage, parenting, American culture, and struggling to do the right thing. Lower level of the Chester Baptist Church across from "the green" at 162 Main St., Chester.

**SATURDAY, MAY 27-**
WESTON, Vt. – Annual Weston Rod & Gun Club Fishing Derby, Weston Recreation Area, 426 Lawrence Hill Road, 7-9 a.m. Open to kids ages 0-15. Trophies for the kids. Refreshments will be served. For information or to help, call David at 802-376-9196.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.- Garden Club plant and bake sale, Saturday May 27, 9 a.m.-noon in front of Ralph's Supermarket.

LUDLOW, Vt. – Fourth annual Wounded Veterans' 5k/10k Walk/Run, sponsored by the American Legion. Register at the American Legion parking lot, 133 Main St., at 10 a.m. There is a registration fee. The race begins at 11 and follows last year's route. Proceeds to be donated to the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) to help injured service members. For more information contact Sara Stryhas, 802-558-3805 or email sarastryhas21@gmail.com.

**SATURDAY, MAY 27-SUNDAY MAY 28-**
SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. – The folk quartet 2 X 2 makes a return engagement at the Main Street Arts Coffeehaus Saturday, May 27 at 7:30 p.m. Mark Grieco, Valerie Kosednar, Betsy Rybeck Lynd and Lee Rybeck Lynd will join their voices in a concert of a cappella and accompanied music in a broad range of styles. All four have also sung together in the group House Blend. More information about the Coffeehaus is available by contacting MSA at 802-869-2960 or online at mainstreetarts.org or on Facebook.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Humane Society is holding a giant tag sale, Saturday-Sunday, May 27-28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 401 Skitchewaug Trail (Route 143) in Springfield. All proceeds to benefit the animals!

**SUNDAY, MAY 28-**
LUDLOW, Vt. - Drive-by Rail Jam at Okemo, May 28, from noon on in The Zone, named for its proximity to Mountain Road, which is now open and allows participants to arrive by car. The event is free and open to the public, no pre-registration needed. Registration will take place at the bottom of The Zone, starting at noon. For details, email Okemo Parks Manager Mark Fiori at mfiori@okemo.com.

**MONDAY, MAY 29-**
PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - Weathersfield Memorial Day program will be held on the Perkinsville Green, Monday, May 29, 12 noon to recognize the men and women who have boldly stood in harm's way carrying the torch of freedom fighting to protect our abundant way of life and have passed on.

**FRIDAY-SATURDAY, JUNE 2-3-**
ASCUTNEY, Vt. – Spring yard sale, Friday 7 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m.-1 p.m., to benefit the Ascutney Volunteer Fire Department, at the Ascutney Fire Station, 540 VT-Rte 131 in Ascutney. Now accepting donations for the yard sale on Tuesday evenings, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. and also be appointment. Call Katie, 802-376-5070 to schedule a time.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3-**
ALSTEAD, N.H. - Lon Livengood and the Best Revenge, Hankey Bannister, Bill Symonds, and Julio Razquin headline at Mole Hill Theatre on Saturday, June 3, 6-11 p.m. at a dance to benefit Peter White, who faces medical and other expenses due to liver cancer and the passing of his beloved wife, Carol Pienkos. A silent auction will also be held that will include some of Carol Pienkos' and Peter White's artworks. Mole Hill Theatre is located at 789 Gilsum Mine Road in Alstead, N.H. Owner Dennis Molesky explains the venue is bring your own bottle, but no hard liquor is allowed.

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

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

GASSETTS, Vt. - Bingo will be

### TOWN OF LUDLOW
### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town & Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on June 12, 2017 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, for Local Flood Hazard Review located in the Special Flood Hazard Area of the Lakes District.

APPLICANT: Robert Bellezza
Kathleen Bellezza
95 Chesapeake Drive
Shelburne, Vermont 05482
PROPERTY LOCATION: 71 Thomson Drive
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 020136.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application for Local Flood Hazard Review to raise the house out of base flood elevation, add square footage to the existing deck and enclose it as a screen porch and add square footage to the existing mudroom. The project is located in Special Flood Hazard area of the Lakes District.
APPLICATION NUMBER: 456-17-FHR

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

Rosemary Goings
Board Clerk

### TOWN OF LUDLOW
### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on June 12, 2017 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, to consider an amendment to a Conditional Use Permit in the Village Residential Commercial District:

APPLICANT: Circa 1810
Jennifer McBride
4203 Twenty Mile Stream Road
Proctorsville, Vermont 05153
OWNER: Equity Trust Co Custodian
Ira McLernon III
1 Equity Way
Westlake, Ohio 44145
PROPERTY LOCATION: 116 Main Street
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 230429.006
REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Conditional Use Permit to add outdoor seating on the porch and on the brick patio. The project is in the Village Residential Commercial District.
APPLICATION NUMBER: 88-191-CU; Amendment No. 6

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

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

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by Linda Thistle

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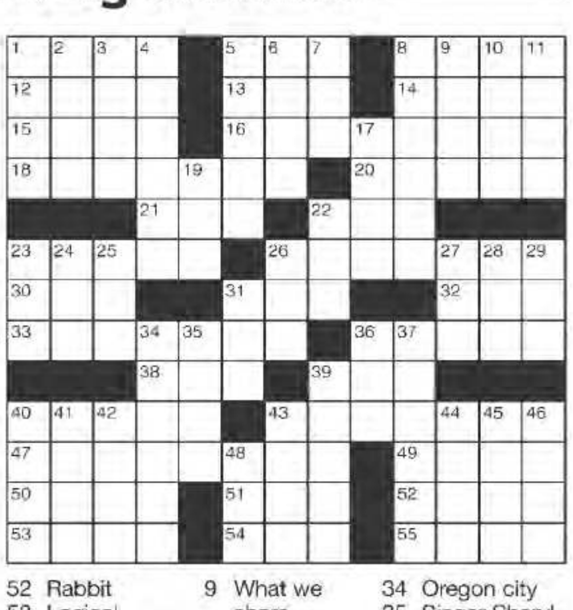

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A heads-up alert to all free-spirited Ewes and Rams: Be wary of a deal that could result in compromising your independence. Check every detail before making a commitment.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) New facts emerge that help put an irksome workplace situation in perspective. Meanwhile, pay more attention to a family member who needs your wisdom and strength.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A slight setback in plans is nothing to worry about. Use this delay to deal with a number of matters you might have ignored for too long. Expect news from someone in your past.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You're entering a period of stability. Use it to straighten out any outstanding problems related to a very personal situation. Also, pay closer attention to financial matters.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) As much as you love being a social Lion, you might well benefit from staying out of the spotlight for a while. You need time to reflect on some upcoming decisions.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A difficult family situation improves, thanks to your timely intervention. You can now start to focus more of your attention on preparing for a possible career change.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) An on-the-job change works to your benefit by offering new opportunities. It's up to you to check them out. Meanwhile, a stalled romantic situation starts up again.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) That flare-up of Scorpian temperament cools down, leaving you more receptive to suggestions about changes that might need to be made in your personal life.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) An unusual period of indecisiveness is a mite frustrating. But things soon clear up, allowing the sage Sagittarian to make those wise pronouncements again.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You might feel that you know best, but it's not a good idea at this time to try to force your opinions on others. Best advice: Inspire change by example, not by intimidation.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Some setbacks could affect your plans to fortify your financial situation. But things start moving again by early next week. Meanwhile, enjoy your resurgent social life.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Show that often-hidden steely spine of yours as you once again stand up to an emotional bully. You've got the strength to do it, especially as friends rally to your side.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your ruling planet, Mercury, endows you with a gift for writing. Have you considered penning the world's greatest novel?

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## EVENTS CONT.

**THURSDAYS CONT. -**
held every Thursday night at the Gassetts Grange. Starts at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 5 p.m. Supper, raffle and 50/50 tickets are on sale. Come and join in. Call Donna at 802-591-4290 or you can call the hall at 802-875-1051. TFN

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

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

## HISTORIC SITES

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3-**
WALPOLE, N.H. – The Walpole Historical Society Museum and Gift Shop opens for the season on Saturday June 3, with two new exhibits in addition to the popular Louisa May Alcott exhibit. The main gallery offers a timeline of over 200 years of Walpole history. Another new exhibit "When They Were Young" features children's clothing from the 1800s to the 1960s. The gift shop offers books, colorful home accessories and fun items. Open hours are every Saturday through October 14, noon to 4 p.m., or by appointment. We are located at 32 Main St., Walpole, N. H. Call us at 603-756-3449.

## LIBRARIES

**THURSDAY, MAY 25-**
LUDLOW, Vt. –The Friends of Ludlow's Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main St., announce the selection for the book discussion on May 25, 7 p.m., is "The Circle" by Dave Eggers. A recent college graduate lands a job at a powerful technology company, the Circle, which she feels is the job of a lifetime. What begins as the captivating story of one woman's ambition and idealism soon becomes a heart-racing novel of suspense, raising questions about memory, history, privacy, democracy and the limits of human knowledge. The novel centers around the perils of the internet or the companies that control it. Books are available at the library.

**FRIDAY, MAY 26-**
LUDLOW, Vt. –Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main St., 3-4 p.m. for Reading with Oreo. School-age children are invited to read a story or two with Oreo the Reading Dog. Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email skrawczykvt@gmail.com to register for programs.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 31-**
CHESTER, Vt. – Wednesday, May 31 at 6 p.m., Whiting Library, 117 Main St. in Chester, presents speaker Michael Wanigasekera, a former Peace Corps Volunteer who served from 2013-2015 in Cambodia. The program is free and open to the public. Mr. Wanigasekera taught English, developed a school library, organized a basketball team, created a filter system for clean water for the village, and financed each of these projects with private donations that he raised in the United States. Mr. Wanigasekera now serves as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer in Springfield, Vt. For more information, call the library at 802-875-2277.

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

LUDLOW, Vt. –Fletcher Memorial Library, 88 Main St. for "Crafty Tuesdays" for kindergarten through grade six, 3-4 p.m. Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email skrawczykvt@gmail.com to register for programs. May 30, Soaring Dragons. Dragons are magical creatures that soar through the sky. Today we will make our own shimmering dragons that will fly!

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

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. TFN

**WEDNESDAYS –**
WESTON, Vt. - Come and enjoy a story hour with friends at the Wilder Memorial Library! 11 a.m.-noon. Call ahead to check, 802-824-4307. TFN

LUDLOW, Vt. – Weekly toddler and pre-school story time with a weekly theme, music, and activity. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Fletcher Memorial Library. Best suited for ages 5 and younger. Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email skrawczykvt@gmail.com to register for programs. TFN

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

**THURSDAYS**
ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Join the genealogy group at Rockingham Free Public Library every Thursday, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. when genealogy enthusiast Wayne Blanchard takes you on a quest to discover your family roots. If you own a laptop, please bring it along. Many free databases are available at the library. Beginners and seasoned genealogists are welcome. Free and open to the public. For details, call 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org or go to www.rockinghamlibrary.org. TFN

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

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

**WEEKLY-**
BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - The Brooks Memorial Library, 224 Main St, Brattleboro, has a display outside the children's room that explores the process of writing and illustrating the children's book, "Did Tiger Take the Rain?" by Bellows Falls author and artist C. W. Norris-Brown. The display will remain up until May 27. Hours are Monday through Wednesday 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Thursday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, visit http://brookslibraryvt.org/. 802-254-5290. TFN

## MEETINGS

**TUESDAYS-**
SPRINGFIELD, Vt.- The Steampunk Society event committee meeting at the Hartness House Inn at 6 p.m. located at 30 Orchard Street. TFN

**FOURTH FRIDAYS-**
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Monthly Coalition meetings Friday, May 26, June 23, 12-1:30 at Parks Place. Lunch and good company provided. TFN

## SUPPORT GROUPS

**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. TFN

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## pet of the week

Hi, my name is Zoey!

Are you looking for a pretty princess because I am definitely a princess! I am the sweetest girl, but I do need a few seconds to warm up completely. I am a 2-year-old Bull Mastiff/Staffordshire Terrier Mix. I came to the shelter because my family became homeless and could not keep me. I miss them bunches, but I know that they were doing best by me. I am excited to find a new family to call my own! I love people, but definitely have a sweet spot for my fellow females. I am housebroken and love to go for walks. I am a strong lady, so a front lead harness would be ideal for me.

My favorite pass time is car rides! I will be the best travel buddy there is-in cool weather of course. I have been around cats in my last home, so adding me to a feline friendly home with dog savvy cats would be OK. I also have been around children as young as 3 years old, but would be more comfortable living with kids 10+, as I am not fond of restraint. I have heard that kids like to hug, which I could easily confuse for restraint, so lets keep us all safe!

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**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. TFN

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. TFN

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

**THURSDAYS –**
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The bad news is that Vermont is close to the bottom in terms of college enrollment rates. While nearly 75 percent of high school seniors say they want to pursue postsecondary education, just 53-59 percent (depending on the survey) actually enroll. Not surprisingly, the gap is widest for students whose parents didn't attend college, students from low-income families, and students with disabilities.

Fifty years ago, if you received a high school degree, odds were that you could get a decent-job and make it into the middle class. But that has changed. While not all middle-class jobs in today's economy require a college degree or other forms of post-high school education, an increasing number do.

Moreover, the median worker with a bachelor's degree will earn almost $1 million more over their career than the median worker with a high school diploma (the figure is $360,000 for the median worker with an associate's degree).

Yet, while the U.S. once led the world in college graduation rates for young people, today we are in 11th place. We are falling further behind because the ever rising cost of college requires many students to take on a mountain of debt. This year, nearly 70 percent of graduating college students will have some debt, and the average debt exceeds $30,000. We are placing a very heavy burden on our young people, before they even apply for their first jobs.

In the richest country in the world, everyone who has the ability and the desire should be able to get a higher education. That is why I introduced the College for All Act, which would eliminate tuition and fees at public colleges and universities, and substantially reduce student debt.

But in Vermont, cost is not the only reason for low college enrollment rates. If you're the first person in your family to go to college, as my brother and I were, you might find yourself overwhelmed by the college application and financial aid process. There are hundreds of colleges out there. How do you find the one that is right for you? How do you get through the mountain of complicated financial aid forms? Once you are in college, how do you successfully fit into an environment which could be very different from home?

The U.S. Education Department funds some excellent programs in Vermont, like Upward Bound, Talent Search and GEAR UP. Over the years, these programs have been enormously successful in preparing students for college and providing support services so they stay enrolled and graduate.

But clearly, we must do more. I recently met with educators from across Vermont to identify ways to do just that. Here are a few of the conclusions that we reached.

First, we must let every child know from a young age – especially first generation and low-income Vermonters – that college is an option. Yes, even if your parents never went to college, or your family doesn't have a lot of money, you can get a higher education. Psychologically, many children develop a sense of whether or not they will go to college by the 7th grade, so we must start the conversation early. Something as simple as an annual field trip to a local college, and a talk with students on campus, can spark the imagination of young Vermonters.

Secondly, we must do a better job supporting school guidance counselors. Today, many school counselors are spending much of their time reacting to disruptive classroom situations rather than providing help to students who are struggling with the college admissions process. Some schools in Vermont do not even have a single full-time counselor.

Third, we have to make sure all students and parents understand federal and state financial aid options and have the help they need navigating the forms. Vermont ranks near the bottom in terms of the rate of kids from poor districts applying for financial aid versus kids in wealthier districts.

Fourth, we have to do better in letting our young people know about the excellent college options right here in Vermont, and there are many. Just one of many examples: I recently visited Vermont Technical College, and was surprised to learn that 100 percent of VTC graduates either go on to further learning or get jobs - with an average salary of $43,600 a year. I was even more surprised to hear that VTC is under-enrolled.

Like any complex problem, there is not one simple solution to our low college enrollment rate. But at a time when a college education is more important than ever, we must work together to solve this crisis.

*This article was written by Sen. Bernie Sanders.*


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