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**Senior Scoop: Black River Class of 2017**

BY AIYANA FORTIN  
*The Vermont Journal*

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Class of 2017 will be graduating in less than a month, and many have chosen to share their experiences, plans, and advice with the world, especially the underclassmen. Alex Barton, Bhavin Patel, Mason Staples, Cindy Briggs, and Holly Goodman will be sharing a bit about themselves this week.



Left: Mason Staples. Top l to r: Holly Goodman, Bhavin Patel. Bottom l to r: Cindy Briggs, Alex Barton.

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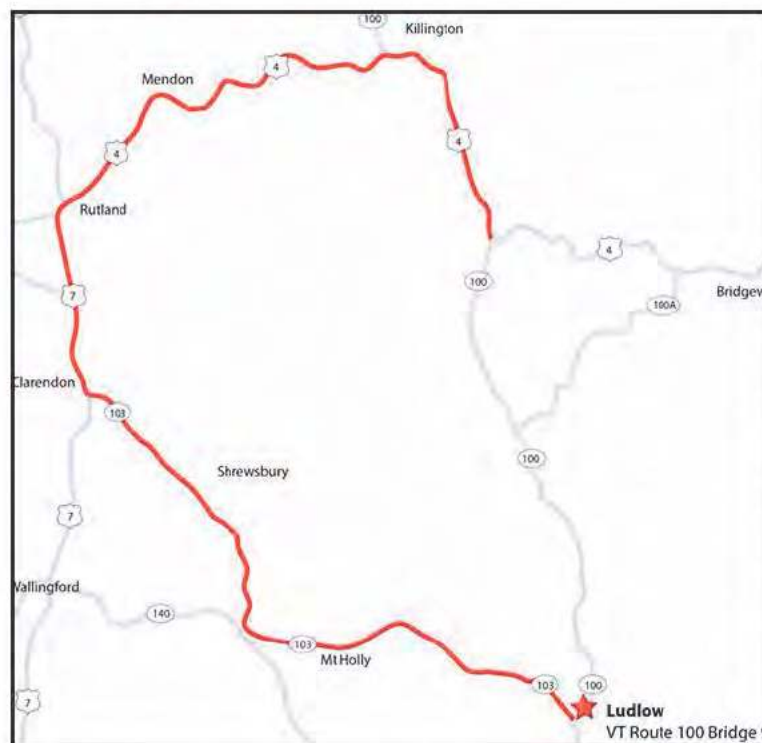
Alex Barton has been a very busy human being. She worked every weekend and vacation on Okemo, assembled and edited the yearbook with Holly Goodman and Ms. McCall, library-media specialist at Black River, served as co-president of Interact with Holly Goodman, and as president of the senior class. Alex also helped with the 6th grade class at Ludlow Elementary School for half the year and played varsity soccer, basketball, and softball. Currently, Alex suffers from senioritis, but has overcome every challenge with greater resolve to take on her next adventure. After graduation, she plans to study Elementary Education at High Point University in North Carolina. Her advice to the underclassmen is "Don't procrastinate. The more you procrastinate, the less time you have to enjoy life and the fun experiences are totally worth it."

Bhavin Patel's humor has only grown throughout his time at Black River. He'd introduce himself with a simple "Hey, how you doing," "insert handshake" but as soon as that was over, he'd promptly return to perfecting his favorite pastime -- napping. He's been napping all year and plans to continue to do so after graduation. He admits to suffering from the dreaded senioritis, which seems to have affected him all four years of high school, but looks forward to his time pursuing his passion at the University of Napitude with other like-minded individuals. His only advice for the incoming seniors and underclassmen is to not argue with

teachers. Mason Staples likes to keep it real with Kid Cudi and Pokemon, and isn't afraid to be himself. This year, he's proud of his work in his Film, TV, and Society class, where he produces videos on everything from current events to creative and goofy music videos. Outside of school, Mason's been working full-time at LaValley's Building Supply, where it is a new experience every day. He recently completed training required to operate a forklift. His advice to the underclassmen is to "do your work and have fun, don't stress on little

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**Bridge 99 closed for 10 days**



The 10-day bridge closure of Ludlow VT 100 Bridge 99 (over Branch Brook) began on Monday, May 15, 2017.

Bridge 99 will be closed for 10 days. Please follow the designated regional detour route utilizing VT 100, US 4, US 7, and VT 103, shown in the map.

Crews have begun demolishing portions of the existing structure in preparation for the installation of the precast concrete slabs. Installation of the concrete slabs is anticipated to begin midweek. Once the slabs are installed, the crews will begin grouting or filling the joints between the slabs with concrete mortar. Occasional night work is anticipated for next week.

VTrans will keep you informed of any changes to construction activities related to the Ludlow VT 100 Bridge 99 Project.

MAP PROVIDED BY VTRANS

On Monday, May 15 crews began removing concrete deck in prep for the new bridge. The Belden Company of Rutland, Vt. is the contractor.

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**Local unsigned detour route for small-medium sized vehicles:**

Commonwealth Ave. or Buttermilk Falls Road to Rod and Gun Club Road.  
NOTE: Large vehicles, RV's, boats, etc. are NOT permitted to take either of these routes.

**5k Girls on the Run**

CAVENDISH, Vt. - This past Saturday a fierce group of girls from Cavendish town Elementary School ran in the 5k Girls on the Run in Rutland Vt. These girls are in grades 3 through 6th and have trained for several months. The girls on the run program states,

"We inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running."

The girls have been meeting twice a week. They would have a snack, create goals, and do some running or walking. As each girl crossed the finish line on Saturday, they then hustled over to cheer on the rest of their team as well as every other runner! They are coached by Krissy Chambers, Christine Landon and Mrs. JEN.



Cavendish Elementary School girls recently ran in the 5k Girls on the Run. PHOTO PROVIDED

**Softball supports stroke awareness**

BY AIYANA FORTIN  
*The Vermont Journal*

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Black River Varsity Softball team's game against Proctor was played in support of Lora Miele, Tedy's Team, and stroke awareness. On Wednesday, May 10, stroke survivor Liz Hindinger and Assistant Coach Bud Trimboli, whose mother was impacted by stroke, tossed the first pitches. Sponsors for each of the players and coaches supported Miele in her efforts to fundraise thousands of dollars, and everyone was sponsored to wear a stroke awareness t-shirt. The girls' coach, Zoe Trimboli, helped with sponsorship and coordination.

Lora Miele has taken on a huge challenge, to raise \$10,000 in support of the American Heart Association, the American Stroke Association, Tedy's Team, and her friend Liz Hindinger, who suffered a stroke several years ago. During the last few months, Miele has raised over \$7,000 and has run hundreds of miles to prepare for the final 26.2-mile race, the Boston Marathon.

"This entire experience is hard to put into words. The support I have received from family, friends, other supporters of Liz and the community leaves me speechless. I thank all of those that have helped with this fundraising effort from the bottom of my heart! I knew this would be a huge task and to be more than halfway to

my goal is simply amazing! Both Liz and I feel blessed and fortunate to be able to support Tedy's Team and the American Stroke Association is such a big way!" said Miele.

Tedy's Team was founded by Tedy Bruschi, who suffered a stroke in February 2005 just after winning his third Super Bowl and returning from the Pro Bowl in Hawaii. He dedicated his life to fighting stroke and promoting stroke awareness. Together, runners have raised over 3.5 million dollars for stroke research, education, and awareness.

Miele's dedication to this cause would not be possible without the support of the community. She would like to personally thank all those who

sponsored the players and the event: Bruce & Lisa Schmidt, Lisa LeTourneau, Melissa Ryan, Tara Lichtensteiger, Mariel Meringolo, Suzy Buckley, Anne Gardner, Lindsey & Ellie Bickford, Patricia Rumrill, Peg Corso, Beth Oldenburg, Senor Bosco, Mairi Trimboli, and Go With the Flo Yoga.

Miele is honored to have continued her involvement with Tedy's Team for this season, and she recently ran the Boston Marathon in April, with the support of her generous community. "It's your way of running with me," she said. She hopes to continue her support of stroke survivors next season, and with the support of her community, she's already halfway there.



L to R Assistant Coach Bud Trimboli, marathon runner Lora Miele, and Coach Zoe Trimboli, a coach of the BR girl's softball team and supporter of Lora and her fundraising efforts.

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**Pleasant St. Bridge is now open with final touches**

On Tuesday, May 9, crews worked on installing guardrails on the Pleasant Street Bridge. The bridge is now open to traffic, possibly one lane, as crews finish the final touches.

PHOTO BY DONALD DILL



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# BR student in the 90th Vermont All-State Festival Choir

BY AIYANA FORTIN

The Vermont Journal

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - With great honor and prestige, the Vermont All-State Music Festival has been offering incredible opportunities to talented musicians for over 90 years, the longest All-State in the nation. Between the marching band, jazz band, concert band, orchestra, and choir, the host school and surrounding town welcome more than 400 students and their educators for an annual four-day festival of music. This year, the festival was hosted by Brattleboro Union High School from May 10-13.

Black River senior Aiyana Fortin auditioned and was selected to perform in the All-State chorus, for the fourth year in a row. As an Alto II, she was honored to perform in this select ensemble with 240 other talented mu-

sicians, even though this was her last All-State performance.

The festival was planned a year in advance by Steffen Parker, who has been the festival director for more years than he'd like to admit, his assistant festival director Denis Lambert, and BUHS hosts Steve Rice and Patty Meyers, who coordinated housing for over 400 students with volunteer host families in the Brattleboro area. In addition to these two individuals, countless ensemble managers, teachers, instructors, and other volunteers made this festival possible, with several concerts over the four days, all showcasing amazing talent, preparation, dedication, and musicianship.

The first performance of the weekend was the All-State Parade, featuring thirteen regional schools. The scholarship concert on Thursday night celebrated the achievements of

several individuals, in the percussion, piano, string, voice, woodwind, brass, and composition categories.

The jazz band filled the auditorium with incredible music on Friday night, beginning with a scholarship performance by Remi Savard on the piano. Accompanied by Eleanor Braun on bass and Wilson Knight on the drums, he performed "Stolen Moments" and "Autumn Leaves." The Jazz Ensemble then performed "Oblivion" by Astor Piazzolla, "Vine Street Rumble" by Bennie Carter, "Three Blind Mice," "Snabor," and "Festival Time in the Ville." They concluded the concert with "You Go To My Head," by J. Fred Coots and Haven Gillespie.

Dr. Chris Oberholtzer, Jazz Ensemble Director, studied at the University of Southern Maine, Gorham, Indiana University, Bloomington, and completed his Doctor of Arts

degree at the University of Southern Colorado, Greeley. Dr. Oberholtzer is currently the Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Southern Maine and loves to serve as a guest artist for ensembles throughout the country.

On Saturday, the All-State Choir, directed by Dr. Peggy Dettwiler, performed a unique selection. Over 240 voices united in the performances of "Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound" by George Frideric Handel, "Good Timber Grows," based on a poem and arranged by Roger Emerson, and "Three Madrigals," a selection based on Shakespearean text in three movements, "O Mistress Mine, Where Are You Roaming?" "Take, O Take Those Lips Away," and "Sigh No More Ladies, Sigh No More." Savannah Yates from U-32 High School, soloist, began the next piece, "Soon Ah Will Be Done Wi' de Troubles of Dis Worl,"

an African spiritual arranged by Diana Loomer. The choir concluded their performance with "Bridge Over Troubled Water," by Paul Simon, arranged by Kirby Shaw.

Dr. Peggy Dettwiler studied at the University of Wisconsin, the University of Texas at San Antonio, and earned her Doctor of Music Arts degree from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. Dr. Dettwiler currently serves as Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Mansfield University, where she conducts the Concert Choir, Festival Chorus, and Chamber Singers. The Mansfield University Concert Choir has been invited for twenty consecutive years to perform at state, regional, national, and international choral conventions, and Dettwiler has won nine gold medals and several prizes in international

competitions. The choir was accompanied by Claire Black, a pianist, educator, singer, and dedicated performer.

The Concert Band performed four numbers, "Chorale and Alleluia" by Howard Hanson, "Der Traum des Oengus (The Dream of the Oenghum), Part 1" by Rolf Rudin, and "American Guernica," by Adolphus Hailstork. They concluded their performance with "Landscapes" by Rossano Galante.

The Concert Band was directed by Dr. Cynthia Johnston Turner, the Director of Bands, Professor of Music, Area Chair of Conducting, and Artistic Director of Rote Hund Musik at the Hodgson School of Music at the University of Georgia.

The Orchestra performed

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## BRGNS spring rummage sale

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

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

been stockpiling good quality items for several months and will have something for everyone," said Audrey Bridge, executive director of the organization. "We will have the tables piled high and the prices marked low. We can always use more merchandise, but we can also use volunteers to help set up and staff the sale, and lots of people to donate baked goods for the bake sale. New this year, we will have a grille set up and lunch items available for customer purchase including hot dogs, hamburgers and maybe more."

Black River Good Neighbor Ser-

vices holds a spring and a fall rummage sale each year to sell gently used items donated by the community. Proceeds from the sale are used to purchase food for the food shelf or are used for financial assistance programs in the community. BRGNS also runs a thrift store at 37B Main Street in Ludlow - behind the Ludlow Community Center. Its programs serve Ludlow, Cavendish, Mount Holly and Plymouth.

For more information or to volunteer, please call Audrey Bridge at 802-228-3663.

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## Black River school wide showcase

LUDLOW, Vt. - On Wednesday, May 24 is the Black River school wide showcase. At 1:15 p.m. will be the underclassmen awards ceremony, from 2 - 3 p.m. is the school wide showcase of student work and projects. 3 - 5 p.m. will be the science fair and judges are welcome.

## SENIORS

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childish things, and remember: being weird is being different, and being different sets you apart from the rest."

Cindy Briggs has been quite busy this year, studying biology, forensic psychology, and the environment. At the River Valley Technical Center, she's taking Human Services Level II. During the week, Cindy and a friend job shadow and help out at the World of Discovery Daycare Center in Springfield, where she hopes to work after graduation. Cindy plans to continue her education at the Community College of Vermont, starting with some classes in Rutland and Springfield, and deciding later what she is most interested in. To the class of 2018, Cindy warns them to beware of senioritis and to try to find their place and move forward with new responsibilities and bigger dreams. Cindy encourages the underclassmen to take the time to find themselves, even if they feel like they don't fit in. It's more than worth it.

Holly Goodman has spent most of her senior year in the art room, and she's had a phenomenal time exploring her passion, creating art through drawing, painting, sewing, crafting, ceramics, and also mentoring others. After graduation, Holly plans to work at her family's restaurant, and hopes to intern at the Fletcher Farms Art School, where she will learn and work alongside a small community of art teachers and staff. In the fall, Holly will be attending Green Mountain College in Poultney, where she plans to double major in Art and Education, while also studying sustainability so she can incorporate those ideas into future curriculum to enhance her students' understanding of and appreciation for the environment. Holly advises underclassmen to stay true to themselves. "Figure out what things are most important to you and make it a priority to do them. It's your job to create your own happiness; nobody can do it for you. So get out there and do what makes you happy!"

These five seniors have worked hard to earn their knowledge, friendships, and varied experiences. They hope to continue to better themselves and expand their world in the future, with the loving support of their family and friends.

### PROM TIPS

1. Talk with your child and calmly explain your feelings about him/her drinking alcohol or using illicit drugs, including marijuana.
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3. Give your children the unconditional option of calling you at any time if he or she needs a safe ride home or for help or advice.
4. Know who is driving - encourage seat belt use.
5. Communicate your concerns to other parent's and school officials.
6. Stay up for your Prom-Goers return home.
7. Encourage healthy alternatives to alcohol use.
8. Strongly encourage your Prom-Goer to attend BRACC's 12th Annual After-Prom Event at Okemo Mountain's Solitude Recreation Center.

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# Big Eyes Bakery welcomed into Ludlow Rotary Club

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) initiated its new business membership policy at its recent luncheon meeting at DJ's Restaurant by welcoming the Big Eye Bakery of Ludlow into the club. This new membership procedure permits area businesses to become members of the Ludlow Rotary and Rotary International so that multiple representatives of the business may participate in the club's activities and luncheon meetings. Business members share essentially the same privileges as individual members.

By virtue of his new membership, Paul and bakery co-owner and wife, Brigid, will share membership privileges in the Rotary. For more information about the business membership procedure, contact Tesha Buss at teshabuss@gmail.com. LRC meets for lunch on most Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. at DJ's Restaurant. The LRC is small and is always looking to welcome new members. If you would like to



Left to right, are Paul Faenza of Big Eyes Bakery; Tesha Buss, club President; Carol Cole, the District Assistant Governor; and Glenn Heitsmith, sponsoring Rotary member as they award Paul the membership certificate to the Ludlow Rotary Club and Rotary International.

PHOTO PROVIDED

attend a meeting and learn how you may 'Serve Humanity' while enjoying the fellowship of others, please con-

tact any Rotarian or drop a note to Ludlow Rotary, PO Box 216, Ludlow, VT.

# Retailers recognized for alcohol awareness month

REGION - During April 2017, communities across Vermont joined together to focus on underage drinking and its effect on individuals, families and communities. Windsor County Prevention Partners and ParentUp, an initiative of the Vermont Department of Health, believe that early education about alcoholism and addiction is a necessary component in keeping kids healthy.

Retailers throughout Windsor County were recently recognized for passing Vermont Department of Liquor Control compliance checks. Windsor Area Community Partner-

ship member, Amy McMullen and Windsor County Prevention Partners coordinator, Courtney Hillhouse presented Retailer Recognition certificates to Windsor retailers: Cumberland Farms, Rite Aid, Price Chopper, and The Cheese Board.

When asked about the importance of keeping alcohol out of the hands of youth, McMullen states, "Brain science tells us how harmful alcohol can be to adolescent brain development. The older a person is before the first encounter with alcohol, the better chance the person has for healthy development. All adults owe our

youth the opportunity for healthy life choices. Recognizing retailers for passing compliance checks is one of many ways to promote a healthy, pro-youth community."

A study conducted by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, shows that retailers complying with identification checking of alcohol purchasing customers help to make alcohol less accessible to minors, thus impacting youth underage drinking rates. Windsor County Prevention Partners (WCPP) engage in Retailer Recognition initiatives as a way to let the

# May Okemo Valley Chamber corner news

LUDLOW, Vt. - We have a busy summer lined up. Firstly is a free hands-on workshop to learn how to sell your products online on the Chambers Mall. Everyone is invited to drop in to Newsbank Conference Center in Chester on Friday, June 9 from 10-4 p.m. Bring your computer.

Our next chamber mixer is at Engel & Volkers in Ludlow from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

We are having a new event this year called Restaurant Week(s). Buy your pass for at the chamber office and it will allow you to visit the following restaurants and experience a 3-course meal for \$25.00

- Sunday, June 18: Hartness House
- Monday, June 19: Mr. Darcy's Tavern
- Tuesday, June 20: Coleman Brook Tavern
- Wednesday, June 21: Homestyle Hostel
- Thursday, June 22: Stone Hearth Inn

- Sunday, June 25: The Chophouse
- Monday, June 26: Fullerton Inn
- Tuesday, June 27: Inn at Weston
- Wednesday, June 28: The Killarney
- Thursday, June 29: Echo Lake Inn
- July 8 & 9 is our Buy Local/Eat Local Festival in the field next to Mr. Darcy's on Route 103 in Ludlow. Free and open to the public. Still looking for vendors. Call the Chamber office if you would like to be a vendor. Satin & Steel band will be playing on Saturday from 12 - 3 p.m. and Jamie Ward on Sunday from 12 - 3 p.m.

August 25 is our Okemo Valley Cruise in at Benson's Chevrolet in Ludlow from 5-8 p.m. Music, food, early registration sign ups will be

available. August 26 Okemo Valley Antique & Classic Car/Truck Show at Fletcher Farm School for the Arts and Crafts, sponsored by Springfield Buick GMC and Weston VT.

Show is Saturday from 10 - 3 p.m. followed by a parade to Weston. In Weston, you will be able to see the cars, shop, eat, and see a play at the Weston Playhouse.

On Sunday, August 27 the show is 10 - 2 p.m. with awards presentation at 2 p.m.

Golfers: Save the date on September 12 is our golf tournament at Okemo Valley Golf Club and all are welcomed to play.

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Notice is hereby given in accord with 32 V.S.A. 4111 that the undersigned Listers within and for the Town of Plymouth have this day, May 16th, 2017 completed the abstract of individuals lists (abstract) of property owners as of the first day of April 2017.

The Listers have this same day lodged the abstract in the office of the clerk for the inspection of taxpayers.

On the day of June 1st, 2017 from 9am to 4pm by appointment the Listers will meet at Plymouth Town Hall to hear appeals of taxpayers aggrieved by action of the Listers from whom timely grievances have been received.

To be timely, such grievance must be in writing and received (postmarks not accepted) by the close of business on the 30th day of May 2017.

At the close of grievance hearings, the Listers shall make such corrections in the abstract as were determined upon hearing or otherwise.

Board of Listers  
Tom Marrone, Chair  
Michelle Pingree  
Richard North

# Chester fishing derby

BY RON PATCH

The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. - The Annual Chester Rod & Gun Club's fishing derby was held this past Saturday, May 13, at the Chester reservoir. The Rod & Gun Club does a wonderful job with the fishing derby every year. The day before the derby the Fish & Game

Department stocked the reservoir to make sure the kids caught trout. Not only were trout caught but a few anglers caught perch as well.

The Rod & Gun Club awarded prizes for the first fish caught, the largest fish and the most fish caught. Rods and reels, tackle boxes and other fishing equipment were prizes this year.

I've been covering this event for sev-

eral years now. It's a lot of fun to watch these kids learning to fish. They don't care what they catch as long as they catch fish. Smiles were abundant as was excitement.

Some of these kids I have seen in previous years. All are with parents or grandparents. It's a great way to spend quality time with your kids. The forecasted rain held off until later in the

day. All in all it was a great day.

See photos with this article at [www.VermontJournal.com](http://www.VermontJournal.com)

### Human impact project showcase

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - How do humans impact the earth's systems? Please come see the gallery of wonderful projects that the Flood Brook Middle School students have created on the topics of: water scarcity, overpopulation, animal extinction, food scarcity, deforestation, air pollution. Each room will address these issues in a different part of the world. Event is Friday, May 19 from 1:30 - 2:15 p.m. at the school.

# CHOIR

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"Symphony No. 9 In E-flat (Opus 70)" by Dmitri Shostakovich, in five movements, Allegro, Moderato, Presto, Largo, and Allegretto. The Orchestra was conducted by Victoria Gau, whose "strong sense of style and drama" and her "enthusiastic and perceptive conducting" (The Washington Post) express her experience and expertise in her work. Gau is the Associate Conductor and Director of Education for the National Philharmonic, Artistic Director and Conductor of the Capital City Symphony, and Co-founder and Artistic Director of a new professional string orchestra, the Takoma Ensemble.

All-State came to a close on Saturday afternoon as musicians returned home to family and friends, with melodies and harmonies echoing through their

minds and lyrics on the tips of their tongues. Each musician brought their experience back to their high school

ensembles and will carry it with them throughout the rest of their lives.

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# New protections for pregnant workers

REGION - A law just passed in Vermont that will provide protections for employees experiencing healthy, uncomplicated pregnancies who need workplace accommodations such as having access to water, access to a chair, longer or more frequent restroom breaks, or avoiding heavy lifting.

"Everyone benefits from laws that support a fair work-family balance," said Vermont Attorney General TJ Donovan, whose office will enforce the new law in the private sector. "For decades, Vermont employers have been doing a great job accommodating workers with disabilities. Applying that same positive mindset to helping out expectant or new mothers makes sense and is the right thing to do."

Vermont joins nineteen other

states (including Washington, D.C.) in passing similar legislation, and currently, at least seven states have similar bills pending.

Advocates for maternal and child health were in full support of this protection. "Reasonable accommodations in the workplace for pregnancy, or a pregnancy-related condition, enable moms-to-be and new moms to stay at work. The March of Dimes is very pleased that Vermont lawmakers have supported this important legislation," said Abby Rogers, March of Dimes Director of Advocacy and Government Relations for the Northeast Region.

Under this new law, Vermont employers must provide reasonable accommodations to workers with pregnancy-related conditions, unless the accommodation imposes an

undue hardship on the business. A worker's pregnancy-related condition does not need to rise to the level of a disability in order for the employer to accommodate them.

"Three-quarters of women entering the workforce will be pregnant and employed at some point in their lives. The majority of pregnant women in Vermont are employed during their pregnancies, and the majority of those pregnancies are healthy and uncomplicated," stated Cary Brown, Executive Director of the Vermont Commission on Women. "Sometimes a simple accommodation can make the difference between being able to continue working and having to take time off, and the strength of Vermont's economy depends on women's ability to remain in their jobs and support their families."

Lead sponsor of this legislation, Representative George Till, of Jericho, an OB/GYN physician, commented, "In providing prenatal care to thousands of Vermont women over the years, I have seen far too many pregnant women for whom an employer would not make a reasonable accommodation. I've seen people fired for asking for a completely reasonable accommodation. I've seen people too afraid to ask for an accommodation because they feared losing their job just for asking. I look forward to telling these women that Vermont law now protects them."

Vermont Commission on Women is a non-partisan state commission working to advance rights and opportunities for women and girls. For more information, please visit [women.vermont.gov](http://women.vermont.gov).



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## Red Sox raffle 2017 —



Boston Red Sox raffle tickets support the Episcopal Church in Proctorsville. STOCK PHOTO

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in Proctorsville. The drawing will be on July 15 at the church. The tickets are available at the church on Depot St. during their yard sale on May 27, or Sunday mornings. They will also be available at Greven Field on game days or calling Barbara Dickey 802-226-7187 or Mary Springer 802-484-7431.



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## Stephanie Thompson and Elyse Crossman are recognized for their community contributions

REGION - Stephanie Thompson of the Springfield Prevention Coalition and Elyse Crossman of the Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce are two of the 11 young leaders that will be recognized for their contributions to the Upper Valley by Vital Communities at the sixth annual Heroes & Leaders Celebration on Wednesday, May 24, at the Quechee Club in

Quechee, Vt. The annual dinner, which benefits the Leadership Upper Valley program of Vital Communities, honors community members who have made significant positive impacts in the region.

"The young leaders we're honoring this year are passionate about building the Upper Valley community—and their accomplishments are truly inspiring," said Vital Communities

Executive Director Tom Roberts. "From addressing the region's opiate epidemic, to bringing aquaponics into schools nationwide, to strengthening the local economy, these young leaders represent a range of approaches toward a common goal: community. We're so pleased to recognize these eleven and know there are many more young leaders making our region a better place to live,

work, and play every day." Attorney Markell Ripps, Board member and past chair of Upper Valley Young Professionals and a Vital Communities board member and graduate of Leadership Upper Valley, will provide closing remarks for the evening. A limited number of tickets are still available. Learn more and reserve seats at [VitalCommunities.org/HeroesAndLeaders](http://VitalCommunities.org/HeroesAndLeaders).

## Start talking about retirement

REGION - If you ask people what creates stress in their lives, money is often at the top of the list. Stress in America: Paying With Our Health found money was a somewhat or a very significant source of stress in the lives of 64 percent of Americans, primarily parents, younger generations, women, and lower-income households:

"Significant sources of money-related stress reported by Americans include paying for unexpected expenses (54 percent said very or somewhat significant), paying for essentials (44 percent said very or somewhat significant) and saving for retirement (44 percent said very or somewhat significant)."

In many cases financial stressors are exacerbated by a lack of communication. After examining the answers of 1,800 Americans who are in relationships, NerdWallet.com determined lack of communication, in tandem with a failure to save and too-conservative investment choices, has contributed to many couples'

lack of retirement readiness:

"It's fun to think about what the future may hold - to a point. Three out of four (76 percent) Americans in a relationship where at least one partner is saving for retirement say they've discussed general retirement planning issues, such as at what age they want to retire, where they want to live, and what they want to do. But, the conversation seems to trail off when it comes to calculating the specifics."

In other words, we tend to skim the surface when talking about retirement and never delve deeply enough into the topic to develop an actual plan that will help make retirement a reality. For instance, do you know how much your spouse/partner is setting aside for retirement? Does he or she know how much you're saving? NerdWallet.com and the 2016 Retirement Confidence Survey (by Employee Benefit Research Institute) found:

- 21 percent of Americans have no idea how much their spouse/partner has saved for retirement.
- 21 percent of Americans have not told their spouse/partner how much they have saved for retirement.
- 43 percent of Americans don't consult with their spouse/partner before making trading decisions.

- 52 percent of Americans have not determined how much they need to save to retire comfortably.

America may be the home of the brave but we're not very courageous when it comes to talking about finances. Last year, Time Magazine reported, "Most Americans would rather have a talk about the birds and the bees than any conversation related to finances."4 If you're one of them, and a life goal is retiring comfortably, then you need to reconsider your position.

Americans actually talk about money a lot in general conversation. Think about it. How many times have you talked about tuition, the cost of food or gas, income, interest rates, taxes, the economy, stocks, banking, loans, or a similar topic? People talk about money all the time. However, when the conversation turns to specifics, they often get uncomfortable.

Even if conversations about money trigger discomfort, it's important for couples to have them. It can help to set some ground rules. For example, you may want to:

- Share a list of discussion points
- Sit together without any distractions, such as smart phones or televisions
- Let each person speak for a specific period of time (two to three

minutes)

- No one should use blaming language or name calling (focus on 'I' statements rather than 'you' statements)

- Listen and share your understanding of what's being said

- If tempers flare, take a break

The goals of the conversation, and it may take several conversations to reach these goals, are to develop a shared vision for retirement and a plan for achieving it. You'll need to talk about how much you have saved already, how much you need to save (this may require you to examine spending patterns and identify ways to save), how you want to invest those savings, the sources of income you'll have during retirement (Social Security, pensions, etc.), and when and how you'll generate income during retirement.

If discussing money is an issue, then engaging a neutral third party to lead the discussion may help. A good candidate is your financial advisor, particularly if he or she has experience with retirement planning.

Once you have set goals and expectations for retirement, determined how much money will be needed, shared how much money you are saving, learned how much your spouse or partner is saving, and talked about how your savings are invested, you can work with your financial advisor to develop a retirement plan. Remember, having a plan is not enough. You must implement the plan to reach your goals!

This article was written by Kevin Theissen, Principal and Financial Advisor with Skygate Financial Group in Ludlow. [www.skygatefinancial.com](http://www.skygatefinancial.com)

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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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## Remembering Veontha White

Back in March I was contacted by Ken and Karen Dion of Connecticut. Karen had questions about paintings she found in Ken's sister's house in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Ken's sister, Joanne Adams, had passed away last June and the Dions were cleaning out Joanne's house.

Karen told me they found some Veontha White paintings and Irina Ohl paintings in Joanne's home. Both Veontha and Irina were Chester artists. It seems Joanne had visited Chester several times and purchased these paintings directly from the artists.

The Dions were happy to donate these paintings to the Chester Historical Society when I explained we didn't own any Veontha or Irina paintings. Steve Lavoie and I met the Dions May 6 at the historical society. They were pleased to have these paintings where they could be appreciated.

The subject of this article is Veontha Ward Cook White. Much of the information for this story was provided by Melody Cassista, Veontha's daughter.

Veontha Pauline Ward was born in North Poultney, Vermont in 1917. Veontha's roots run deep in Vermont. The Wards were original settlers in Poultney about 1775.

Veontha was educated at the Troy Conference Academy in Poultney, which later became Green Mountain College, where she had a couple semesters in art classes. It was here that she studied piano with Helen Hosford Bixby Kilborn. Her higher education was at Castleton Normal School, which is now Castleton University.

She began teaching all eight grades in a one-room schoolhouse in Poultney. From there she taught in public schools in Cavendish and Proctorsville, Vt.

Veontha was a pianist, associate church organist and gave piano lessons for over 30 years. She played the trombone in the Chester Brass Quintet, the Grafton Coronet Band and played in several Weston Playhouse productions.

With her first husband, Winston Cook, she started an oil business on High Street in Chester and raised three children, Melody, Milan and



Veontha White, Sugarhouse in Autumn.

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Ken Cook. I grew up on High Street and knew the family well. Melody married Jon Cassista, also of High Street. I knew the Cassista family equally as well.

Veontha comes from a long line of artists including her grandmother and aunt. She began painting in 1968 in a group of outdoor lessons at the Chester Art Guild, at that time located at the old grist mill in the Depot. She shared her artistic passion with local school children giving demonstrations in oil and her palette techniques.

Veontha exhibited in both juried shows and solo shows around New England. Her love for Vermont is seen in all of her works. She painted outdoor scenes of brooks, meadows, mountains and farm buildings. These were the scenes that she could best relate to as a Vermonter. She also painted a few winter scenes. In the Dion donation is one of her winter scenes.

She was chairman of the Chester Art Guild and a member of Southern Vermont Art Center in Manchester, Saxtons River Art Guild, West River Artists, Inc. of Weston, Chaffee Art Center in Rutland, and Springfield Art and Historical Center. Veontha was also a member of Mizpah Chapter No. 40 of the Eastern Star in Chester.

Veontha received many awards in

local shows and galleries and in 1974 took First Place in the Fine Arts Division of "Vermont Mother of the Year."

As I mentioned before, I knew Veontha and her family well. At least twice a day I would ride my bike or walk past her house. I remember on summer days hearing the piano as I passed by. Those of us who knew her are fortunate. Those that did not know her can gain insight through her paintings.

Veontha's Guiding Light: Written in her own words, "Each of us is a child of God, infused with a bit of the Divine. If that special spark happens to be in the artistic realm, we are admonished to develop and share that gift - thereby enriching the lives of those around us, and indeed, all mankind."

The photo with this article is one of the paintings donated to the historical society by the Dions. It is one of the nicest Veontha paintings I have seen.

The next meeting of the Chester Historical Society is Thursday, May 25, at 7 p.m. at the Academy Building. The monthly slideshow will include both Veontha White and the Irina Ohl paintings recently donated by the Dions.

There is a rumor about that I am not a Chester native but from New Jersey. Ayuh.

## The Power of Water, Part II

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - On Wednesday, May 24 at 6:30 p.m., Chris Glennon of the Bellows Falls Historical Society will give a presentation at Rockingham Library on The Power of Water, Part II specifically focusing on the period from 1850 -1900. During this time, a new mode of transportation, the railroad, was coming to Bellows Falls. The engineering blueprints for the rail-

road tunnel had been drawn up. The idea of Bellows Falls becoming an important railroad hub was taking off. In addition, the presence of the canal, an inexpensive water power source, the lumber and paper industries (existent and coming), and Bellows Falls' "Under the Hill" location prompted an industry explosion. And behind this growth lies the powerful enchantress - the Connecticut River, the draw of water with all her charms

for opportunity for the adventurous. An exhibit about the former mills of Bellows Falls will be on display as well. This free & open to the public program is the second in a two-part series on The Power of Water. For more information, call 802-463-4270, email programming@rockinghamlibrary.org, visit www.rockinghamlibrary.org, or stop by the Library at 65 Westminster St.

## History beyond Ethan Allen

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - On Wednesday, April 19, State Historic Preservation Officer Laura Trieschmann spent the day in Bellows Falls. She was invited by Robert McBride, Director of the Rockingham Arts and Museum Project (RAMP) to tour Bellows Falls to view the Connecticut River petroglyphs, Vilas Bridge, Robertson Paper Mill, Waypoint Center and on overview of downtown neighborhoods. The tour was followed by a roundtable brown bag discussion and downtown walking tour.

The conversation touched on many areas of interest from Certified Local Government (CLG) funding to the importance of paper document preservation during natural disasters such as Hurricane Irene in 2011. The topic of roadside markers created a lively conversation which caused local historian John Leppman to comment, "The verbosity of roadside markers is inversely proportional to the significance of the historic places they are in."

Trieschmann reflected on the notion that the recent past can be as important historically as the Civil War era. "We need to move beyond Ethan Allen here in Vt. A lot of history remains to be told and we need to gather this information while we can still celebrate it, creating an inventory while the players are here to tell their stories."

In particular she was referring to a new National Parks Service Northeast Region initiative identifying historically significant properties related to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) history in Vt.

Trieschmann shared that a marker has been erected between the State House and the Supreme Court in Montpelier to commemorate these equality milestones. But a key reason for her visit to Bellows Falls was to learn more about the Andrew's Inn, which served as a travel destination for gay men and women, from as far away as New York and Boston to find safety and acceptance during the 70s and 80s. The Inn was located in the former Windham Hotel, now home to Popolo Restaurant.

HB Lozito, Executive Director of

Green Mountain Crossroads, has been working on the Andrew's Inn Oral History Project since 2015, gathering the stories of men and women who experienced the Andrew's Inn firsthand. According to Lozito, "When you think about it, Vermont has been a leader in the LGBTQ movement. This building is really important. What happened here is important and the history is in danger of being erased. The Andrew's Inn was the only place of its kind."

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Expect surprises. Everything is in as-found condition. This is a tag sale, not an auction.

## State historic sites opening soon

REGION - Many Vermont State-owned Historic Sites will be opening on May 27; two in our region are the President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site in Plymouth and Old Constitution House in Windsor. For special events information: <http://historicsites.vermont.gov/events>. Join the Vermont State Historic Sites on Facebook.

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# Letters to the editor cont.

Dear Editor,

The RK Remembers team, for Relay for Life wants to put out a very grateful thank-you to all the donors for the prizes that you were so very kind and generous to donate for our Benefit Bingo last Tuesday evening, May 9.

We had a Wonderful turnout and a fun night. We made for the Cancer

Society an amazing \$1,147.75 and we are so thankful for all the donations and to everyone that came out to help us help fight cancer. It is appreciated and we love you all.

Thank you,  
RK Remembers Team!

Dear Editor,

The parents of the Project Graduation Committee for the Black River High School 2017 seniors would like to thank Ludlow American Legion Post 36 for hosting a Texas Hold'em and the Vermont Journal for advertising the event. Also, we would like to thank the Rotary Penny Sale for allowing us to have a food table at their event. The two events have helped us raise just over \$800 to go towards Project Graduation, which

is an event the parents throw for the graduating senior class that is drug and alcohol free. Anyone who would like to donate write a check to Project Graduation and send it to Black River High School. Thanks for supporting our seniors.

Sincerely,  
The Project Graduation Committee, Susan Barton (chair)

Dear Editor,

The families of Charlotte Jameison Edgar would like to thank the following for bringing together a beautiful memorial service on Friday, May 5:

Reverend William Freeman for the generosity of his talents and personal insight, in his commemorative sermon, the musicians Julane, Judy, Kristen, and Olivia, Nancy Davis and Stephanie Rowe for their planning in the preparation of the Unitarian Church, along with assisting that day, Cheryl and Diane at Ches-

ter Flowers for their stunning dual arrangements that were so appropriate in Charlotte's remembrance, a poignant keepsake and consolation for her twin brother.

In addition, the Fullerton Inn for their great buffet and atmosphere, and tribute Artistry Monuments and Jeff and Kirby from the Town of Chester for their professional detail at North Street Cemetery.

With thanks,  
Nancy, Don, Laurie, and Caroline

Dear Editor,

May is Foster Care Month, a time to celebrate the hundreds of foster and kinship foster families in Vermont who provide safe, nurturing homes for children while they can't be at home. It is with deep appreciation that the Family Services Division of the Department for Children and Families thanks them for their gen-

erosity, caring, and willingness to "answer the call," no matter when it comes.

Thank you for all you do to keep children safe, support parents, and help families stay connected! You help us keep local kids local by opening your hearts and homes to children in need. Without you, children would have to live outside of their communities and away from all that's familiar.

We'd like to take this opportunity to let you know about our need for more foster families for children of all ages and experiences, including:

Infants, toddlers and teens, siblings who want to stay together, children with complex medical needs, LGBTQ youth, teens transitioning from foster care to living on their own.

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For more information about becoming a foster parent or respite provider, please contact at 802.257.2888 or visit us at [www.fostercare.vt.gov](http://www.fostercare.vt.gov).

Sincerely,  
Michelle Colburn  
Resource Coordinator  
DCF, Family Services  
Battleboro District Office

Dear Editor,

Consolidation does not equal savings

ACT 153, which encouraged but did not mandate school district consolidation was passed by the legislature in 2009 (taking effect in 2010). It was promoted as a way to save large amounts of money, create efficiency and improve our educational system "for the children." ACT 46, which goes further by mandating consolidation and is currently being implemented in our towns, was sold with the same bold claims.

Here's some experience from my area that might shed some light on what we can actually expect to result from consolidated school districts...

In 2011, Windsor Southwest Supervisory Union (WSWSU) had an average of 1000 students in four schools and a total budget of \$1,649,536. This was just prior to the act 153 state mandates that took Financial Services, Special Education and Transportation away from locally controlled school boards and put them under the purview of the Supervisory Unions (S.U.).

In 2012-13, WSWSU and Rutland Windsor South S.U. came together to form a new Two Rivers Supervisory Union (TRSU) through the ACT 153 merger law. Today, TRSU has a total enrollment of about that same 1000 students, though now encompassing six schools: Green Mountain Union HS, Cavendish Town Elementary School, CAES, Mount Holly, Black River HS and Ludlow Elementary School. (During the merger, WSWSU's Flood Brook Union School left to join another new Regional Educational District connected to Manchester, Vermont.)

Let's compare budgets. Remember the 2011 budget for WSWSU's 1000 kids was \$1,649,536. Today, the total budget for FY 2016 at TRSU — the same number of kids, albeit for two more physical schools — is \$5,352,093.

Now, the massive increase in the S.U. budget can be partially

explained by the cost shift of services from locally controlled schools to the Supervisory Unions. But, given that shift, you would think there would be a corresponding decrease in the budgets of the local schools. This is not the case. The budgets of these schools are either staying close to level funded or they are increasing by a few percentage points.

Savings? No. Not at all. An examination of fiscal services (accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll) offers one example of the difficulty of finding efficiency in centralizing and consolidating school services.

In 2011, Cavendish Town Elementary School was the last hold out, doing their financial services "in house" rather than outsourcing to the S.U. The cost per student for financial services was \$224.06. CTES was using a local control, decentralized, distributive power model of doing business. But today, TRSU is spending \$431.72 per student — nearly double what it was when done locally. This is the new consolidated and centralized model of doing business!

One could easily jump the gun and blame school board members and administrators for the absence of cost savings, but not so fast! School boards are told quite clearly, by highly paid, "expert" consultants that they must comply with the edicts coming out of the Vermont Agency of Education. These edicts have the full force of law as enacted by the legislature and signed by the governor and they cost money.

So what we are seeing is a loss of local control regarding how to spend money efficiently as it is shifted away from local boards to the S.U. — another level of expanded bureaucracy — while spending is being driven higher by an even further removed central authority in Montpelier passing along mandates. It's the worst of all worlds.

Hold tightly to your wallets Vermonters. The taxman is coming.

Sincerely,  
Stu Lindberg,  
Former member of the Cavendish Elementary School Board

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# sports



## THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

Most everyone who reads this column is probably following the Celtics in their bid to make some noise this spring in the NBA Play-offs. They are a good example of a team that has met expectations.

Every team in every sport has a level of performance that defines the sum of their collected parts. I have followed sports closely for over 60 years and there isn't a year that passes by, without me learning something new. Despite how much attention one plays to a teams potential, there is always an exception to that potential.

Predictions are thrown out at nearly every level of play in every sport from high school through the pros. There are favorites and then there are favorites. The reason I use the Celtics as an example in 2017 is first of all forecasters saw them finishing first or second in their division and either second or third in their conference. The Celtics finished first in both their division and their conference. Does this mean they overachieved in the regular season?

There is a certain corner of the sports world that said the Celtics were able to finish where they finished, because they were incredibly focused and that Coach Brad Stevens was able to get his team to play harder than everyone else, most every night because they were not pacing themselves but, they would have less in the tank left come play-off time than many of their competitors.

Well... The Celtics have advanced to the Eastern Conference Finals. Just about everyone in their right mind, forecast in the fall, that Cleveland and Golden State would meet in the NBA Finals. That still might not happen, but that's our point...

Predictions, expectations, potential? They are all relative. Relative to how they play out.

Most in the know would say the Celtics have reached the highest level they possibly can in 2017. They accomplished all that they reasonably should. Team executives can take a bow today, but building the next champion never stops. This bit was written six hours before the ping-pong balls bounced to determine the Celtics draft fate for 2017. Danny Ainge had a few hours to smile before going back to work.

The main reason for writing this piece today was to deal with the word potential. How many people or teams have been damaged or even destroyed by the potential label someone put on them? Potential is something that has to be given time to develop and although teams or individuals might carry the label on the surface, will the needed intangibles fall in place to make the label come true?

On the other hand, will the team or individual that is labeled dead in the water, rear its head above water and prove someone wrong in a different way.

Here is where the Celtics are the example again. Coach Brad Stevens preaches that you lay things down every day and do your best and worry about today's outcome. Generally you will win most of the games you should win (as opposed to suppose to win) and lose the games you should lose. Come to play every day and prepare to be the best team or individual you can be each day.

I think that is what competitive sports is all about anyways. Feel free to contact us about our columns or sports news on this page at [bmurphy@vermontjournal.com](mailto:bmurphy@vermontjournal.com).

## BF boys third in 2017 CVC Championships

BY BILL MURPHY

The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The CVC's are about as good as it gets during the regular track season. Bellows Falls, Fall Mountain, Springfield and Green Mountain are area schools which compete in the fifteen school extravaganza and strong performances in the annual get together mean you are recognized as one of the best around in your event. The Bellows Falls boys turned in the top showing of our area teams last Saturday garnering a strong third place in the competition.

Schools of all size compete each spring in the CVC's and some of the large area schools tend to dominate the competition, but anytime our locals can keep up with the big boys, it tends to play out well come State Championship competition time. Keene won the boys meet this year with 127 points. They were followed in order by Lebanon 80, Bellows Falls 74, Brattleboro 64.5, Hanover 61, Monadnock 48.5, Newport 44, Kearsarge 41.5, White Mountains 24, Hartford 20, Fall Mountain 19, Thetford 17, Stevens 17, Springfield 15.5 and Windsor 4. BF's DJ Snide was the track meister as the meet's top male performer, as a result of winning the two hurdles events and placing third in the Triple Jump and sixth in the 100 meters.

Lebanon won the girls half of the meet by a little over their fierce rival Hanover 105-96.5. Brattleboro was third scoring 93 with Monadnock just behind with 91, making for a lively competition between the top four schools. Keene placed fifth, 5.5 points ahead of Bellows Falls 73.5-68 with Hartford 47, White Mountains 31.5, Thetford 27, Fall Mountain 23, Kearsarge 20, Proctor Academy 6, Stevens 5, Windsor 4.5 and Green Mountain 2 rounding out the field.

Shane Clark and Reno Tuttle were the biggest contributors besides Snide for the Terrier boys. Clark won the Javelin and was fourth in the Triple Jump and Tuttle was second in the Discus and third in the Shot Put.

Fall Mountain was led in the Boys Meet by Steven Walker, who was two spots behind Snide in third in the 110 Hurdles and Stuart Latham, who was fourth in the Pole Vault. Springfield placed a pair of athletes in the money in the High Jump as Elijah Pianka and Cadence Wheeler were second and third to lead their effort.

BF Coach Tim Eno feels his boys team is driving on all cylinders and hopes they can keep competing at this level. He told us, "I have found anytime the boys can compete in the top three or four in the CVC's, it puts us in good place competing for the state title. I know Woodstock and Thetford have good teams, but this performance stands out if we can

keep it up."

The BF girls had Molly Kelly in the winners circle in the High Jump and were also supported by a second and a third from Keri Ticino (in the Pole Vault and Javelin respectively) and Abbe Cravinho placed third in the Long Jump and Jaden Lubbert added a third in the Pole Vault.

The Fall Mountain girls had a brilliant performance in the money in the 100 where Madison Parrot turned back a strong challenge to defend her title. Coach Rick Elliott said that, "Parrot's record breaking performance was a highlight of the year has been a great demonstration of growth by so many athletes. The influx



CVC Trackmeister DJ Snide on his way to capturing first place in the 110 Hurdles in the 2017 CVC Championships. Note his enthusiastic teammates cheering him on in the background.

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of youthful enthusiasm by many freshman has been infectious. The leadership and performances from the more tenured athletes has modeled our expectations."



BF's Abbe Cravinho finished third in the CVC's in the Long Jump.

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BF's Shane Clark captured first place in the Javelin at the 2017 CVC meet last Saturday.

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Fall Mountain's Joslin Gilbo performed at a high level Saturday at the annual CVC Meet gaining a fifth place finish in the Shot Put.

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Fall Mt's Stuart Latham puts points up in the 2017 CVC Track and Field Meet with a 4th place finish in the Pole Vault.

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There was some strong competition atop the Weight Events at the 2017 CVC Track and Field Meet. BF Sophomore Reno Tuttle placed finish in the Shot Put.

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## Springfield softball

Springfield's Head Coach Softball Andy Bladyka is shown here conferring with his pitcher Hannah Crosby and catcher Cassidy Otis during Saturdays nights win under the lights in Springfield over Green Mt 8 to 5 in inclement weather. The Cosmos win was Bladyka's 200th in the Green and White colors.

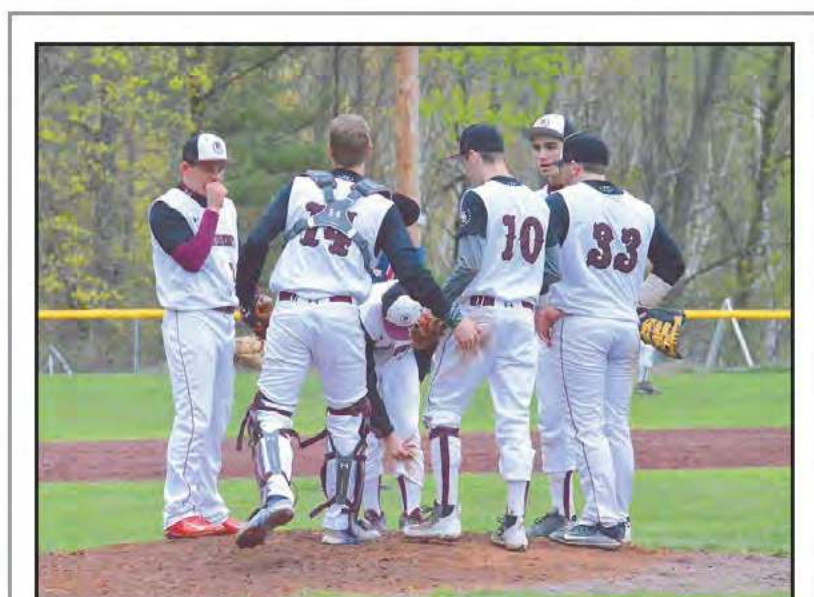
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## Charlestown youth

Tristin Parker helped bring Charlestown to victory with a win of 11 to 0.

PHOTO BY KRISTEN PAKER



## BR vs GM Softball

The Black River boys have a team huddle on the mound.

PHOTO BY MICHELLE RIVARD



BF's Molly Kelly won the High Jump with a personal best of 4' 10" Saturday in the CVC Track Meet held at Fall Mountain.

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# arts & entertainment

## Memorial Day weekend pig roast and square dance

WESTON, Vt. - The Weston Community Association, in association with the Farrar Park Association, Weston Women's Club and the Inn at Weston, is pleased to host the tenth sort-of-annual Memorial Day weekend pig roast and square dance, to be held on Sunday, May 28, 5 to 7 p.m.

The event takes place at the Weston Green, with dancing on Park Street and the musicians performing under the portico of The Weston Playhouse. The Green is located on Route 100, in the center of Weston.

Dinner is being prepared by "Sugar Bob" Hausslein



Mary Barron and Marcos Levy perform with the Cold River Band.

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and crew. Pulled pork barbecue plates, including sides, soft drinks and dessert, will be served beginning at 5 p.m. with discounts for children. Hot dogs and other menu choices will also be available. Wine and beer will be available for purchase, courtesy of the Inn at Weston.

Music for listening or square dancing, provided by the Cold River Band, will be performed from 5:00 to 6:45 p.m. Try your hand (or feet) at square dancing!

Everyone's invited. Mark the calendar. Bring the family! Bring your friends!

Tens of thousands of people enjoy events each year at Weston Community Association properties, including the Playhouse, Museums (Farrar-Mansur House, Old Mill and Craft Building), and Cold Spring Brook Park. In this, the Association's 95th year of community service, we again invite everyone to join us and celebrate with friends, family, and neighbors.

## Broadway musical, "Cats" featured in Ludlow auditorium

LUDLOW, Vt. - FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) will present its second streamed Broadway musical, "Cats" on Saturday, May 20 at 7 p.m. in the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium.

Cats is a musical composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats by T. S. Eliot, and produced by Cameron Mackintosh. The musical tells the story of a tribe of cats called the Jellicles and the night they make what is known as "the Jellicle choice" and decide which cat will ascend to the Heaviseid Layer and come back to a new life. Cats introduced the song "Memory."

Directed by Trevor Nunn and choreographed by Gillian Lynne, Cats first opened in London in 1981 and then with the same creative team on Broadway in 1982. The London production ran for 21 years and the Broadway pro-



From the Broadway musical "Cats."

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duction ran for 18 years, both setting new records.

As of 2016, Cats is the fourth-longest-running show in Broadway history, and was the longest running Broadway show in history from 1997 to 2006 when it was surpassed by The Phantom of the Opera. Cats is the sixth-longest-running West End musical. It has been performed around the world many times and has been translated into more than

20 languages.

Some of the "cats" in the musical are Gus, An elderly actor, known as "the Theatre cat," Busstopper Jones - A fat cat respected by all, as the upper-class "St. James's Street Cat," Grizabella - a former "glamour cat," ostracised by the Jellicles, who has lost her sparkle and now only wants to be accepted. Jellylorum - a queen who watches out for the kittens; Jemima - a kitten. She becomes the first cat to accept Grizabella; Jennyanydots - the old Gumbie cat. She sits all day and rules the mice and cockroaches at night, forcing them to undertake helpful functions and creative projects, to curb their naturally destructive habits; and Old Deuteronomy - the elderly Jellicle Leader.

The musical event is free and open to everyone; donations are appreciated. For information, call 802-228-7239 or visit the FOLA at www.fola.us.

### Wounded Veterans Walk/Run

**Saturday, May 27th, 2017**

**Sara Stryhas & The American Legion invite runners AND walkers to participate in a 5k/10k**

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**Registration:** Adults \$20/Students & Seniors (65+) \$10 Payable by cash or check made out to WWP

## Student perspectives in the SHS arts festival

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Celebrate spring with the annual Springfield High School Arts Festival May 18, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event showcases student perspectives on the theme of "Old and New," and features student work in the visual arts, on display from 5:30 - 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria, as well as musical performances in the au-

ditorium from 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Visual arts students will explore the theme in drawings, paintings, photography, sculpture, and mixed media. The music department will take the opportunity to honor the memory of beloved former Springfield music teacher Isabella Erickson by dedicating a new marimba, purchased through donations in her

name, and the 4.5 octave instrument will play a prominent role in a piece written specifically for this occasion. Entitled "Restless," the work is a concerto for Marimba, Snare Drum, Timpani and Band, composed by SHS graduate Nicolas Chlebak.

A digital display featuring written memories of Mrs. Erickson from

former students, colleagues and friends will run in the lobby.

Admission is free; donations to the Springfield High School music program or to the Erickson Musical Memorial Fund are gratefully accepted. SHS student activity groups will have refreshments and snacks available for purchase.

## Local Rockingham artists participate in VT Crafts Council Open Studio Weekend

REGION - 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 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

"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 ceramists Virginia Wyoming and Nancy Calicchio of Westminster West.

Additionally, the work



Project Space 9 in the Exner Block.

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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 there 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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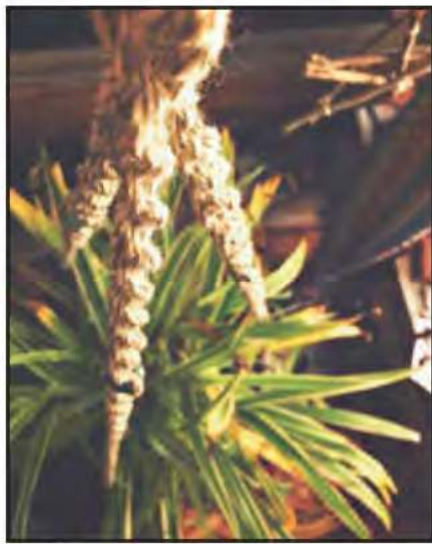
# arts & entertainment

## Macrame plant hanger class

CHESTER, Vt. - The Community Art Garden will be hosting a sip and create event Friday, May 26 from 7-9 p.m. Bring your beverage of choice and come learn how to macrame plant hangers. This skill is a fun and easy way to give your home a bohemian look and make space by getting your plants up off the floor or shelf. Local artist, Amber Paris, will lead the class.

Pre-register at: <http://www.com->

munityartgarden.com/classes .A minimum of five people will be necessary to run this class. The Community Art Garden is located at 295 Main Street, Chester VT in the Moon Dog Cafe building. For more information, contact: Emily Burkland, owner/director-[theartgardenvt@gmail.com](mailto:theartgardenvt@gmail.com) Amber Paris, instructor-[amberlparis@gmail.com](mailto:amberlparis@gmail.com).



Make a macrame plant hanger at the Community Art Garden. PHOTO PROVIDED

## Join in a relaxed Family Fun Day

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Family Fun Day will be held at the Springfield Community Center on May 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Families with young children are invited to join a relaxed day of fun, including learning activities, raffle prizes, music and a burrito lunch.

Parenting is a challenging job! Family Fun Day will provide an opportunity for parents to recognize the learning opportunities they provide their children in every day

interactions. Families will choose three fun activities with the facilitation support of local experts. Activities to include: cooking with kids, tumbling time, art of zentangling, yoga, zumba, and reading rocks.

This event is being brought to our communities through the collaborative efforts of Building Bright Futures, Windham Northeast Supervisory Union, Springfield Area Parent Child Center, Edgar May Recreation Center, Springfield Medical Care

System, Vermont Department of Health, Association of Springfield Area Churches, Springfield Town Library, Rockingham Free Public Library, and Springfield Art Gym.

To register visit the Springfield Area Parent Child Center Facebook page. For more information call the Springfield Area Parent Child Center 802-886-5242. There is a suggested donation. Scholarships are available.

## Over the Hill Poker Run

REGION - The River Valley Ridge Riders Over the Hill Poker Run will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 20. Meeting location is at the Springfield Health and Rehab on Chester Road. The ride will leave at 10 a.m. and travel to the Gill Odd Fellows Home in Ludlow then to Elm Wood Nursing and Rehab Center in Claremont, N.H. The end will be at the Cedar Hill Health Care Center be-

tween Windsor and Ascutney on Route 5. There will be coffee and donuts at the start and food at each stop.

Put on by the River Valley Ridge Riders. The event is free to view and free to participate. No sign up fee. For more information contact Ed Foster at 802-885-9607 or call 802-738-2259.



Over the Hill Poker!

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## Seventh annual May Festival —

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Join us for Springfield's seventh annual May Festival on Saturday, May 20. Beginning at 9:00 a.m., the festival features the popular plant sale table (along with free advice), arts and crafts vendors, flea market tables, and an indoor art

show and sale. There will be music throughout the day by the Springfield Stringers (George Ainley and Friends), John Hitchcock, Jay Doucette, and strolling minstrel, Matt Meserve. Homemade food is available in the "Café." They will have coffee, muffins, and quiche in

the morning and a variety of delicious homemade chili and cornbread for lunch.

This free event is at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Springfield, 21 Fairground Road. Festival Hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. See you there! [www.uuspringfieldvt.org](http://www.uuspringfieldvt.org).

## Hicks and Goulburn – UK musicians at Mount Holly Library

BELMONT, Vt. - Folk, ragtime, jazz, classical, original material – this is what you should expect from Hicks and Goulburn, the UK musicians on Sunday, May 28. The red hot fingerpicking of internationally

renowned guitar virtuoso Steve Hicks will leave you slack jawed and open mouthed. Combined with the soaring vocals of award winning singer songwriter Lynn Goulbourn, Hicks and Goulbourn, are well loved on the UK

folk and acoustic scene. Be prepared for top-notch musicianship, wide variety of songs and instrumentals. Mt. Holly Town Library is located on 26 Maple Hill Road, Belmont, Vermont. Event starts at 4 p.m.

## New comedy opens Springfield Community Players season

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - A new comedy, "The Savannah Sipping Society," will open the 2017 season for the Springfield Community Players. This hilarious, yet touching play by the team of Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten, is set for performances on June 2, 3, 9 and 10.

The play is the story of four strong southern women, each facing a critical point in her life, who are drawn together by fate—and an impromptu happy hour—and decide to reclaim the enthusiasm for life they have lost through the years. Over the course of six months, filled with laughter, hilarious misadventures and the occasional liquid refreshment, these

middle-aged women successfully bond and find the confidence to jumpstart their new lives.

The cast includes Sara Vitale of Athens as Randa Covington, a perfectionist facing unexpected unemployment. Trilby Whitcomb from Bellows Falls plays Dot Haigler, who is recently widowed and living in a new city. Kay Burge from Springfield takes on the role of Marlaface Mosley, an earthy and boisterous good ol' Texas gal, who has come to town to start a new career after divorcing her tom-cattin' husband. Robin McNamara from Springfield plays Jinx Jenkins, a makeup artist who wants to start a sideline as a life coach, with



The Savannah Sipping Society. PHOTO PROVIDED

her three new friends as her first clients. She also faces a challenge in taking care of her older sister who is sinking into dementia.

The play will be performed at the Players Studio at 165 South St. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m. and doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets can be reserved by calling 802-885-4098.

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# outdoor news

## Okemo Valley Golf Club Men's League results

LUDLOW, Vt. – The Okemo Valley Golf Club Men's League gathered for their first week of competition on May 9. The cloudy and chilly conditions did not dampen the spirits of the players kicking off the 2017 season of league play. Grabbing top honors in the team-of-four scramble for the night was Huntley's Wealth Management. Clemente Delarosa, Jason Koponen, John Boehr and Mark Huntley shot a 6-under-par 29. Second place went to Bensons Chevrolet. Scott Howard, Derek Karner, Trevor Benson and John Goffinet shot a 4-under-par 31. Finishing in third place was Built Rite MFG. Dave Higley, John Smith, Ken Guy and Jake Pierce shot a 4-under-par 31. Closest to the pin winners were Derek Karner on the 4th hole, and Rich Russo on the 8th hole.



Okemo Valley Golf Club Men's League played May 9.

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Results: 1st Huntley Wealth Management score 29/15 pts. 2nd Bensons Chevrolet score 31/13 pts. 3rd Built Rite MFG. score 31/11 pts. 4th UBS score 32/10pts. 5th Skygate Financials score 33/9pts. 6th Diamond Realty score 33/8 pts. 7th Knight Tubs score 33/7 pts. 8th Honey Dew Man score 34/6 pts. 9th Green Mountain Appraisals score 34/5 pts. 10th Strahas Builders score 37/4 pts.

## Vt. Fish & Wildlife offers new tool to combat invasives

REGION – Now that spring has sprung, Vermonters can get ahead of the curve in curbing the spread of invasive plants that crowd out native plants, consume their resources, and compromise water quality. The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is providing opportunities for landowners, boaters and anglers to assist the state in combatting these unwelcome species. A new resource

gives Vermonters information about how to easily identify invasive species and provides recommendations for removing them or preventing their spread. The LIEP program (Locate-Identify-Evaluate-Prevent) is an online tool landowners, boaters, anglers, and concerned citizens can use to prevent the spread of invasive species.

"Everyone who loves the outdoors

should take responsible and usually easy actions to protect Vermont's landscape and important habitats," said Dave Adams, a Fish & Wildlife biologist who works with private landowners to improve habitat. "Being aware and educating yourself is the first and most important step in controlling invasive species."

Information about the LIEP program and resources for preventing the spread of invasive species is available at vtfishandwildlife.com.

## Vt. Trail Projects to receive over \$540,000 in state grants

REGION – Governor Phil Scott announced the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (FPR) is awarding \$547,571 in grant money from the Recreational Trails Program to help fund 14 significant trail projects across Vermont.

"Vermont's outdoor recreational opportunities add to the quality of life, and draw tourists from around the world to our beautiful state," said Gov. Scott. "These grants play an important role in supporting trail projects throughout the state, and I appreciate the

Department's work to continue this program."

This year's grant awards will go towards the following projects in our region:

**Town of Killington:** 5.3 miles of new mountain bike trails in the Green Mountain National Forest.

**Green Mountain Club:** Butler Lodge historic renovations and puncheon replacement along ridge top of Mt. Mansfield at Profanity Trail junction and at Eagle Pass.

**VAST:** Winter grooming of the statewide VAST trails system.

**field, VT:** New grooming equipment to maintain Skitchewaug's trail system of snowmobile trails.

Grant funds are made available each year through the federal Recreational Trails Program for municipalities and nonprofit organizations to build and maintain public recreational trails.

For more information on the Recreational Trails Program, visit the Recreation Trails Program website at [fpr.vermont.gov/recreation/grants/](http://fpr.vermont.gov/recreation/grants/) or contact program administrator Sherry Winnie at [sherry.winnie@vermont.gov](mailto:sherry.winnie@vermont.gov) or 802-760-8450.

## "Poop on Cancer" cow plop contest

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Calvary for A Cure, a team of the Windsor County Relay for Life will be holding their 3rd Annual "Poop on Cancer" cow plop contest on Saturday May 20 at 9 a.m. at Dolloff Acres in Springfield. Tickets for squares

are available at Tina's Hallmark in the Springfield Shopping Plaza or from a member of the Calvary for A Cure Windsor County Relay for Life team.

Not sure how a Cow Plop Contest works? A grid will be made on one of the Dolloff fields and the cow will take

to the field at 9 a.m. Whichever square the cow "plops" in determines the winner. The grand prizewinner will receive \$150 and all other proceeds will go toward the fundraising efforts of Calvary for A Cure. Get your tickets today and help finish the fight against cancer.

## Vt. Wildlife course for educators

WOODBURY, Vt. – Vermont's popular fish and wildlife summer course for teachers and other educators will be held July 16 - 21, 2017. The hands-on field course that gets educators out into Vermont's streams, forests and wetlands with some of the state's leading natural resource experts will take place at the Buck Lake Conservation Camp in Woodbury.

Now in its 32nd year, "Wildlife Management for Educators" is a one-week, three-credit graduate course taught by Vermont Fish & Wildlife, and other Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) staff through Castleton University.



Vermont Fish & Wildlife's summer course for teachers and other educators will be held July 16-21 at Buck Lake in Woodbury. The course gets educators into Vermont's streams, forests, and wetlands.

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"Wildlife resources are important to all Vermonters in one way or another," says Fish & Wildlife's Education Manager Alison Thomas. "If educators can get connected with the outdoors and in turn expose their students, then many of these students will be able to make informed decisions about Vermont wildlife and their habitat needs when they become adults."

"This course is unique in that it helps non-formal, pre-service educators, as well as pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade teachers from any discipline - math, language arts, physical education, or history - improve their instructional strategies and make their lesson plans more relevant to their students."

"Course participants will include other ANR staff members as well, which provides a valuable opportunity for educators to not only learn from, but also work with Agency staff."

"This course is hands-on and experiential," added Thomas. "The course continues to evolve and incorporate new environmental education ideas and activities. But, we also continue to do traditional programs that have been part of the week for 31 years. It's a great mix of new and old with all of it being incredibly helpful and memorable."

There is a cost for tuition for the course with credits. Books, food and overnight facilities are included. A limited number of partial scholarships are available. A course description and schedule of activities are available from the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department's website at [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com). You can also contact them by calling (802) 371-9975 or emailing Alison.Thomas@Vermont.Gov.

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### LIBRARIES CONT.

**TUESDAYS CONT.** - 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 23, Dr. Seuss Hat pencil holder and Truffala tree pencils. Do you like "The Cat in the Hat" or "The Lorax?" Then this craft is for you! May 30, Soaring Dragons. Dragons are magical creatures that soar through the sky. Today we will make our own shimmering dragons that will fly! TFN

**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 new 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

**SUNDAY, JULY 16 - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - The Connecticut Valley Ostomy & IBD support group (COG) aims to bring people together who are managing with inflammatory bowel disease or who have had an ostomy of any type. No cost to attend. It is run by Margaret Heale (802-376-8249) a local certified Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurse Specialist. Summer BBQ, Fall Gathering, and Winter Potluck at Mrs. Heale's residence. **Summer BBQ** - Sunday, July 16 at 12:30 p.m. **Fall season** - Friday, Sept. 8, at 5 p.m. **Winter potluck** - Sunday, Dec. 3, at 12:30 p.m.

**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

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

**TUESDAYS - LUDLOW, Vt.** - A YMCA diabetes prevention program will be offered on Tuesdays at the United Church of Ludlow, 46 Pleasant St, 2-3 p.m. This is a year-long lifestyle change program. Reduce your risk of developing Type 2 diabetes through healthier eating and exercise habits. Free and open to the public. Register by Monday, May 22, at 802-886-8946. TFN

**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

**THIRD WEDNESDAY ASCUTNEY, Vt.** - Twin State Depression Support Group meets at Martin Memorial Hall, Lower Level (Handicap Accessible), 5259 Route 5, Ascutney, (near Exit 8 off I-91) at 6:30 p.m. Have you been diagnosed with depression? Have not been diagnosed but think you may be depressed? Have a friend or family member who has depression? Then this group is for you! Support, empathy, sharing, education, confidentiality, peer-led. Contact TwinStateDSG@gmail.com or 641-715-3900 (extension 650055#). TFN

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

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



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# Vermont House gives preliminary approval to Paid Family Leave

REGION - The Vermont House on May 2 gave preliminary approval to the Paid Family Leave insurance bill on a voice vote.

The bill, H.196, enables Vermonters to take time off from work to care for an infant or an elderly relative without balancing that family need against the necessity of a paycheck. It creates a Family Leave Insurance Program within the Department of Labor that will provide employees with up to six weeks of paid family leave through modest employee contributions.

"This bill is an important measure in protecting the rights of employees and strengthening families and communities" said General, Housing, and Military Affairs Committee Chairwoman, Representative Helen Head. "It gives Ver-

monters economic security and makes our state an even more attractive place to live, work, and raise a family. This bill safeguards the interests of Vermont workers as well as the economy of the state as we work to ensure a strong and healthy future for the next generation of Vermonters."

"We are prioritizing legislation that ensures Vermonters are on the path forward to a healthy future and strong economy," noted House Speaker Mitzi Johnson. "Paid family leave is a crucial insurance plan for Vermonters. This bill bridges the economic gap new parents and caretakers of elderly relatives face when they are forced to choose between caring for their family and earning a paycheck. In addition to allowing parents time with their new child, this bill relieves pres-

sure on both the scarce infant care resources and the cost to the state of our child care subsidies."

"Additionally, paid family leave is important benefit to the small businesses that make our economy strong. As a small business state, Vermont competes with other cities and states that have more opportunities for higher wage work. A statewide family leave insurance program will help attract and retain young professionals and families. This bill will also reduce turnover costs that small businesses face and will stabilize and grow our Vermont small businesses" said Assistant Majority Leader and small business owner, Representative Tristan Toleno.

The bill will now move to the Senate for consideration.

# Vermont awarded a \$2 million federal grant to address and prevent opioid misuse

REGION - Governor Phil Scott joined Senators Patrick Leahy and Bernie Sanders, and Congressman Peter Welch in welcoming a \$2 million federal grant to increase access to opioid misuse prevention, treatment and recovery services for Vermonters.



Opioid abuse in Vt. to be addressed with grant. STOCK PHOTO

In a letter to Gov. Scott, U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price said the funding is the first of two rounds as provided for in the 21st Century Cures Act. The funds will be allocated through the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grants administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Governor Scott said he and the state's health officials welcome this critical support for Vermont's prevention, treatment, recovery and enforcement efforts. "We are taking a comprehensive approach, and this funding will help strengthen our ability to effectively address the opioid crisis in our state," said Gov. Scott. "I appreciate the commitment of Secretary Price, and the indispensable work of our congressional delegation, to helping Vermont and the nation confront these considerable challenges."

The grant will be used to enhance Vermont's public and nonprofit partnerships, increase peer recovery support for Vermonters with opioid abuse disorders, build community education programs and implement programs to stop diversion of prescription drugs for illicit use.

In a joint statement, Sens. Leahy and Sanders, and Rep. Welch said, "This new funding will strengthen efforts already underway in Vermont

to address the opioid crisis. Our state, like so many others, faces extraordinary challenges resulting from an influx of heroin and fentanyl on a scale that we have never seen before. In Washington, we are fighting to commit the resources needed to address this crisis head-on, and to support smart policies that reduce the demand for these drugs. We look forward to working with Governor Scott and his team to help those in need. We owe it to Vermonters to get this right."

According to the HHS letter, grants are being awarded to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, four U.S. territories and the free associated states of Palau and Micronesia. The amounts are based upon rates of overdose deaths and unmet need for opioid addiction treatment.

In 2016, there were 106 accidental and undetermined opioid-related fatalities in Vermont - a 41 percent increase from 2015. Since 2010, opioid-related deaths have more than doubled.

In January, Gov. Scott established the Opioid Coordination Council and appointed a Director of Drug Policy Prevention, Jolinda LaClair, to lead and strengthen Vermont's response to the opioid crisis through enhanced coordination between state and local governments.

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