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BRAIN has education structure ideas —

LUDLOW / Mt. HOLLY, Vt. - Black River Area Innovative Network, BRAIN, is a grassroots organization of citizens, alumni, grandparents, business owners, parents, teachers, support staff, students, and taxpayers from both Mount Holly and Ludlow who have been meeting for the past several weeks. Initially a few of us came together in order to promote a NO vote because we wanted more time to figure out a possible solution rather than close our school. Our "mission" has evolved into working on ways to educate children in our community while being fiscally responsible and increasing, or at least not losing, educational opportunities. We have also been working hard on informing the state legislators of our predicament and the fact that their law could force our school to close. "We believe our children deserve to have the opportunity to be educated in our community" has become our mantra.

At our first meeting, we had over 40 people in attendance, and broke into three committees: Legislative, Outreach, and Innovations.

Our legislative committee immediately began work on crafting a letter to Montpelier and members began to attend meetings where Act 46 legislation was being discussed. They have been very active and reaching out to some of the 100+ towns that have not fit into Act 46's merger plan. Our state legislators are hearing what we have to say and since our initial letter, there have been deadlines extended and modifications made to Act 46 law.

The innovations committee began to work on ideas as to how we could improve, be more innovative, as well

as what we already do well. We came up with multiple large sheets that we brainstormed necessary efficiencies as well as what we offer now and how we could expand on that. The lists were long and many of the people contributing to them were educators, students, and parents. Education is changing and we should be looking forward when we discuss how we are to be educating our children. There was a lot of time spent on what other structures could be considered by the new Act 46 committee if there is a no vote.

The outreach committee worked on ways to educate the community and how to promote considering other ways to meet our educational goals in Ludlow and Mount Holly. Our total membership grew to over 60 members, with people coming and going when they could, based on busy schedules this time of the year. We have been writing letters to the editor, sending mailers to both communities, and the press has been very interested and giving us a fair amount of coverage.

Our group has met consistently for about five weeks, voluntarily, and with no charge by anyone with authority. We consolidated our ideas from the innovations committee (and with input from our other two committees) down to four considerations for the new Act 46 committee to consider. They all have value as well as some concerns. We recognize that we are not the final decision makers. We wanted to propose ideas that would give voters pause when voting. If nothing else, at least we should all be realizing that there are other options worth considering, and closing a nearly 200 year school

should be the last option, certainly not the first one put forward. We hope that if there is a no vote, the new Act 46 committee will consider these structures.

We know the first Act 46 committee did extensive work, however that group had to make decisions when there were many what ifs, some of which still exist. A lot of the pressure to be fast has eased a bit, as deadlines have been extended. We also feel that the new Act 46 committee should be expanded to include more stakeholders. There has been a lot of talk about the fact that the Act 46 committee spent over 18 months on this already. Actually it seems as if the committee spent 16 of the 18 months working with the Chester/Andover/Baltimore/Cavendish committee members on a plan that failed. The Mill River merger plan was not given nearly as much attention and time. It seemed to come upon us quickly and there appears to be unsettling urgency to get it passed.

Our four alternative structures will obviously need more work, specifically budget work, tax work, and community input before another vote is put to the communities. We simply did not have the resources. **Here are the structures we discussed:**

Restructuring PK-12 (possibly merge with Quarry Valley): to promote financial and staffing efficiencies. This would allow for us to incorporate other ideas, which were brought out from the Innovations Committee's work. This would be fairly quick and easy to implement. Not sure if we could lower our tax structure to more align with their district or not. Certainly worth investigating.

Independent PK-12: which removes us from Act 46 legislation and keeps all educational decisions local. Find a niche in our programming/curriculum, which would be a draw for families to move here. Allows for more flexibility in staffing, ability to offer non-traditional programming, no state assessments, attract young families possibly. We would need to create an endowment, unclear of tax structure.

Black River 2.0: Mostly status quo but adding in some niche to our middle and high school curriculum that would be attractive to students and parents. This would create the smallest upheaval, but potentially the biggest shift in our educational system.

Independent 7-12 (possibly called Black River Academy): with 2 public elementary schools. Mt. Holly and Ludlow could then offer choice for 7-12. Choice could be limited to Green Mountain, Mill River, and Black River Academy. This would be the most dramatic shift, would require an endowment, tax structure unknown. Maintain our elementary schools. Join other like district that offers choice to their 7-12 students.

It is our sincere hope that voters consider that there are other options to consider. With the right mix of people at the table of the new Act 46 committee, we believe there is a plan that exists in order to be the best educational system in our area and we can do it while being fiscally responsible. Our kids are worth the time and effort! We should not be rushing into something that has such a dramatic effect on 2 communities and close a nearly 200-year historical school.



Memorial Day in Ludlow

Harry "Skinnard" Grubber, WWII Navy Vet and Armand Fleury, Korean War Vet lay the wreath together.

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Chester Alumni

Chester Alumni parade is June 10. It starts at 11 a.m. on Elm Street and proceeds up Depot Street to Main Street and ending at Cobleigh Field. There will be a BBQ at Chester Legion afterwards.

Ralph Pace receives Community Service Award

LUDLOW, Vt. - A longtime volunteer producer and host of community TV programs Ralph Pace has received LPCTV's new "Community Service Award." The award, which will be given annually, was presented to Ralph Pace during LPCTV's annual Kentucky Derby Gala fundraiser event at Willie Dunn's Grille at the Okemo Valley Golf Club on May 6. The LPCTV Community Service Award has been established as a means to recognize

valuable service that a volunteer or member of LPCTV has provided to the community.

The Ludlow-based organization is a local access television station and media center serving the Black River Valley and Okemo region, operating 2 cable TV channels (on Comcast and Vtel) and a website with video-on-demand, and offering equipment, training, classes, and other media services to community members and organiza-

tions. The purpose is to provide a media platform for people in the community to connect with one another, sharing news, information, entertainment, and ideas.

Mr. Pace founded the local news and public affairs show "That Was the Week That Was," which ran on LPCTV for 10 years until its recent end. Through this show, Ralph played a vital role by bringing "hyper-local" news and information to the community on a regular basis; he also gave a voice and a platform to numerous community organizations, artists, and concerned citizens. He produced and hosted more than 300 shows over its 10-year span. As many in the Ludlow area know, Ralph is involved with many other causes, most recently dedicating much of his time to coordinating events, film screenings, and performances in Ludlow Town Hall auditorium, through the non profit organization Friends of Ludlow Auditorium (FOLA). Although Pace ended production of "That Was the Week That Was" with a series finale in March, he has already begun a new monthly

series, "FOLA Presents," on behalf of FOLA, along with co-host Jim Alic.

The award was presented during the Derby Gala by Jamie Ward,

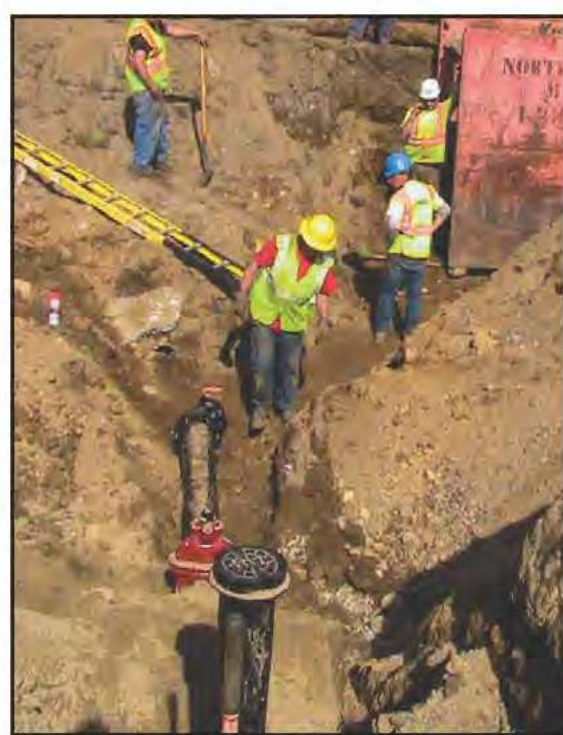
on behalf of the LPCTV Board of Directors. Mr. Ward joked about Pace's inability to stay away from community service. He told the crowd at Willie Dunn's, "my fa-

vorite part is that Ralph told us he wanted to quit (That Was the Week That Was) on his own terms before he had to be carried out ... and then he started a new show."



LPCTV Board member Jamie Ward (Left) presents award to longtime volunteer producer Ralph Pace.

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Walker Bridge updates

Crews have begun to move steel beams for the Walker Bridge. They've also made progress installing water line shut-off valves in preparation for the bridge construction.

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Mack Molding expands molding capability

CAVENDISH, Vt. - Vermont residents may have noticed an increase in heavy-load tractor trailers at and around Mack Molding's Cavendish facility. Mack, a leading custom plastics molder and supplier of contract manufacturing services, is growing and the company is making significant capital equipment investments to expand its capacity and capabilities.

Most recently, six trucks have been rolling into Cavendish this week with a new injection molding press weighing more than 125 tons. According to Mack President Jeff Somple, the press represents a commitment from Mack to its customers and employees.

"This machine is approximately 15 percent larger than any we have had in the Company's northern operations, and in fact, we believe it is largest press in New England," Somple said. "We want to back up the quality of our people with great technology. This new press allows us to bring in additional business, including some of the biggest molds we have ever handled. As a result, we have also upgraded our crane system



The foundation and parts for new injection molding press arrive at the Cavendish facility.

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and bronze into the Company's portfolio.

The laser marker will help Mack meet the Unique Device Identification (UDI) requirements placed on the company's orthopedic customers by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration. Today, medical represents 35 percent of Mack's business, driven in part by growth in parts that require specialized engraving on curved metal and plastic surfaces.

"We are opening whole new avenues for Mack in terms of what we can mold, metals we can cut and the capacity to meet the needs of future customers," Somple said. "It is an exciting time here, and I would be remiss if I did not mention we are hiring as well. With the infusion of new equipment and dozens of positions being filled from the shop floor to engineering to the front office, the time has never been better to take a look at Mack."

Mack Molding specializes in plastics design, prototyping, molding, sheet metal fabrication, full-service machining and medical device manufacturing. Founded in 1920, Mack is a privately owned business that operates 11 facilities throughout the world. Don Kendall is CEO and chairman.

at the Cavendish plant."

While delivery and assembly is currently underway, the press is expected to enter operation in June. When completed, it will have a clamp tonnage of 2,360 U.S. tons and include a robot to handle part removal.

The headquarters in Arlington, Vt., recently welcomed a new, fully automated laser for sheet metal fabrication, as well as a laser marker for the finishing department. The new laser increases Mack's offering by bringing specialty materials such as copper

Retailer recognition - keeping area youth safe matters

REGION - The Black River Area Community Coalition recently visited retail stores who sell alcohol and tobacco products in Ludlow, Plymouth and Cavendish, as part of the Community Retailers Program. This initiative, which is sponsored by the Windsor County Prevention Partnership, recognizes retailers for selling tobacco and alcohol in ways that discourages underage use and minimizes the marketing impact on youth. Underage use of alcohol and tobacco can lead to addiction and other negative health consequences later in life. Each store is audited based on the location of alcohol, and tobacco products; advertising and more, and are recognized in a three tier system of Gold, Silver and Bronze.

Those stores receiving the highest recognition of Gold are Brewfest Beverage of Ludlow, Tyson

General Store of Plymouth, Jill's Place and Singleton's of Cavendish. Recognized as Silver Level Community Retailers were the Ludlow Cumberland Farms and Shell Station.

Windsor County Prevention Partners and the Black River Area Community Coalition believe that community education is a necessary component in keeping kids healthy.

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 community know that keeping area youth safe matters.

In Vermont, 32 percent of TRSU high school students reported drinking alcohol in the past 30 days, ac-

ording to the 2015 Vermont Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) and 17 percent reported binge drinking five or more drinks in a row. Both numbers have decreased since the 2013 YRBS data of 47 percent past 30-day use and 32 percent binge drinking. Underage drinking risks immediate consequences including impaired driving, alcohol poisoning, and increased risk of sexual assault, with studies also revealing that 90 percent of long-term addictions start in the teen years.

Windsor County Prevention Partners is a collaboration of prevention coalitions and law enforcement working toward reducing underage drinking, binge drinking, and prescription drug abuse in Windsor County, Vermont.

More information on the Black River Area Community Coalition is available at www.braccvt.org or on Facebook @braccvt.

Ludlow Farmers Market

LUDLOW, Vt. - It's finally here - the first market of the season. We are thrilled for what this season has in store for our ever-growing market. You'll note several familiar faces returning (including some who have been with us since our inception!), but also a hearty dose of new blood. Kombucha, bacon soap, wine, jewelry - there's good reason for our enthusiasm. Let's welcome all of our vendors - newbies and returnees.

And new this year, the market will have an official information booth at the entrance near the parking lot. This is your spot for chatting with our market manager Michael, securing EBT tokens, or purchasing Market Bucks with



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expect to hear folk, folk revival, old time, cowboy, country, children's and old time jazz. He plays banjo, guitar, ukulele, percussion and enjoys putting his strong vocal chords to work.

And - if you have your heart set on a particular vendor's goods (or several vendors) you will want to sign up for our updates! Each

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week we will send out a reminder about the market and we will include a roster for that week's market. And because we all like surprises, we even have some daily vendors; always fun to discover something new!

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BRHS student awards

Mt. HOLLY / LUDLOW, Vt. - On Wednesday, May 24, Black River High School Counseling Department presented several students in the class of 2018 with awards. Some of these awards come with a scholarship to the school if the student chooses to attend.

The St. Michael's Book Award for Scholarship and Service was awarded to: Morgan Brown of Ludlow.

Dakota Pachla of Mt Holly received the Clarkson University Achievement Award in recognition of outstanding leadership qualities and academic promise.

Wellesley College offers a book award to a girl in the spring of their junior year who has an outstanding academic record and has also made significant extracurricular contributions to her high school and/or community. Sonya Sheehan from Ludlow received this award.

The Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award are in recognition of outstanding commitment to social justice and dedication to continuing their unfinished life's work. This award presented by the University of Rochester was given to: Jordyn Demers, Mt Holly.

The George Eastman Young Leaders Award is in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and leadership. The University of Rochester proudly gave this award to: Andrea Stevens of Mt Holly.

The Sage Colleges presented an award to Dakota Pachla of Mt Holly to recognize her characteristics of academic excellence and community involvement.

Clarkson University Leadership Award in recognition of outstanding leadership qualities and academic promise was awarded to: Morgan Brown of Ludlow.

The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute awarded one of our students with the Rensselaer Medal Award for outstanding academic achievement in the study of mathematics and science. This award was given to: Jordyn Demers, Mt Holly

The United States Dept. of Army Reserve honored one of our juniors for Academic and Athletic excellence. This award was presented to: Jonathan LeTourneau, Ludlow

Call for nominations to LPCTV Board of Directors

LUDLOW, Vt. - Do you know someone who might be a good fit for helping non profit, independent, and local media grow and thrive; perhaps a family member, friend, neighbor, or colleague?

LPCTV is seeking nominations for its annual Board of Directors elections. Anyone who is 18 or over and lives in Mount Holly, Ludlow, Andover, Plymouth, Cavendish, or Reading (the Towns comprising LPCTV's

designated service area) is eligible to serve on the Board. LPCTV is the community television station and media center for the Black River Valley and Okemo region, operating two cable TV channels (Comcast channels 8 & 10 in Ludlow, Plymouth, and Cavendish; Comcast channels 20 & 21 in Mount Holly; and on VTel, system-wide on channels 166 & 167). LPCTV also operates a website with video-on-demand, and offers equip-

ment, training, and use of its facilities to community members and organizations.

Elections will be held during LPCTV's annual membership and organizational meeting on Thursday, June 22 at 6 p.m. Directors hold volunteer positions on the Board, whose primary responsibility is to govern the organization and help it grow, establishing it as a vital community resource. The Board of Directors also manages

finances and oversees the work of the Executive Director.

Any interested candidates or anyone wishing to nominate someone they know should contact Executive Director Patrick Cody, by email at pcody@lpctv.org or by mailing to LPCTV at 37C Main St., Ludlow, VT 05149. Nominations must be received by Friday, June 9. For more information, visit LPCTV online at LPCTV.org or call 228-8808.



Mulch for the gardens

Randy Miles of Front to Back Landscaping recently donated two yards of mulch for the Chester Historical Society flower gardens. Randy has been an excellent supporter of the historical society and his donation was greatly appreciated.

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Christian Craig is Chester Rotary's June's speaker

CHESTER, Vt. - Christian Craig, the executive director of the Edgar May Health and Recreation Center, will be this month's speaker at the Chester Rotary first Thursday Speaker Series on June 1, 2017. First Thursday is held at the Fullerton Inn, beginning at 5:15 p.m. and ending at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

The Edgar May Health and Recreation Center, located in Springfield, Vermont is committed to helping area residents of all ages live an active and healthy lifestyle. Christian will be on hand to share the current programmatic offerings at the Ed-

garMay including their summer rowing program, which is a collaboration with Vermont Academy. The EdgarMay offers three indoor swimming pools, a large fitness center that includes cardiovascular and strength equipment, and more than 35 group exercise classes per week including Spinning, TRX, Tai Chi, and more. Mr. Craig will also discuss the annual events and programs being offered to area residents such as their Indoor Triathlon, Thanksgiving Day 5k, Move to Improve and Prescription for Exercise Program.

BRHS receives grant to fund AWOD

LUDLOW, Vt. - Black River High School has just received a grant from the Okemo Community Challenge to help fund our A World of Difference program for the next school year. A World of Difference is a program that we have used in our school for several years to teach our students about

diversity. The Institute's programs and resources are designed to help participants recognize bias and the harm it inflicts on individuals and society, build understanding of the value and benefits of diversity, improve intergroup relations and confront racism, anti-Semitism and all other forms of bigotry.



Black River Faculty and Students would like to thank Okemo Community Challenge for supporting our program.

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Volunteers needed for wine festival

KILLINGTON, Vt. - The Killington Wine Festival held from July 11 - July 15 is a signature Killington event and they need your help! They need your help with a number of tasks that range from set up and tear down to stuffing wine bags, ticket sales, food prep, crowd control and tent ops.

You will be expected to dress in appropriate attire for volunteering at the festival. We require comfortable closed-toe shoes; this is for your safety. Please wear long pants or khaki shorts (no jeans). No profanity, inappropriate wording or images are allowed on any clothing. Volunteers will be asked to leave and no hours will be recorded if he/she does not follow the dress code. Feel free to reach out at admin@killingtonpic.org with any concerns. To sign up to volunteer for this year's Killington

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Windham County will expand —

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - In the interest of serving more children in Vermont with mentors, Youth Services is transitioning its successful Big Brothers Big Sisters program into a state-wide organization over the next two months.

"Presently there are 70 community and school-based Big Brothers Big Sisters matches in Windham County with more than triple the number anticipated being served state-wide by the new structure," explained Russell Bradbury-Carlin, Youth Services' Executive Director.

"In this move to serve more Vermont young people living in difficult circumstances we are making every effort to ensure that quality mentoring services continue to be delivered in Windham County," said Bradbury-Carlin, who described a year-long process they have undergone, with milestones, guided by a transition committee made up of Youth Services board members and BBBS Advisory Board members.

The new entity serving the Green Mountain state will be named Big Brothers Big Sisters of Vermont and

Youth Services' current Director of Mentoring, Kimberley Diamond, will be its Executive Director.

Bradbury-Carlin said that mentoring is an essential part of all Youth Services programs, from its transitional living program to court diversion. Staff or volunteers often work one-on-one with young people living under difficult circumstances, or in small groups. He expects his organization to maintain a close working relationship with the new entity, especially in regard to its Windham County matches.

"One of the strengths of Youth Services has always been the wide range of prevention, intervention and development programs we bring to the families and young people we serve. We expect to continue to refer at-risk children who could benefit from a mentor to apply to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Vermont as well as continuing to innovate with our proprietary programs," Bradbury-Carlin stated.

Part of a national organization, there are over 350 Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies across the country, approximately 50 of which operate with the assistance of a sponsoring agency, which best describes the mentoring program's long and successful relationship with Youth Services.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Windham County was one of the first programs that Youth Services launched after it was founded in 1972 as a community nonprofit. Over its more than 40 year history together, there have been close to 2000 matches made, some lasting a few years and others a lifetime. Their newest program is Bigs in Blue, a school-based program that pairs elementary students with local police officers.

National research demonstrates that "mentoring"—pairing a caring adult volunteer with a young person for a mutually rewarding friendship—is an effective method of addressing all sorts of youth-related issues, from combating drug and alcohol use and violence to getting along better with their families and peers. Youth mentored by the program are 46 percent less likely to use drugs and 27 percent less likely to use alcohol than their non-mentored peers.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Windham County presently offers several flexible options for volunteers who want to mentor a child between the ages of 6 and 18. In the school-based program volunteers visit with a child during lunch and recess period once a week. In the community-based program, volunteers meet with a



Steven Stone and Dreshawn or "Dre" DeLorio, 12 have been matched for four years (both of Brattleboro) when this photo was taken. Steven came together when Dre was eight. It was a time when Dre's biological father wasn't around and his mother wanted him to have a positive male role model. Sometimes their chatting over a burger after Dre's soccer practice, other times it is night skiing, canoeing or bowling, activities introduced to him by Steven, who teaches skiing on the weekends and organizes soccer matches when he is not designing timber frame houses or spending time with his wife and teenage son.

PHOTO BY JEFF WOODWARD PHOTOGRAPHY

child during their own time and play sports, take a walk or just hang out for at least four hours a month. The site-based plus program combines the structure of meeting regularly at school with the option of spending

time in the community on weekends and during school vacations.

For information on volunteering, call Big Brothers Big Sisters at 802-257-0361, email info@bbsvt.org or visit www.bbsvt.org.



Dawn Slade of Guilford and Jackie Palmer, 8 of Brattleboro have been matched nearly two years when this photo was taken. They do art projects together, are adventurous and enjoy spending time outdoors. Dawn is the activity coordinator at Valley Cares Assisted Living in Townshend, Vermont. Jackie was a flower girl in Dawn's wedding.

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Estate sale a huge success

CHESTER, Vt. - The Antiques Estate Sale held at the Chester Historical Society on May 27 was a huge success. Buyers came from miles around to shop this sale.

Many antiques, the likes of which aren't often seen, were hurriedly purchased. A few buyers made piles while others had their arms full. One lady filled an antique wooden wheel-

barrow with her purchases.

The members of the historical society are deeply indebted to the generous donor of this estate. The Chester Historical Society is a self-sufficient organization depending on the generosity of the public.

Their next sale will be in July. If you have items to donate to the historical society asks you to consider



A crowd gathered to discover treasures in the estate sale outside the Chester Historical Society.

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donating to them. And they'll give you a slip so you can deduct your donation from your taxes. CHS is a 501-3C organization. You can call Ron Patch at 802-374-0119 to make arrangements.

Music fest tickets from Bike Project —

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Roots on the River music festival is coming up soon, and the Bike Project is selling tickets!

As this year's sponsored organization, the Bike Project will receive 50 percent of proceeds from every ticket we sell!

Here are the dates of the music festival:

Friday, June 9, Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11. This will be a weekend full of great music and happy people!

You can buy tickets at the Bike Shop during open hours or call us at: 802-460-0662 to arrange another time. For more information visit <https://www.bfbike.org/>.

The Bike Project will be at the Roots on the River festival, selling bike-powered smoothies, t-shirts, 50/50 raffle tickets and more. Come join the fun!

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LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

Ron Patch is a Chester native, Chester Historical Society president, and a lifelong antiques dealer.

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Indians, Mexicans & Ludlow, Vt.

Below is a handwritten letter in the collection of the Chester Historical Society. It is dated December 18, 1887. It was written by

a son of Byron H. Butterfield of Ludlow. I have copied the letter as it was written with spelling errors etc. After the letter I give Byron Butterfield's

Civil War service.

This letter is an eyewitness account of important history regarding the old West.

Temper, Arizona
Dec 18, 1887

Byron H Butterfield
Ludlow, Vermont

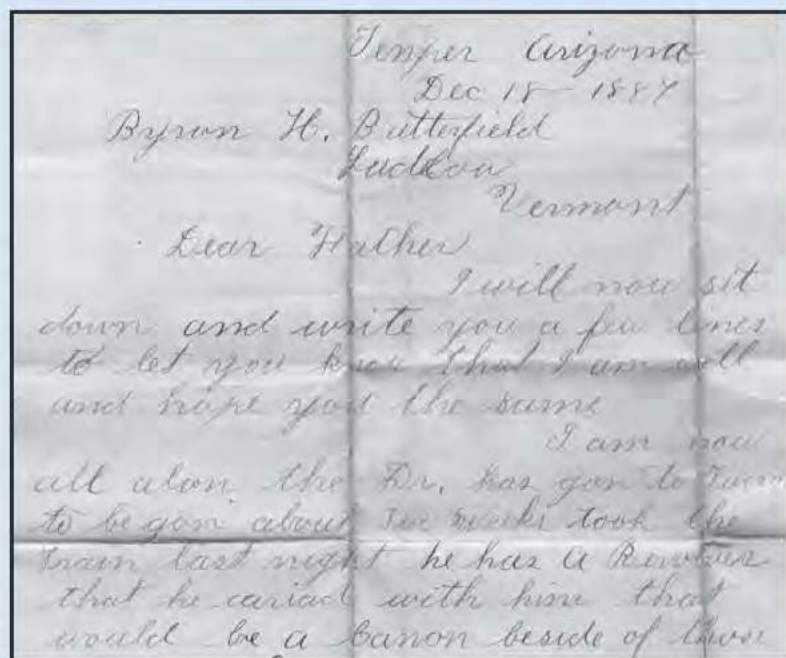
Dear father

I will now sit down and write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and hope you the same.

I am now all alon the Dr. has gon to Tucson to be gon about two weeks took the train last night he has a revolver that he caried with him that would be canon beside of those you have East.

I am left to look after things I have a revolver laying by my side that I should enjoy very much if I could show it to my Eastern Friends. I don't think I shell like but dont know the country is fool of Indians and Mexicans Eastern people ar pretty scirse only fore or five in the place. We have one man living in the back of the Drug store from Main by the name of Allen he sez his Grandfather and Eathen Allen wer brothers he hasnt been East sence he came hear some 45 years ago. He sez that all of those that crossed the plaines with him in 1843 have been killed by the Indians and he has halfed to bury them all.

He will go out into the hot sun and work all day bair headed then go to bead and hollar all night Sunday hear isent much as it is in the east all the Mexicans go to their church in the morning and then



1887 Ludlow letter.

PHOTO BY RON PATCH

they all begin to flock in to the vilage men and women and they spend the day drinking gambling horse resing shooting and every thing they can think of to pass away the time

I was some what surprised when I went to church and find as meny as their was their. Their ar lots of them who go and seam to tak an interest in what is sed but as soon as they get out side they forget it all and in less then an hour they ar as drunk as the rest.

In politics a man has to be all mity carful what he sez. Most of the people ar strong democrats and their ar lots

of southern soldiers hear and they ar just as bitter against the North as they wer in war time

You may tell Stella that our school marm rides back and forth from school on horse back and that she carries her revolver just as regular as her dinner

The Dr. and I have visited the Ded City where they ar at work diging up the skeleton of bod-ies houses and crockery that has been sopped to have burried by an earthquack thousands of years ago

Byron was the father of the author of this unsigned 1887 letter. Byron Henry Butterfield was a Civil War soldier who served in the Second Vermont Regiment. Butterfield enlisted in Andover, Vermont on February 24, 1862 in Company I. He fought in

many battles including White Oak Swamp, Antietam, Maryland and was wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia on December 13, 1862. Butterfield was discharged on March 12, 1863 for those wounds. Eleven months had elapsed before he was discharged indicating a serious

wound and a very long recovery. On May 3, 1864 Butterfield married Abby Hesselton. He died September 24, 1900. The photo with this article is the top of the 1887 letter. This week's old saying, "A man needs to know his limitations."

Vermont History Day winners

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Vermont Historical Society is pleased to announce that Natasha Fortin, a student at Black River High School Middle School won second place and qualified for National History Day in the Senior Individual Documentary Category at Vermont History Day, held April 8, 2017 at Montpelier High School with her documentary "Stomp on the Moon instead of the Soviets."

Also, Aiyana Fortin, a senior at Black River High School Middle School won first place and qualified for National History Day in the Senior

Individual Documentary Category at Vermont History Day, held April 8, 2017 at Montpelier High School with her documentary "Superman's Anon-

ymous Informant: Stetson Kennedy? Aiyana also won the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation History Prize.

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Natasha Fortin. PHOTO PROVIDED



Aiyana Fortin. PHOTO PROVIDED

Electrical work for Chester Hearse House almost finished

CHESTER, Vt. - Non-profit Chester Townscape was delighted when Steve Mancuso of Chester Electric volunteered the labor for all the electrical work to be done on the Hearse House - the building located opposite Chester's Village Green that formerly housed the Town's horse-drawn hearse. Prior to the structure's recent renovation and Mancuso's work, the building had lacked power; yet electricity was certainly essential for the renovated building to become a mini museum featuring the Town of Chester's handsome hearse and information about funeral customs and other hearse-related objects. The restoration of that building, adjacent cast-iron fence, and Public Tomb was part of a Chester Townscape proposal that won enthusiastic partnership support from the Town of Chester and the many volunteers and donors who contributed the funds and in-kind services to make the project possible.

Chester Electric's work included installation of a sub-panel and interior wiring; an outside light with motion and light sensor; lighting inside the new educational foyer in preparation for display materials; lighting both inside the Town's handsome hearse itself and on the building's dark interior walls to spotlight the vehicle; and installation of a smart TV that will show slides of the restoration project and additional information about funeral customs.

The remaining challenge for Mancuso is designing and installing appropriate, non-obtrusive lighting for the hearse's two lanterns without altering the historical integrity of the vehicle.

Other projects that need to be completed before the mini museum can open to the public include working out a solution with the Town for the ramp into the building and

finalization of the information and pictures for the educational displays. Some residents have promised to search for photos of the hearse in action, but many attic treasures have not surfaced yet. Anyone with photos or other historical data pertaining to the hearse or Chester funeral customs is urged to contact Suzy Forlie at 802-875-3634 or Lillian Willis at 802-875-1340 as soon as possible.



Yosemite fire truck

Chester townspeople should be aware that the beloved 1931 American LaFrance Yosemite fire truck has been moved to Head's Up Motorsports on Rt. 10. The truck is currently not inside being protected from the weather. It is shame that antique town property is being neglected. This photo was taken Wednesday evening, May 24.

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Steve Mancuso of Chester Electric installs an outside light on the Hearse House.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Carnegie's gospel of wealth

The phrase "noblesse oblige" means "nobility obliges" – a medieval concept that obliged lords to provide and take responsibility for the serfs and household dependents who served them, especially when they became aged or disabled. Today most people have the means to provide for themselves, and government programs fill the gaps for those who don't.

Noblesse oblige survives in the form of charitable giving, and government encourages that kind of giving with tax breaks. But there is another kind of giver – the philanthropist, or "lover of man" – who has prospered in life both by his or her own talents and with the help of the community and now "gives back to the community" without expectation of reward or special recognition.

This kind of philanthropist won the praise of Andrew Carnegie in his "Gospel of Wealth," written in 1889.

A Scots immigrant who made his fortune in steel, Andrew Carnegie declared that competition and enterprise drives progress overall, and private philanthropy by the very wealthy would do more for more people than merely putting more dollars into individual pockets would do. The talented, successful entrepreneur, he wrote, would eventually amass more money than he actually needed, which raised the question: What, beyond meeting one's immediate needs, should be done with it?

Carnegie does not blame individuals for making as much money as they possibly can, through their own talents and effort. Capitalism is built upon that premise, he writes. But there is a moral consideration, he warns: what you do with it tells what kind of person you are.

Carnegie's "gospel of wealth" describes how to dispose of "surplus wealth" to put that wealth to work indefinitely for the greater good. Handing it down within the family or bequeathing it is unacceptable – not only stingy but carrying the risk of being diverted or frittered away by those who do not share the same vision.

To him, "the true antidote for the temporary unequal distribution of wealth" was to convert the "surplus wealth of the few" into "the property of the many."

Carnegie was a Progressive, concerned with promoting the progress of civilization by modern means. This meant science, new technologies, and above all, universal education.

Carnegie cites the Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, founded by inventor and industrialist Peter Cooper in 1859 as a resource for learning. Cooper did not discriminate on the basis of religion, gender, race, and offered free tuition for laborers. The institute included a public reading room with subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals, and some low-income children studied there who would later become leaders in their professions. That was Cooper's vision. He lived long enough to take an active hand in making it a reality.

Carnegie himself funded the construction of libraries across the globe between 1883 and 1929, including 1,681 in the U.S.

Vermonters also benefited from the Progressive impulse. In Woodstock, Royalton-born Frederick Billings, who became wealthy in railroading and law and was instrumental in creating Yosemite National Park, demonstrated scientific forest management principles on Mount Tom. The genes of his prize-winning Jerseys improved local dairy herds. He made his extensive library available for local schoolchildren. The spot is now the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, where visitors can freely hike and learn about forest stewardship and the evolution of environmentalism in America. At Billings Farm & Museum, still a working dairy, visitors can experience a bit of Vermont's farming legacy.

Many of our state historic sites and parks began as gifts of Progressive philanthropy. Pay a visit to the new 204-acre Muckross State Park in Springfield. Its website states that it was the dream of Vermont Senator Edgar May to provide a natural area for recreation and environmental learning.

These places preserve our identity as a country of, by and for the people. They are our patrimony and must not be lost, sold off or squandered. The old-time Progressives like Carnegie knew that much.

~BM~

Dear Editor,

To the Chair of the Grafton Select Board

The wind issue is not dead in Grafton Vermont, as noticed by my reappointment. You might say or think it is, but until this town has an approved town plan, and Substantial Deference; Grafton is completely vulnerable and at risk for future development and my opponents know this.

My closing report as Grafton Planning Commissioner:

"The town plan has been outdated for many years (2008 with minor modification in 2013). It is now near complete. The only parts undefined on this town plan are the language for Industrial Wind Turbines (IWT) and Solar. We have all worked very hard; Jon Miller, Jon Plummer, Rex James, Steve Fisher, Eric Stevens, Liisa Kissel and myself, David Acker. It is your duty as Chair to finish the plan as soon as possible."

In the March 20 Select Board meeting with you as the new Chair, Selectman Al Sands tells the select board and the community at a public meeting that the information I presented to the town was "misleading." I submitted only my research to the town, not my notes. I

did two site visits to Lempster, N.H., spoke with the town clerk (not the administrator) and she stated to me, "yes, it is the road used as access to the site and the road was not good before," I asked, "Is it worse now?" The clerk acknowledged being worse. I am not sure why Al Sands again continues to mislead you and the community, which I believe vilified me and harmed my reappointment as commissioner.

According to the Chair regarding my reappointment, "I served well, maybe we need a change, no animosity here, we need someone who would help or benefit the process."

I find these statements unfortunately offensive and divisive. I hope in the future you can do a better job at bring the community together, Mr. Chairman

Please note as planning commissioner and in your absence I have done extensive research and spent time on the town plan for the whole of the community. I did not jump into this work until I found out our neighbors and friends were being harmed. It already had health effects on people (stressing over just the possibility), including myself.

My two years of research, (peer reviewed, etc.), I submitted, which I be-

lieve proved this could be very harmful to some of our residents and friends whom live much closer than I, my wife, Ellen and daughter, Charlie. We live 3 miles from the nearest proposed site. Some of our friends and neighbors were within 1.5 miles to as close as a .5 mile. I researched the human health impact for over a year. I did a 45-minute presentation on the Health impacts to the Commission and public. I also served on the Select Board Health Committee. How was this not someone who "helped or benefited" the town?

After working on the health impact I discovered everybody seemed more interested in environmental impacts, and yes, I was ground zero for the Bicknell's Thrush and the American Bird Conservancy. I still believe strongly of the impact on this Thrush, less than 100,000 left, and which migrates here and has been spotted and known to nest at nearby Stratton Mountain; along with other songbirds, bats and raptors. I believe our forest would have been an environmental disaster.

I have a strong suspicion the town plan is intentionally being delayed as not to get substantial deference. If true,

this would be a complete breach of the board and commissions duties and everyone would be held responsible and accountable.

It had been decided by the previous Select Board to bring in an attorney to advise and counsel on the language as it relates to Act 174 with regard to IWT and solar siting. I strongly recommend that this take place as soon as possible. It is your duty to protect the residents' health, well-being and property values of this town from the prospects of future, improperly sited, Industrial Wind or solar development. I urge you and the town people to demand a finished plan, which affords Grafton Substantial Deference.

Mr. Chair, please be fair and impartial. The people on the west side of town, "the group" love their homes too. Also, we are individuals not groups, the overwhelming majority of town has spoken at the November election.

As I have stated in previous meetings, if one resident is proven harmed, the project should be dead. Period. Grafton is lovely, beautiful. Lets keep it that way.

David Acker, Grafton, Vt.

Dear Editor,

The Legislature ended the session passing a budget with no increase in taxes or fees. We still found the room in our finances to fund a \$35 million bond that will build several hundred low- and middle-income housing units. And, we created a number of economic development policies that, if successful, will help our small- and medium-size businesses grow and allow several more communities to take advantage of special tax districts if they meet certain criteria in development.

We were also able to reduce the average residential property tax. We believe that there will be health care savings statewide that will show up in next year's school budgets.

Several of you have asked why I voted the way I did on the teacher

negotiations and health care, a discussion that consumed the last month of the session.

The short answer is I followed the money. At first, I thought the governor's idea was a good one because how can one argue with an 80-20 split on health care costs with teachers while returning \$26 million to taxpayers. I even co-sponsored the Republican Beck amendment when it came to the floor that was an endorsement of this idea.

However, as the month wore on and more facts came out, I realized Gov. Scott was going to return only one-third of the so-called \$26 million to taxpayers. In fact, it was only \$13 million because it was spread out over two fiscal years... have to be careful of those great sound bites

that are the basics of politics, I found: keep it short and simple and catchy.

When it came time for a vote, I voted against the amendment I co-sponsored because the Democratic amendment would give all the money back to the taxpayers in the district. After going door to door in the campaign, all I heard about was local control and bringing the money back home for tax relief. Letting the teachers negotiate with the state, which takes it out of local control/negotiations, and taxpayers not getting all the money just seemed wrong for Weathersfield and Cavendish.

So, I really did my due diligence for the taxpayers. And, by the way, I worked very hard on the Act 46 amendment and got provisions into

the bill to give us a longer timeline that works and more flexibility in what we come up with without being penalized.

No one will disagree in either party that the education funding formula needs to be fixed. We have just added patches on patches to a complicated formula that is not working.

The governor has threatened a veto on the budget and I will be returning to Montpelier on June 21 and 22, and will keep you posted as to the outcome.

For the status of other bills during the session, please go to my website www.annmarie4vt.org and click on Legislative Action.

Thank you,
Rep. Annmarie Christensen

Dear Editor,

I would like to express greetings and gratitude to many who made Green Up Day 2017 a vibrant reality. Thank you!

To the volunteers: Over 22,000 people of all walks of life and varied ages volunteered to come out and clean up litter from Vermont's roadsides, public and natural spaces and waterways. They did this before, during and after the traditional day of Green Up Day, the first Saturday in May, May 6 for 2017. They worked through varying degrees of weather, including rain in some areas that forced delay of cleaning to the weekend after Green Up

Day.

In the Rutland area windstorms joined the rain leaving thousands without power. In some southern and central areas of the state organizers indicated weather as a definite factor in turnout.

To the Coordinators: These caring dedicated Town Coordinators, working in conjunction with Green Up Vermont – the nonprofit organization carrying on the tradition of Green Up Day, organized logistics to publicize for participation; inform residents of areas needing cleaning; make the Green Up trash bags available and advise what to

do with filled bags; arrange for and advise of any community festivities such as breakfast, refreshments, lunch and in some cases return for gathering at a community dinner; music; raffles.

To the many schools whose students participated: Several thousand students around the state helped clean up with fellow students just prior to Green Up Day and also on Green Up Day in their communities with family, friends and neighbors.

To the numerous businesses coming out to help clean up on Friday: Over thirty businesses primarily in large towns formed teams of employees to

help start the Green Up cleaning up on Friday, drawing attention and reminder to take part in Green Up Day on Saturday.

To Governor Scott: The Governor with a team of his cabinet members went out on Friday to clean up a stretch of RT Two from Montpelier to Middlesex. He is making his presence and support visible to emphasize the importance of Green Up Day.

Sincerely,
Melinda Vieux
President, Green Up Vermont

Dear Editor,

The West Windsor Historical Society would like to thank everyone who donated and purchased items at our recent Auction on May 21, 2017.

We also wish to thank our fantastic auctioneer, Mark Isenberg for a job well done, Tom Kenyon for storing and delivery of our donated items, our cashier's Leone Bushkin and Jack Dugdale, Karen Diop and

Sherry Barbour for organizing and labeling the items.

Thank you to Front Porch Forum, West Windsor website and others for advertising our fundraiser. With your help, we had a very successful day with over \$1000 raised.

Sherry Barbour, Fundraising Chairman

Dear Editor,

The recent Postal Carrier's food drive ("Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive") carried more than a lot of weight on behalf of Black River Good Neighbor Services this year. An amazing amount of food was donated in just one day coming in to our food shelf, and for that we are extremely grateful.

Letter carriers in Ludlow, Mt. Hol-

ly, Belmont, Proctorsville and Cavendish went above and beyond on May 13 as they collected hundreds of bags of food along with their regular mail deliveries. In the postal world this day is the "National Day of Giving" and we are extremely proud of their supportive effort on behalf of those in need in our community.

For Black River Good Neighbor

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Friends of the Rockingham Library I wish to thank the area businesses and the community for supporting our recent Plant Sale held at the Rockingham Free Public Library on Saturday, May 13. Community members donated plants dug from their gardens, and area businesses donated flats of annuals and gardening items for the raffle and silent auction. Flat Iron

Exchange donated coffee. Friends of the Library made baked goods and also donated plants. Funds raised will help support programs at the Rockingham Free Public Library.

Thank you for helping grow our Rockingham Library and fill local gardens with beauty!

Thank you,
Polly Montgomery
Friends of the Rockingham Library

Services this collection helps tremendously in keeping our shelves stocked with essentials. For folks who use the food shelf it really does create an atmosphere of "needing to use the food shelf is not the end of the world." We find that when the shelves are stocked people don't feel quite as desperate as they might coming in. And, we work hard to

share compassion together with food assistance.

To the postal carriers and everyone who donated food, thank you very much!

Krey Kellington
Food Program Administrator
Black River Good Neighbor Services

Dear Editor,

Neighborhood Connections would like to thank the towns of Andover, Jamaica, Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, Weston and Windhall for their pledge of support at the recent March Town Meetings. Your generous backing helps us do our important work – particularly since we do not receive any federal or state funds.

Neighborhood Connections provides "well-being" support for all people in our mountain communities – particularly those who are

most vulnerable. Regardless of anyone's financial situation, we connect them to resources and foster collaborative connections between local non-profits in an effort to actualize effective solutions. Your support allows us to keep the doors open and hope alive in the service of our communities.

Thank you,
Gloria Dawson
Interim Executive Director
Neighborhood Connections

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Obituaries

Robert Lewis Clark, 1921 - 2017

Virginia Blake Clark and family invite you to attend the celebration of life service for Robert Lewis Clark born July 1921 in Chester, VT. He

died in Westmoreland, N.H. in February 2017. The celebration will be at the Chester Baptist Church, Main Street, on June 17 at 1 p.m.

Elaine Theresa (McCormick) Comstock, 1950 - 2017

SOUTH READING, Vt. - Elaine Theresa (McCormick) Comstock 66 passed away at home May 1, 2017 following a long illness. She was born June 13, 1950 in Hartford, CT., spent her childhood in Avon, CT., graduating from Avon High School in 1968. She had been employed for several years at Connecticut General Insurance Company, Bloomfield, CT., prior to retirement.

Elaine lived many years in Bristol, CT. She enjoyed skiing, snow mobile and motorcycle riding. She and her husband Brian E. Comstock, M.D. then moved to Proctorsville, Vt. following his retirement. This move allowed them to fully enjoy the many outdoor activities in Vermont. They had many friends both in Bristol, CT and Proctorsville. They enjoyed the many activities held at the American Legion Post

36, in Ludlow, Vermont.

She is survived by her two sons; Michael Carroll of Phoenix, AZ and Neil Carroll of Bristol, CT. She is also survived by her sister and brothers: Jane Olivera of Bonita Springs, FL; Patrick (Nelda) McCormick of Columbus, MS; Leo (Leslie) McCormick of Ocala, FL, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was pre-deceased by her parents Emil and Jeanne Fournier as well as a brother Robert Fournier.

A memorial graveside service will be held Friday, June 2, 2017 at 11 A.M. at the Pleasantville Cemetery, Ludlow, VT. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any memorial donations be sent to the American Legion Post 36, Ludlow, VT or to a charity of the sender's choice.

Brian Comstock, 1947 - 2017

LUDLOW, Vt. - Dr. Brian Comstock died peacefully in Dartmouth/Hitchcock hospital on May 16 in Lebanon, New Hampshire at the age of 70. Brian was predeceased by his wife Elaine.



Brian Comstock, 1947 - 2017
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Brian is survived by his children, Gregory and his partner Jim of Terryville, CT., and Matthew and his wife Joanne of Wolcott, CT. He is also survived by his grandson Sebastian. He is also survived by his two step-sons Michael and Neil Carroll.

Brian was born on February 16, 1947 in Danbury, CT the only child of Howard and Emely Comstock. He graduated high school from Wooster High in Danbury. He then went on to Yale University and graduated at the top of his class. From there he went on to graduate with a medical degree from Penn State University and on to do his residency and orthopedic residency at Hartford Hospital in Connecticut.

After moving to Bristol, Brian opened his own private practice for orthopedics. Brian was a skilled orthopedic surgeon and was the first to perform a total knee replacement at Bristol Hospital. After many years in private practice Brian went on to work for MedWorks of Bristol Hospital.

He and Elaine retired to Vermont where he was a generous individual who loved a wide variety of hobbies including hunting, fishing, and riding motorcycles.

He was an active and dedicated member of the United Church of Ludlow and the American Legion in Vermont. He was also a member of the Bristol Fish and Game club in Bristol, CT.

A funeral is scheduled for 11 a.m. at Pleasant View Cemetery in Ludlow, VT. Reverend Dr. Donald E. Harpster will officiate the ceremony. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Brian's life.

ASCUTNEY, VT.

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

Sunday worship begins at 9 a.m. followed by coffee hour. Church is handicap accessible. Contact Joan Kuncik at 603-826-0381 or email jkuncik@comcast.net

CHESTER, VT.

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

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

BELLOWS FALLS, VT.

Immanuel Retreat Center, Currier Hall, 12 Church St.
Celtic worship service at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays. A brief meditation; social time follows the service.

Immanuel Episcopal Church, 20 Church St.

Holy Eucharist Services are offered at 8 a.m. (quiet service) and 10 a.m. (with music) every Sunday. Immanuel Church is accessible and everyone is welcome.

CLAREMONT, N.H.

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

BELMONT, VT.

The Village Church: 35 Church St.

The Sunday service and children's church is at 9:30 a.m. followed by fellowship and coffee hour. Contact information: Pastor Glenn Davis 802-259-2440; http://vbch.weebly.com/.

GRAFTON, VT.

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

LUDLOW, VT.

Annunciation Catholic Church, Corner of Depot and High St.
Mass on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Call 802-222-3451

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

Sundays starting at 10:15 a.m. followed by a time of fellowship. Services by The Reverend Dr. Donald E. Harpster. 802-228-4211, email: unitedchurch@tds.net.

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

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

CAVENDISH, VT.

Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main St.
Sundays at 10 a.m. with activities for children, followed by a coffee and snack time. More info at CavendishBaptist.com or call 802-226-7131.

Gethsemane Episcopal Church, Depot St.

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

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church, Main St.

Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m. Call 802-228-3451

CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

North Charlestown United Methodist Church, River Rd.

SPRINGFIELD, VT. TYSON, VT.

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

First Congregational Church, 77 Main St.

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

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 90 Park St.

Services: Vespers on Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Liturgy on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour following Liturgy. More info: 802-885-2615, www.htocvt.org.

North Springfield Baptist Church, 69 Main St.

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

Precision Valley Baptist Church, 69 Route 106

Sunday at 10 a.m. Adult Bible study Sunday from 9:45 a.m. We are located right next to Cota & Cota.

Springfield Assembly of God, 269 River St.

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Sunday service begins at 11 a.m. Sunday night service at 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study for all ages at 6 p.m. The church also has a bus to pick up children for Sunday school; call anytime to schedule a pick up. Call 802-885-4261.

St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10 Pleasant St.

Mass on Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Contact the rectory at 802-885-3400.

Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Rd.

Sunday services at 10 a.m. Twice a month in summer. June 4: At the end of each church year we celebrate the power of community with our flower communion. New members will be welcomed. There will be a reception afterwards. https://uuspringfieldvt.org/. Email uuspringfieldvt@gmail.com or leave a message at 802-885-3327.

Tyson Congregational Church, Route 100
Call 802-228-4770.

WALPOLE, N.H.

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

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

Sunday School at 10 a.m. with coffee hour at 11 a.m. Wheelchair accessible. 603-756-4075. E-mail: walpolechurch@yahoo.com.

Walpole Unitarian Church, Main St.

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

WESTMINSTER, VT.

Christian Family Circle Chapel, 1512 Back Westminster Rd.

Sunday song service begins at 10 a.m., Sunday school at 10:30 a.m. Fellowship lunch on first Sunday of each month. Non-denominational. Visit www.christianfamilycirclechurch.com.

WEST WINDSOR, VT.

Brownsville Community United Methodist Church, 66 Brownsville-Hartland Rd.

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Anna Valentine of OMS nominated to U.S. Snowboard Rookie Team



Anna Valentine.

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LUDLOW, Vt. – Okemo Mountain School snowboarder Anna Valentine (Class of 2018), of Sparta, N.J., was nominated recently for the U.S. Snowboard Rookie Team for Halfpipe. Valentine will continue to attend OMS for her senior year and work with Head Snowboard Coach Luke Bonang, while also having the support of the U.S. Snowboard Team at competitions. She will be able to attend U.S. Team projects and training camps. This nomination comes at the end of an incredible season for Valentine. Highlights include placing second in both the FIS Junior World Snowboard Championships and the Swiss National Europa Cup, two U.S. Revolution Tour podiums, and winning the Women's

Open Class for Halfpipe at USASA Nationals.

Head Snowboard Coach Luke Bonang said, "I couldn't be more stoked for Anna! She has been a part of this program since she was only 8 years old, and it has been amazing to watch her grow and develop as an athlete. This nomination to the U.S. Rookie Team couldn't be more well-deserved! Anna has a timeless style in her snowboarding and I am excited to watch her continue to make her mark on the sport."

"Anna is an incredible student-athlete who pushes herself to succeed at the highest levels both on the hill and in the classroom," said Head of School Mariel Meringolo. "Furthermore, she

is simply an absolute pleasure to have as a part of our school community. I couldn't be more proud of her and look forward to supporting her during her senior year with us."

Okemo Mountain School is a non-profit educational institution dedicated to the academic and athletic development of serious snow sports athletes. Student-athletes are given the opportunity to train in alpine ski racing, snowboarding, and freestyle skiing, while pursuing a rigorous course of academic study.

Further information about Okemo Mountain School may be obtained by contacting Mariel Meringolo at mmeringolo@okemomountain-school.org or (802) 228-1513.

CLIF Rural Libraries Grant goes to CFCL

CAVENDISH, Vt. - The Cavendish Fletcher Community Library is delighted to announce that they are the recipient of a Children's

Literacy Foundation Rural Libraries Grant for the upcoming school year. The library will receive \$2500 in new children's books for the library, two storytelling presentations during the upcoming school year at the school, two storytelling presentations during the upcoming year at two local preschools and two new books for each Cavendish Town Elementary School Student and preschool student. The library will also receive \$250 for an exciting and top-secret program to kick off the school year.

For more information, please contact Kata at 802-226-7503.

EdgarMay needs member feedback

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The EdgarMay Health and Recreation Center needs help and we are asking you. We are seeking members who would like to be a part of a summer project to give us feedback about member exercise habits.

The EdgarMay is designing a summer project, led by a UVM student, which focuses on what impacts exercise participation. The summer project will take place over a six-week period beginning in early June and lasting until mid-July. A minimal amount of time will be required each week from all participants. All member information will be kept anonymous through this study. With your help, the EdgarMay will be able to look at what motivates people to exercise. We will then analyze this information in a way to help us strengthen our support for members and their exercise needs.

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CHIP SEALING TOWN OF GRAFTON INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received for the chip sealing in two locations in the Village of Grafton, Vermont. Bids will be received at the Grafton Selectmen's office, P.O. Box 180, 117 Main Street, Grafton, VT 01546 until 3:00PM on June 15, 2017. Bidders are required to contact the Road Foreman, Danny Taylor, with any questions regarding the specifications for the chip sealing job. Danny Taylor can be reached at the Town Garage at (802) 843-2456.

All bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked on the outside with the words "2017-20% Rubber Chip Sealing Bid". Current insurance documentation must be submitted with the bid. Bids will be opened and read aloud at the Select Board meeting scheduled on June 19, 2017 at 6PM at the Grafton Town Garage, 220 Bell Rd., Grafton, VT. Contractors will be notified of awards at a later date.

COLD PLANING TOWN OF GRAFTON INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received for Cold Planing in two locations in the Village of Grafton, Vermont. Bids will be received at the Grafton Selectmen's office P.O. Box 180, 117 Main Street, Grafton, VT 05146 until 3:00PM on June 15, 2017. Bidders are required to contact the Road Foreman, Danny Taylor, with any questions regarding the specifications for the cold planing job. Danny Taylor can be reached at the Town Garage at (802) 843-2456.

All bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked on the outside with the words "2017 Cold Planing Bid". Current insurance documentation must be submitted with the bid. Bids will be opened and read aloud at the Select Board meeting scheduled on June 19, 2017 at 6PM at the Grafton Town Garage, 220 Bell Rd., Grafton, VT. Contractors will be notified of awards at a later date.

PAVING TOWN OF GRAFTON INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received for paving over milled portions, approximately 2" thick of type IV asphalt. Locations to be paved are, Main Street (approximately 850 x 32 feet) and a portion of Townsh end Rd. (approximately 1,000 x 32 feet), at the Grafton's Selectmen's Office, P.O. Box 180, 117 Main Street, Grafton, VT 05146, until 3:00 P.M. on 6/15/2017. Bidders are required to contact the Road Foreman, Danny Taylor, with any questions regarding the specifications for the paving job. Danny Taylor can be reached at the Town Garage at (802) 843-2456. All bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked on the outside with the words "2017 Paving Bid". Insurance documentation must be submitted with the bid. Bids will be opened and read aloud at the Selectboard meeting scheduled for 6/19/2017 at 6:00P.M., which is held at the Grafton Town Garage, 220 Bell Rd., Grafton, VT. Contractors will be notified of awards at a later date.

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Get ready, get set, STOP aquatic exotics

REGION - Get ready, get set, go and river users are off at the start of river season on Memorial Day! The Connecticut River Conservancy asks all river users to protect the Connecticut River and its tributaries from exotic plants and animals. Whether you use a powerboat, row, canoe, kayak or wade, swim, fish or sail, all river enthusiasts have an individual responsibility to protect the Connecticut River and its tributaries from the introduction of exotic aquatic species.

There are no "fixes" once exotics are in our waters. Once exotics establish themselves in a new habitat they propagate more quickly than native species. If these invaders find their new surroundings welcoming, they explode because they do not face their usual predators. In their uncontrolled explosions, exotics deny native species their usual habitat. They also create problems for humans; just ask anyone living on a lake where Eurasian milfoil or water chestnut has taken hold and choked their lake or ask someone responsible for keeping a water intake pipe open in the presence of zebra mussels.

The list of invasives we face continues to grow, so the responsibility to stop their spread increases. Lake Champlain is now dealing with the spiny water flea, a small critter that multiplies in profusion, and although fish do eat them, they cannot digest them. In fact, a small fish has problems even swallowing them. The Connecticut River has not yet seen these pests, but all it would take is a clump of them attached to an uncleaned fishing or down rigging line or a live well contaminated with them to start their invasion of our river.

Zebra mussels were discovered in Massachusetts just outside the Connecticut River watershed. Even with the quick response to close boat launch ramps, the odds are good that the mussel will get into the Connecticut River watershed. In New Hampshire, the Asian clam may claim another lake this year. Investigative field survey work is underway in a Franconia area lake, spurred on by an alert that the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services received that fishers found the clams in fish stomachs.

This brief discussion does not even

address the other aquatic invasive species including phragmites, Chinese mystery snail, rusty crayfish, curly leaf pondweed, carp, or the freshwater jellyfish, all in or near our watershed.

Care in preventing further spread of these infestations is the only tool we have at our disposal. Act as though every waterbody harbors problem species. Rely on the precautionary principle, be safe not sorry.

It is not hard to protect the river. Just Check, Clean, or Dry!

Check: At the ramp during trailering, thoroughly inspect your boat's hull, drive unit, trim plates, trolling blades, prop guards, transducers, anchor and anchor rope, and trailer. Inspect all craft, powerboat or canoe and scrape off and properly dispose of any suspected mussels and all waterweeds hanging from boat or trailer. Do not move live bait from one water body to another. Do not dump live bait into the water; the bait may be a non-native species or diseased.

Clean: Before launching your boat, assume that some exotic was in the last body of water you were in and you are carrying it. You should

thoroughly flush the hull, drive unit, live wells, any pumping system, bilge, trailer, bait buckets, and engine cooling water system. Drain all bilge water, live wells, bait buckets and any other water from your boat and equipment at the ramp as you leave a water body. One quick way to clean the exterior is to use a hot hard spray from a do-it-yourself carwash.

Dry: Dry out all items that can absorb or hold water. If you cannot clean your water toys or tools, boats and trailers, PFDs, water shoes and boots, etc. dry them thoroughly in the sun for up to five days before using them in another water body. Hot water pumped through an engine's intake is one method of preventing zebra mussel growth inside an engine's cooling system. Do not use chlorine bleach or other damaging washing solutions in the water or next to the shore. If you are not sure that your water toy is clear of invasives, you should dry it.

Both Vermont and New Hampshire have recently increased boater responsibilities to prevent moving invasives among water bodies including enforcement provisions for



Stop spreading aquatic exotics. Clean your boats, canoes, kayaks, etc. before you bring them to a new river or body of water.

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boat owners. Beyond the changes in the law, the Connecticut River Conservancy hopes all of those who play on, in, or under the river or its tributaries will take personal responsibility and be especially careful to protect our rivers from further invasions by aquatic exotics. You enjoy it, so

do not ruin it for yourself and others, and remember: Check, Clean, or Dry!

This article was written by David L. Deen, an honorary trustee of the Connecticut River Conservancy, formally the Connecticut River Watershed Council.

Vermont Fish & Wildlife to discuss Vermont beavers

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Tyler Brown, the furbearer technician for the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department and Chris Bernier, furbearer project leader, will be at The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections on Friday, June 2 at 11 a.m. to discuss beavers in Vermont. The team will talk about basic beaver biology, the history of beavers in Vermont and the management of these mammals. In addition, they will explain the beaver baffle program. Beaver dams, while providing valuable wetland habitat for fish and other wildlife, can also cause damage to roads and septic systems. The baffle program uses water control structures to properly manage beaver dam water levels.

This program is offered at no charge, but space is limited, so call Mary C. Schwartz at 802-824-4343 to register. The Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections is located in Londonderry's Mountain Marketplace, next to the Londonderry



Learn the history of beavers at this discussion at Neighborhood Connections.

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Neighborhood Connections is a community-based non-profit social services agency serving individuals

and families in the area mountain towns of south-central Vermont. Check out our web-site at www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org.

Vermont Open Farm Week celebrates local food origins

REGION - For the third consecutive year, farmers across Vermont will open their barn doors and garden gates to welcome the public for a behind-the-scenes look at Vermont's vibrant working landscapes. Vermont Open Farm Week 2017 will be held Monday, August 14, through Sunday, August 20, at dozens of farms in Vermont.

Open Farm Week is a celebration of Vermont farms offering visitors a backstage pass to learn more about local food origins, authentic agritourism experiences, and the chance to build relationships with local farmers. Activities vary and may include milking cows and goats, harvesting vegetables, collecting eggs, tasting farm fresh food, scavenger

hunts, hayrides, farm dinners, and live music.

Each Open Farm Week event is created by a farmer and focused on highlighting the unique character of the host farm. Below are some highlights for the 2017 schedule:

Pickle Making workshop: Learn to make and preserve your own pickles from scratch. All materials will be provided. Participants will go home with seven jars of dill pickles. Saturday, August 19 at Crossmolina Farm, Corinth, Vermont.

Meet the Parris Hill Farm alpacas: Learn all about the alpaca anatomy, husbandry, evolution, migration, history, fleece, and products. Saturday, August 19 and Sunday, August 20 at Parris Hill Farm, Brownsville,

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Junior sugar maker learning and quiz: Children and adults can sample maple syrup, walk the maple trail, visit the sugar house and learn how maple syrup is made. Earn a sugarmaker certificate after finding the answers to a 10-question quiz. Monday, August 14 at Sugarbush Maple & Cheese Farm, Woodstock, Vermont.

Open Farm Week Events will be posted on DigInVT.com starting in June and finalized by July. Many events will be free. Not all farms are open every day, so be sure to check in July for detailed scheduling information to help plan a visit. Everyone is invited to join the Open Farm Week conversation on social media using the hashtag #VTOpenFarm.

Open Farm Week is a collaborative statewide agritourism project presented by the University of Vermont Extension, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Vermont Farm to Plate Network, Vermont Fresh Network, Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing, Shelburne Farms and Farm-Based Education, NOFA-VT, and City Market.

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Open Farm Week begins in August.

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Herb planter workshop at Horatio Colony House Museum

KEENE, N.H. - Container gardening in patio planters is not particularly hard. It is similar to gardening in a typical landscape garden bed. However, there are some unique considerations when you begin container gardening if you want to keep your plants alive and looking their best.

Join master gardener Sarah Mustin Stockwell to learn about these considerations. The workshop will also cover what herbs grow well in containers and how best to plant and care for them.

Potting soil will be provided. Herb plants will be available to purchase. Please bring your own containers or patio pots. Workshop is free. Please phone 603-352-0460 to register.

The Horatio Colony House Museum is located at 199 Main Street, Keene, New Hampshire. Parking is

available at Saint Bernard's Church. For information visit our web site at www.horatiocolonymuseum.com.



A workshop on how to container garden and keep your plants alive.

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Rich Watkin is Vermont's Warden of the Year

REGION - Senior Warden Rich Watkin, Ph.D., of Wilmington is Vermont's State Game Warden of the Year. Watkin received the award in recognition of his excellent service from Governor Phil Scott on May 24 in Montpelier.

Lt. Greg Eckhardt, Watkin's supervisor, praised him for his exemplary attitude and dedication to all aspects of the job," said Commissioner Louis Porter. "He goes out of his way to serve his community, from teaching kids at the local elementary school about wildlife to giving free snowmobile rides to disabled children."

"Rich is professional, polite, hardworking, dependable, honest and always willing to help others whenever asked. He is highly regarded by his peers and is a great asset to both the Fish and Wildlife Department and the State of Vermont," added

Eckhardt.

"Warden Watkin represents so many of the things that makes our warden force the professional and well-respected institution that it is," said Commissioner Louis Porter. "He goes out of his way to serve his community, from teaching kids at the local elementary school about wildlife to giving free snowmobile rides to disabled children."

Warden Watkin's district includes the towns of Stratton, Somerset, Dover, Searsburg, Wilmington, Stamford, Readsboro, and Whitingham.

Shikar-Safari Club International, a private wildlife conservation group, sponsors a warden of the year award



Rich Watkin is shown here receiving recognition from Governor Phil Scott. Pictured (from left) Col. Jason Batchelder, Gov. Phil Scott, Senior Warden Rich Watkin, and Lt. Greg Eckhardt.

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in each state and Canadian province to help promote and encourage the enforcement of wildlife conservation laws. Watkin received a colorful framed certificate honoring his selection as Vermont's State Game Warden of the Year, provided by Shikar-Safari Club International.



Robin eggs spotted in Chester

A mama robin laid her eggs in Chester. Soon after they were found, the eggs hatched into little baby robins!

PHOTOS BY SHAWN TAE STILLWELL

arts & entertainment

Okemo's Jackson Gore summer music series returns

LUDLOW, Vt. – Okemo Mountain Resort kicks off summer with the return of the Jackson Gore Summer Music Series presented by William Raveis Real Estate Vermont Properties Team. Jackson Gore Summer Music Series features free concerts scheduled from 6 - 9 p.m. most Friday nights throughout the summer. Kicking off the summer music series on June 9 is The Starline Rhythm Boys, a trio that evokes the spirited country and juke joint sounds that echoed out of the Tennessee Hills and Texas Honkytonks in the 1940s and '50s.

On Friday nights throughout the summer season, the lawn in the courtyard at Okemo's Jackson Gore

Inn is transformed into an outdoor concert venue featuring popular local and regional bands. Admission is free and the grounds open at 5 p.m. Families are welcome and attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets. In case of rain, the concerts will move under cover. Dining options include fresh-from-the-grill burgers, hot dogs, and other summertime favorites, plus beer and wine is available for purchase. Full-service dining with al fresco seating in the courtyard is offered at Jackson Gore's Coleman Brook Tavern.

Following The Starline Rhythm Boys on June 9, the summer lineup for the Jackson Gore Summer Music

includes: Jenni Johnson and the Jazz Junketeers, June 16; Copilot, June 23; 2ADAM12, June 30; The Detonators, July 14; Dojo, July 21; The Mad Mountain Scramblers, July 28; CK3, August 11; Studio Two, August 18; Big Fez & The Surfmatrics, August 25; The Grift, September 1.

Okemo's Adventure Zone stays open late on Friday evenings for concertgoers who like a little adventure with their music. Visitors especially enjoy The Timber Ripper Mountain Coaster and the Haulback Challenge Course. There's trampoline bungee jumping, miniature golf, disc golf, a climbing pinnacle, zipline tours, Segway Personal Transport tours, and the Amp Energy Big Air Bag. Each of Okemo's Adventure Zone features is priced individually or visitors can purchase an Adventure Zone Day Pass wristband. Special Twilight wristbands are available for purchase on Friday evenings during



Enjoy a free concert at Jackson Gore.

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the Jackson Gore Summer Music Series.

In addition to the Jackson Gore Summer Music Series, Okemo will

host several other events this summer. The Resort celebrates Independence Day on July 1 with its Great American Party presented by South-Face Village at Okemo. On July 7, Okemo welcomes the Vermont Symphony Orchestra presented by Mary W. Davis Realtor & Associates to the Okemo Valley. Okemo's Blueberry Fest presented by William Raveis Real Estate Vermont Properties Team celebrates all things blueberry on July 23. Sample more than 50 craft beers and a selection of great wines August 4 through 6 as Okemo's annual Hops in the Hills Beer and Wine Festival presented by William Raveis Real Estate Vermont Properties Team spans three full days. Then on October 7, Okemo's Fall into Winter presented by Lipton Tea celebrates the change of seasons.

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Great River Theater Festival

PUTNEY, Vt. – The Great River Theater Festival promises to be one of the most exciting theater collaborations Southern Vermont has ever seen. The brainchild of Main Street Arts in Saxtons River, and an outgrowth of the 4-County Theatre Collaborative MSA also spearheaded, the festival will showcase a "Who's Who" of community and professional the-

ater companies in its inaugural program. The Festival will run July 6-9 in Putney with 7 companies performing 14 shows.

Joining Main Street Arts will be the Weston Playhouse, the Vermont Theater Company, The Apron Theater Company, New England Youth Theater, Sandglass Puppet Theater, and Actor's Theater Playhouse.

According to Main Street Arts Co-chair Gina Cote, the Festival has been a priority for David Stern, MSA's Artistic Director. "Since David first came to MSA he wanted to showcase the outstanding quality of the work offered in this area and bring it before a larger, regional and even national audience," Stern agrees, reflecting that the companies "inspire one another to produce better art and to engage more effectively with the communities who have supported us over the years. I hope that audiences will see that inspiration on stage. Both the dedicated theater buff and the person who has never seen a live show before should have a fantastic time."

Among the shows planned for the festival are family favorites such as the Carol King/Maurice Sendak musical, "Really Rosie," to be produced by Weston, and Main Street Arts' offering of the multiple award-winning musical comedy, "Little Shop of Horrors." Apron will contribute the Bertolt Brecht classic, "Mother Courage and Her Children," a work that has been characterized as "the best play of the last hundred years," and to give audiences a chance to compare clas-



Four days, seven theater companies, 14 shows, four venues, a theater festival full of excitement.

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sics, The Vermont Theater Company will perform Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" outdoors.

Stern adds that, "We want to give our audiences a chance to sample the full spectrum of the area's live theater, and that means integrating original works into the mix. We are happy to announce that The New England Youth Theater will produce a new commedia of the "Emperor's New Clothes" for the Festival and Sandglass will revive their wonderful original piece, "When I Put On My Glove." Working collaboratively in this way,

we can we make the Great River Theater Festival the "Can't Miss" event of the summer."

To give audiences a taste of what's in store, for them, Main Street Arts will offer audiences a "Sneak Peek" of "Little Shop" at MSA's own theater in Saxtons River a week before the Festival opens. Main Street Arts preview of "Little Shop of Horrors" will run June 30-July 2 in Saxtons River, VT

For more information, tickets for individual shows and subscription tickets for the entire series go to greatrivertheaterfestival.org.

The artist's garden studios, gardens and famous locations

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – RAMParts Presents, in partnership with Exhibition on Screen, brings "The Artist's Garden: American Impressionism and the Garden Movement, 1887-1920," to the Bellows Falls Opera house on Thursday, June 22, 7 p.m.

The 90-minute feature captures the Impressionist movement and its influence tied to a love of gardens by its two most famous artists, Claude Monet and Pierre-Auguste Renoir. The exhibition program states, "The American Impressionist movement followed its own path which, over a thirty-year period, reveals as much about America as a nation as it does about its art as a creative

powerhouse." The viewer is treated to a mesmerizing inside look at studios, gardens and famous locations throughout the United States, United Kingdom and France.

Robert McBride, Director of RAMP, is expanding arts programming locally, in the broadest sense, by making it accessible in cost and availability. "Not everyone is able to afford travel to a city to see art exhibitions or Broadway shows. A trip can easily cost over \$100 per person in travel and ticket expense and becomes a barrier to the art experience. By creating the RAMParts ticketing platform and partnering with the Opera House, we can create unique,

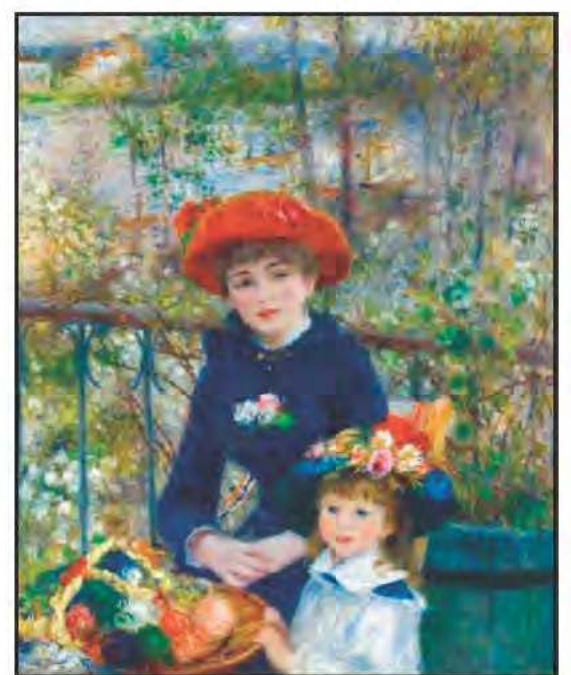
spectacular box-office offerings right here in Bellows Falls. Arts events are a proven economic driver for any community. Merchants benefit from increased traffic to events held at the Opera House."

The Artist's Garden appeals to artists, gardeners and horticulturists in presenting how the Impressionist art movement inspired the beauty of carefully considered gardens during a thirty-year period, from 1887-1920. Viewers will be transported to beautiful locations and unique artist studio viewing.

Broadway shows will also be scheduled this

summer at the Opera House. According to McBride, "At this time we have access to over 200 Broadway hits, and we'll be working closely with the Opera House to create an online streaming experience so that current Broadway shows are available, much like Metropolitan Opera HD Live performances."

Tickets for The Artist's Garden can be purchased online through the RAMParts ticketing platform, <http://siteline.vendini.com/site/ramparts-tickets.com> and will also be available at the door. Seating is general admission. Contact Susan MacNeil at 603-313-0052 or email susan@svi-dol.com for more information.



A 90 minute feature film that captures the Impressionist movement and its influence tied to a love of gardens.

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River Theater Company auditions for all roles

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - The River Theater Company's fall production of the musical "A Christmas Story" is holding auditions on Monday, June 19 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, June 24 from 10:00 a.m. to noon, upstairs at the Charlestown Town Hall Theater on Summer Street, right behind Ralph's Supermarket.



Audition to be in "A Christmas Story." PHOTO PROVIDED

"A Christmas Story" has a large cast of children, teens and adults. The show will be performed at the historic Claremont Opera House in November. All roles are open.

The children's roles include: Ralphie Parker, a 10-13 year old boy and Randy Parker, 8-11 years old, who both need to be strong singers with unchanged voices and be able to act and move well, two 13-17 year old boys with strong voices and stage presence, as well as a large ensemble of 9-17 year olds who are used throughout the show and in the production numbers.

The adult roles include: Jean Shep-

herd /Narrator, 40-60 years old, a strong actor with great presence and spark, an animated story teller with a deadpan sense of humor, The Old Man, 30-50 years old, rough exterior but good-hearted, high baritone/tenor, Mother, 30-50 years old, more in charge than she lets on, very much the "mom" with warm sense of humor, mezzo soprano, Miss Shields, 20-40 years old, the elementary school teacher, who needs to be a strong

comedic actress, strong Broadway style belting voice, as well as an ensemble of 18 years-old, male and female, strong singers/actors/ dancers to fill multiple roles.

Please be prepared to read, sing and move at the auditions. We are also looking for people (adults and children) who know how to tap or are willing to learn (you don't have to know how

to tap to audition).

We are always looking for volunteers who love theater and community events but don't want to appear on stage. There are lots of opportunities to get involved- set construction, props, costumes, production assistants, advertising, and more!

For more information please visit our website, rivertheater.org or email mwright@rivertheater.org/

2017 RVTC Tech Camp is more exciting than ever

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Folks at the River Valley Technical Center (RVTC) in Springfield are excited to announce that six new instructors and several new programs have been added to this year's summer Tech Camp. Everyone is hard at work designing new segments such as "Game Design," "Escape Rooms," "Design CO2 Cars," and "Learning Basic Animation Coding."

This year's First Aid program instructor is an EMT from the Springfield Fire Department and, when available, an ambulance or fire truck will be available for a segment of this program.

The Video & Film Making program is an exciting two-part program focusing on the art and techniques used by professional cinematographers in the film industry. Campers will have the opportunity to get their hands on the cameras and other tools to learn some of these very skills for

themselves.

More good news is that the Robots and Rockets program introduces campers to the fun of engineering and automation. Robots allows campers in teams to build and manipulate robots in a variety of games and activities including fun with lasers. The program allows campers to create a model rocket, customize and launch it, as well as determine its altitude on the Springfield High School track field. Campers will explore pneumatic and hydro propulsion of delivery systems.

The Let's Get Cooking program is always a favorite as Chef Dave turns campers on to creating culinary delights and healthy treats for themselves.

Camp is for incoming seventh-, eighth-, and ninth- graders from throughout the region and includes homeschooled as well as private schooled youth. The camp experience could turn your child on to a new and exciting hobby or interest and at the low price of \$100 this is a steal!

Camp is scheduled for June 26-30 at RVTC, 307 South St., Springfield, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 each day. Bussing is available from some middle schools.

For more information or to receive a brochure and sign-up forms, contact Marie Gelineau, camp director, at 802-384-1561 or by email at mgelineau@rvtc.net. Camp is filling up fast so don't delay if you have youths interested.



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Whiting Library passes have arrived

CHESTER, Vt. - Summer is nearly here and Whiting Library is once again offering free or discounted passes to Vermont Historical Sites, Vermont Day Parks and regional museums. These includes eight Vermont state historical sites: Bennington Battle Monument, Chimney Point in Addison, Hubbardton Battlefield, Justin Morrill in Strafford, Mount Independence in Orwell, Old Constitution House in Windsor, President Calvin Coolidge in Plymouth and President

Chester Arthur in Fairfield. (Historic Sites.Vermont.gov)

Enjoy family fun and fresh air at day use sites in 35 Vermont State Parks. Go to vtstateparks.com for all the parks info. The library parks pass admits up to 8 people in one vehicle! (vtstateparks.com).

In historic Windsor see machine tools and inventions that celebrate craftsmanship at the American Precision Museum, www.americanprecision.org. The Library pass allows

admission for two adults and two children, and a discount at the museum shop. Experience Vermont's history from 1600 to present at the Vermont Historical Museum located in Montpelier in the Pavilion Building near the State House at www.vermonthhistory.org

Closer to home enjoy free admission to the Nature Museum in Grafon at www.nature-museum.org, where you may wander trails, a wildlife garden, and learn all about Ver-

mont's natural world.

Please contact Whiting Library for more information about these great perks of membership. Call 802-875-2277 or contact whitinglibrary@yahoo.com

Library hours are Monday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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Students perform at the Great Hall

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Town Library, Riverside Middle School and Gallery at the VAULT are hosting a party with refreshments, Monday, June 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the Great Hall, 100 River Street in Springfield. A free evening of Art, Poetry, and Family Stories brings to an end Springfield's celebration of Brown Girl Dreaming, the 2017 Vermont Reads title. Students, families, friends and neighbors are welcome to see and hear the work created by Riverside students as they respond to the themes of Brown Girl Dreaming. Librarian Michelle Stinson, Riverside teacher Lisa Mobus and the VAULT's Diane Kemble worked together to create this event—choosing the Great Hall for its magnificent setting, easy parking, and accessibility.

Visitors can also enjoy the current Great Hall exhibit, "Four Centripetal Views," from Rutland artist William T. Ramage.

Brown Girl Dreaming is a beautiful memoir for adults and children, written by Jacqueline Woodson. She evokes the Jim Crow years in her story of finding herself, as reader, writer, child, daughter, sister, and granddaughter in South Carolina and Brooklyn, N.Y. To explore themes in the book, the Springfield Town Library turned to local presenters. Hugh Putnam of the Springfield Art and Historical Society guided adults through basic Vermont and Springfield genealogy. Vermont poet and educator, Dan Heller, led a book discussion of Brown Girl Dreaming and read from his first book of poetry,

"Between the Shadows." Michelle Stinson brought the picture books of Jacqueline Woodson to the youngest Springfield residents. Riverside Middle School found civil rights and literature in the book—enlarged with a residency on telling family stories given by Natalie Kinsey Warnock.

Vermont Reads is a program of the Vermont Humanities Council. This year Vermonters in all corners of the state will read and discuss Brown Girl Dreaming. Springfield readers are welcome to turn their paperback copies in at the Library and the Springfield Food CoOp; they will travel on to other Vermont communities. For more information about the Great Hall program, call the Springfield Town Library at 802-885-3108.

Circus art shows

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - New England Center for Circus Arts (NECCA) announces a series of summer shows, starting with "A Fairytale Circus," a modern, upbeat circus fairytale starring Brattleboro Union High School Vocational students, slated for Friday, June 2 at the Austine Gym (209 Austine Drive) at 7:30 p.m.

Circus students will perform at Brattleboro's Slow Living Expo on the lawn of the Brattleboro Retreat (1 Anna Marsh Lane). This performance will correspond with the Strolling of the Heifers on June 3, every half hour from 11:30 - 3:30 p.m.

June 9 - June 11, the Intensive Program graduates will perform "Penumbra" at the Austine Gym at 7:30 p.m. daily.

All ticketing and additional event information can be found at www.necenterforcircusarts.org/events/shows/.

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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY
The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

I'm not a calendar guy when it comes to figuring out seasons. To me, the official start of summer comes on the Friday night of Memorial Day weekend. I know the calendar says it is June 21, but I am not buying that. It's the same in the fall, when the calendar tells us, you are two-thirds through September before fall kicks in. When you settle down for the night on Labor Day, it is time to kiss summer good-bye.

It's just like those things of your youth, which you just can't let go of. When I was nine years old, the local baseball season began with a jamboree on Memorial Day weekend and the play-offs were in early August. Now, except if you are considered an all-star, the regular season is over about the time school closes, leaving the majority of youngsters with no organized activities throughout most of their summer vacation. Filling youngsters waking hours from dawn to dusk with a full

schedule in May and June when school is winding down and then leaving them free time all summer, isn't the best use of their time I say.

Thinking back to those days of little league, with purposely small letters, because you see the league in Bellows Falls and most surrounding towns, was officially Junior League, because you had to pay the bucks to be part of the official organization. The league began in BF in 1957 and the most active people I remember way back then were Eddie Kane, Jack Paris, Johnny Dagnoli, Charlie Russell, Paul Aumand, Bob Joy, Bob McCormick, Dick Brown, Cas Menard, Dan Keefe, George McAuliffe and Earl Gilman. If this was another day, I might recall some other names and forget those of those mentioned, but both those remembered and forgotten, made life a whole lot different for so many youngsters. They were the pioneers, the grassroots of the game in the Falls. Those were very special names in my formative years and I know, as I said, the years have clouded my memory on other important contributors of that time. If you have names to add to the list use the e-mail at the bottom of the article to remind us and we will pass them on sometime in the future. In addition, if you grew up in another

area town and have similar memories to pass along, please drop us a note and we will make a mention.

A few weeks back, we passed along to you numerous area athletes, who played a fall or winter sport in college. Since that time, some readers made us aware of a few more. If you know of an area athlete, who attended college this school year and was a part of one of their college athletic teams, let us know. We will be mentioning the spring athletes in a column soon and want to make sure we recognize everyone, including those we missed the first time around from the fall and winter seasons. Please contact us.

High school play-off action begins in both Vermont and New Hampshire this week and there are very few local teams knocking on title doors. The only possible favorite is the Bellows Falls Boys Track Team. To a lesser extent, the BF Girls Track Squad could surface, as could the Green Mountain Girls Softballers. A longer shot at succeeding lies with the BF baseballers, the GM baseballers and the Black River baseball and softball teams, but they do all stand a chance. If anyone else captures a state title, they really blindsided us. We never saw them coming.

The BF track team qualified five in-

dividuals and a relay team for the New England Track Meet over the weekend in Essex. DJ Snide had the best day winning both the 110 and 300 Hurdle events, as well as placing fifth in the Triple Jump. Reno Tuttle had a fourth in the Shot and a 5th in the Discus, Keri Ticino was 5th in the Pole Vault and 6th in the Javelin, Emma Lawrence took 4th in the Discus and Jaden Luebbert was 6th in the Pole Vault. The Terrier Relay team of Sawyer Reis, Gabe Hakimoglu, Connor Smith and Cam Joy ran the 4 x 100 Relay team to 6th place to qualify.

It is nice to see the Yankees (honestly) off to a good start and back in the pennant race. The Red Sox do have the best team in the American League East division and I would expect them to win the division by 10 games or more. If someone else wins, they have really played beyond their capability.

By the way, if you are looking to go to Fenway Park this summer and don't have tickets, as long as one gets there early, the odds are very good you will get a ticket, regardless of who the opponent is.

One Sox ticket employee told me this weekend, "We always have a few tickets to sell at our game day ticket window opposite the Cask and Flagon Restau-

rant."

In the same conversation, another employee spoke of their scalp free ticket selling service further down Lansdowne Street opposite from the House of Blues. Tickets are turned in there to resell at face value or below. If you arrive at Fenway 90 minutes prior to first pitch, chances are, one way or the other will work. Do have some alternative plans in case one day proves different, but here's predicting you won't need them. Let us know if you try one way or another.

Television will be presenting the College World Series in both baseball and softball in the next few weeks. Do you think that the female game is more exciting on the tube than the men's?

Green Mountain Softball coach Terry Farrell is very high on his 2017 Lady Chieftains and told us last week of how he had told his team early on this spring, that there was no reason not to consider themselves title contenders. He also told me the same day,

"I told them that, but I haven't told them about Oxbow yet."

Farrell had just scouted the Division III number one undefeated seed and came away impressed. Oxbow is really talented and will be the favorite to capture that crowd, if the Chieftains make

it that far, they will be determined to upset the Olympians cart. People who have seen GM play this spring have said some wonderful things about that local team.

For those who like to keep track of the Connecticut River Valley Baseball League, the Walpole Maples are still at the head of the class standing at 3-0 and the main reason they stand alone is because their cross town, the Walpole Wild Blue knocked off the Keene Summit As 7-1 to hand them their only loss. The As stand at 3-1, while Putney is 2-1 just ahead of that Wild Blue team which is 2-2. The other three teams in the circuit, the Connecticut River Ironmen, Brattleboro and the Claremont Cardinals are all 1-3.

I have had a couple inquiries lately about the Saxtons River Pirates. They have unofficially, played one game this year. They took on a strong Massachusetts team at the Hubbard Complex under the lights and lost, but Dave Moore is still trying to scrape together a unit for more games, including a possible Fourth of July contest.

Any ideas about the 4th? If you really think you are good enough to play at that level, call Moore at 802-289-9006.

You can contact us at bmurphy@vermontjournal.com.



Bellows Falls Baseball

The Bellows Falls Baseball team will be facing Otter Valley on the road Friday at 4:30 p.m. in the quarterfinals. Terrier alumnus Mike Howe, the Otters coach, is pictured with his former Legion coach, BF Head Coach, Bob Lockerby.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



Fall Mtn.

Kendall Heath has been front and center stage all season long for the Fall Mountain Wildcat Baseball Team. He came up big in the season finale versus Stevens. He homered in the bottom of the sixth inning to give FM the lead and pitched well for 6 1/3 innings until he ran out of pitches, not gas. High school baseball has pitch counts and when Heath's ran out, the Cardinals ran the bases and came away with the victory.

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GM Boys Baseball

The GM Boys team is seeded 4th and finished with an 11-4 record and was slated to have played Northfield, Tuesday at home. A win in the play-off opener would have the Chieftains returning home to face a future foe Saturday at 4:30 p.m.



The GM seniors L to T: Ethan Hart, Ben Reilly, Tommy Knockenhauer, Coach Matt McCarthy, Josh Woods, Mack Walton, Sean Kenney.

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GM Girls Softball



The Green Mountain Softball team is young, but Coach Terry Farrell feels they are experienced enough to make some noise in the Vermont Division III State Softball Tournament. Farrell, pictured with his only two seniors, Cassidy Cummings and Hanna Veysey, will guide his team into action Friday at home at 3:30 p.m. The Lady Chieftains are 14-2 and the tourney's number three seed.

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Fall Mountain - Stevens



Fall Mountain-Stevens game brings a big crowd, 500 fans, when the two met Saturday night in Walpole, at the Hubbard Complex, the crown jewel of a field in this area. Stevens, a top four seed, won with two runs in the top of the seventh. Fall Mountain's Hunter Cannon is pictured scoring one of the Wildcat runs.

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Springfield Baseball

Springfield's Girard LeCouffe stretches out to officially retire BF's Spencer Clark. Cosmos were slated to take a long trip to Fairfax on Tuesday in the Vermont Division II Tournament first round. Their opponent was Bellows Free Academy of Fairfax.



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Okemo Valley Golf Club Men's League results

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Men's League at Okemo Valley Golf Club moved their match to the challenging back nine for week three on May 23. Winning the night and moving up the leaderboard was Diamond Realty. Roger Danyew, PJ Garvey, Bob Ahlers and Chuck Sweetman combined for 23.5 holes out of a possible 36 against Benson's Chevrolet. The Honey Dew Man squad walloped

UBS as Peter Girouard, Eric Stocker, Larry Plumb and Tim Faulkner garnered 22.5 holes. Green Mountain Appraisals finished in third for the night as Ed Richter, Bob Higgins, Doug Lemire and Rich Russo won 21.5 holes. Closest to the pin winners were Dave Higley on the 14 and Bob Cook on the 17.

Weekly Results: 1st Diamond Realty 23.5 holes won/15 pts. 2nd Honey

Dew Man 22.5 holes won/13 pts. 3rd Green Mountain Appraisals 21.5 holes won/11 pts. 4th Skygate Financial 20 holes won/10 pts. 5th Built Rite MFG. 19.5 holes won/9 pts. 6th Stryhas Builders 16.5 holes won/8 pts. 7th Huntley Wealth Management 16 holes won/7 pts. 8th Knight Tubs 14.5 holes won/6 pts. 9th UBS 13.5 holes won/5pts. 10th Bensons Chevrolet 12.5 holes won/4

pts. **Season Standings:** 1st Skygate Financial 34 pts. 2nd Diamond Realty 33 pts. 3rd Honey Dew Man 30 pts. 4th UBS 28 pts. 5th Built Rite MFG. 27 pts. 6th Huntley Wealth Management 27 pts. 7th Bensons Chevrolet 23 pts. 8th Knight Tubs 22 pts. 9th Stryhas Builders 20 pts. 10th Green Mountain Appraisals 20 pts.

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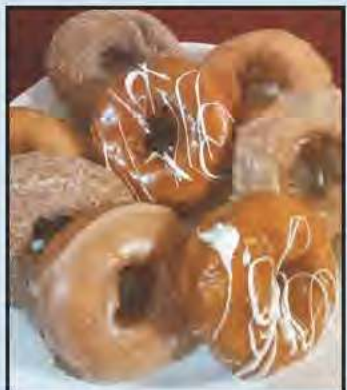
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SATURDAY, JUNE 3-
CHESTER, Vt. - Double feature: breakfast, square dance. Gassetts Grange is having their monthly community breakfast, Sat. June 3, 8-9:30 a.m. It is buffet style, bacon, sausage, home fries, eggs, toast, plain and blueberry pancakes with real maple syrup, juices, hot cocoa, tea, coffee. Eat in or take out. In the evening 7-10 p.m. we have our square dance, with refreshments on

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TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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 3-5 Rockingham Street | Rockingham Roasters and Cafe
 20-24 Mill Street | Bellows Falls Historical Society's Riverfront Park

Hearings held on June 14, 2017, 7 pm, 3rd Floor Conference Room, Town Hall. Purpose is to hear testimony on the proposed developments. Contact planning@rockbf.org for more information.

TOWN OF ANDOVER NOTICE OF TAX SALES


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

1. Parcel No. 011000061.000. Being all those same lands and premises described in the following documents: Order and Decree of Foreclosure dated November 5, 1991 and recorded in Book 29, at Page 45 of the Town of Andover Land Records on November 25, 1991; Warranty Deed of Rudolph L. and Diane N. Stewart Mazzei to Pareunia Zimi, Inc. dated February 23, 1984 and recorded at Book 23, Page 89 of the Town of Andover Land Records on February 25, 1984; and, reference is made to an Assignment of Rudolph L. Mazzei to STAN GABRIELSON and IRENE GABRIELSON dated November 11, 1991 and recorded at Book 29, Page 44 of the Town of Andover Records on November 25, 1991. The property is described as containing 5.46 acres and located at 2889 Simonsville Road.

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

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

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

Attest: 
 Jeannette Haight, Collector of Delinquent Taxes
 Town of Andover

TOWN OF GRAFTON PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of the Town of Grafton, Vermont, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Grafton Elementary School Gymnasium to discuss a 2-lot minor subdivisions located off Fisher Hill Road and Townshend Road.

A copy of the Townshend Road subdivision plan can be downloaded at <https://tinyurl.com/y9ax85dz>

A copy of the Fisher Hill Road subdivision plan can be downloaded at <https://tinyurl.com/y8hxoqkw>

STATE OF VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION Windsor Unit Docket No. 225-5-17 Wpr

In re ESTATE of Darlene M. Sherer NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of Darlene M. Sherer, late of Cavendish (Proctorsville), Vermont.

I have been appointed to administer this estate. All creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate must present their claims in writing within four (4) months of the first publication of this notice. **The claim must be presented to me at the address listed below with a copy sent to the Court. The claim may be barred forever if it is not presented within the four (4) month period.**

Dated: May 22, 2017
 Signed: William O. Gibson
 Mailing Address: 90 Flat Iron Rd.
 City, State, Zip: Reading, VT 05062
 Phone Number: 802-484-9020
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Name of Probate Court: Windsor Superior Court, Probate Division
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COMMUNITY MEALS CONT.

SAT. JUNE 3 CONT. - sale in our kitchen and 50/50 tickets on sale at the door. Hope to see you all there having fun dancing, socializing, and listening to the music. Arnold Stoddard is doing the calling. The Gassetts Grange Hall is located about 200 ft. above the junction of 10 and 103N. Everyone welcome!!! Questions? Call Dave, 802-875-2637 or the Grange Hall itself, 802-875-1051.

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

SATURDAYS-MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - Belmont's Summer Supper series runs until Oct. 28 at the Odd Fellows Hall, 37 Lake St., Belmont, to benefit the MHVF Auxiliary, Colfax Lodge, Mount Holly fire Dept., Mt. Moriah Mason, the Historical Museum, the MHV Rescue Squad, and Gill Home, IOOF. Settings start at 5 p.m. All you can eat, served homestyle. Takeouts

available with all dinners. Menu varies, call 802-259-2460 for details. Remaining dates: June 24, July 22, Aug. 12, Sept. 2, Sept. 23, Oct. 7, Oct. 28. On July 4, the Odd Fellows will hold their chicken BBQ at 11:30 a.m., after the town parade.

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

EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 2-SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - UU First Friday Film: "Sherpa," June 2, 7 p.m. Sherpas are the native guides who help Western mountain climbers conquer the Himalayan peaks, but until now they have been behind the scenes. "Sherpa" documents a 2014 expedition that ended in tragedy and spurred the sherpas demand human rights and respect. 96 minutes. Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Road, Springfield. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.; film begins at 7. Popcorn and beverages served. No charge, all welcome!

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, JUNE 2-3-ASCUTNEY, Vt. - Spring

yard sale, Friday 7 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m.-1 p.m., to benefit the Ascutney Volunteer Fire Department, at the Ascutney Fire Station, 540 VT-Rte 131 in Ascutney. Now accepting donations for the yard sale on Tuesday evenings, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. and also by appointment. Call Katie, 802-376-5070 to schedule a time.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3-SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Volunteers needed to help with spring cleaning at the new local state park, Muckcross, June 3, 9 a.m.-noon. The park is located on the Toonerville Trail and Route 11 along the Black River. We will be clearing the road and picking up trash in the yard and near the house. Bring work gloves and rakes if you have them. You will receive one free pass to any Vermont state park. To sign up to volunteer, email Traci Minton at traci.minton@vermont.gov.

SOUTH LONDONDERRY, Vt. - "11 Miles of Trouble" West River Trail Run June 3. Celebrate National Trails Day by participating in the fifth annual West River Trail Run, 11 miles from South Londonderry's Depot to Jamaica State Park. The 11 mile race will begin at 9 a.m. at the South Londonderry Depot and end at Jamaica State Park. There is also the 5K fun run/walk for adults and youth. The 5K will start at Jamaica

State Park at 10 a.m. Register at <https://runsignup.com/race/vt/southlondonderry/westrivertrailrun>. For details, visit thecollaborative.us/westrivertrailrun/.

LUDLOW, Vt. - Friends of Ludlow Auditorium (FOLA) will present the award-winning sci-fi movie, "The Martian" starring Matt Damon, Saturday, June 3, at 7 p.m. at the Ludlow town Hall auditorium. Matt Damon stars as Mark Watney, an astronaut who is mistakenly presumed dead and left behind on Mars. The film depicts his struggle to survive and efforts to rescue him. The review website Rotten Tomatoes, which indicated the film was "smart, thrilling, and surprisingly funny." The movie is free and open all; donations are appreciated. Popcorn is provided by Berkshire Bank, water by FOLA. For information call 802-228-7239 or visit the FOLA website at www.foa.us.

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - Giant tag sale, collectibles sale on Main Street. Main Street Arts will host an arts, antiques and artifacts fundraiser sale Saturday, June 3, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Rain date for the sale is June 4. The fundraiser will feature attic treasures and unique finds from the homes of friends of the community arts center. River Artisans will be holding a tag sale down the

street, and other individuals and organizations are putting out tables to get in on the fun. Donations for the Main Street Arts sale can be left at 35 Main St., Saxtons River, during regular business hours. Contact Main Street Arts at 802-869-2960 or visit mainstreetarts.org.

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Ludlow Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale on Saturday, June 3, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Depot Street mini park. Perennials, vegetables and much more will be for sale at great prices. All proceeds help support the Garden Club's work in Ludlow.

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 4-CHESTER, Vt. - On Sunday, June 4, at 4 p.m., Phoenix Books Misty Valley in Chester will host NYT bestselling author Jon Katz for a discussion of his new book, "Talking to Animals." This book will completely change the way you think about and interact with animals. This event is free and open to all. Phoenix Books Misty Valley is located at 58 Common Street in Chester, Vermont. Copies of "Talking to Animals" will be available for attendees to purchase and have signed. For more information, please call 802-875-3400 or visit www.phoenixbooks.biz.

ALSTEAD, N.H. - Colts & Fillies 4-H Horse Show, rain or shine, Sunday, June 4, 9 a.m. on Millot Green in Alstead. Eleven divisions of horse show competition including a stick horse class open to the public. Enjoy refreshments by Furry Friends 4-H and celebrate our 50th year of club activity and dedicated service to the youth of Cheshire County! For details contact 603-756-3082 or email coltsandfillies_4h@yahoo.com.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6-MONTPELIER, Vt. - "Vermont's Environment and the Trump

Administration: What's Coming and What Can We Do About It?" The Vermont chapter of the Sierra Club and Defend Our Vermont Environment (DOVE) co-sponsor an informational forum on the Trump administration's environmental agenda, June 6, 7 p.m., at the Unitarian Church, 130 Main St. (across from the library). For details contact Susan Abbott, DOVE, 802-454-1621, sa@susanabbott.com, or Robb Kidd, Sierra Club Vermont, 802-505-1540, robb.kidd@sierraclub.org.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8-BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - On Thursday, June 8 at 5 p.m., Jerry Pfohl's iconic painting "Vilas Bridge" will be on display at the Rockingham Library, accompanied by a panel discussion with prominent area artists Brian Cohen, Charlie Hunter and Gretchen Abendschein. Abendschein was married to Pfohl and brings an intimate perspective to this discussion. The program launches the Friends of the Library fundraising campaign to purchase Pfohl's "Vilas Bridge." To learn more about the artist, go to jerryppfohl.com. For details about the June 8 program and how to donate, call 802-463-4270, email

TOWN OF CAVENDISH, VERMONT NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Agreeably to the provisions of Title 32 Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 4111, notice is hereby given that the undersigned Listers, within and for the Town of Cavendish have this day completed the Abstract of Individual Lists of persons, co-partnerships, associations, and corporations owning taxable property in said town on the first day of April 2017; that they have this day lodged the same in the office of the Clerk of said town for the inspection of taxpayers; that on the 9th day of June, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the undersigned Listers will meet at the Town Hall in Cavendish in said town, to hear grievances of persons, co-partnerships, associations or corporations aggrieved by any of their appraisals or by any of their acts as such Listers, whose objections thereto in writing shall have been filed with them as prescribed by statute, and to make such corrections in said abstract as shall upon hearing or otherwise be determined by them; and that unless cause to the contrary be shown, the contents of said abstract will, for the year 2016, become the Grand List of said town and each person, co-partnership, association or corporation therein named. Please call the Cavendish Town Office at 802-226-7291 or 7292 to schedule an appointment.

Given under our hands at Cavendish in the County of Windsor this 25th day of May, 2017

Listers of the Town of Cavendish
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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ **HOOD BOOM!**

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Space
4 Recipe meas.
7 Lass
8 Luster
10 Calcutta's land
11 High, wispy cloud
13 Orphan Annie's benefactor
16 Really messy place
17 Frogs' hang-outs
18 Whopper
19 Crooked
20 Witnessed
21 Representative
23 Dervish
25 "Two and a Half Men" role

DOWN


1 Lightheartedly silly
2 Dry
3 Nursery item
4 Bronze medalist's place
5 Belgrade natives
6 Lima's land
7 Summer-time pest

8 Meager
9 Centers
10 Egos' counterparts
12 Downhill athlete
14 Refuse to
15 D.C. fig.
19 Still or Affleck
20 Firmament
21 Rap sheet entry
22 Best Picture of 1982
23 Bambi, for one

24 28-Down, to Tokyo
25 Toss in
26 Io and Gany-mede, e.g.
28 Japanese city
29 Homeric epic
30 Heavenly gate keeper St. —
31 Census stats
32 1960s hallucinogen
34 Entrance
35 Dalai —



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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A workplace situation can be awkward for Librans who prefer to keep their problems private. But you might have to "tell-all" if you hope to see it resolved in your favor.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Although your financial situation starts to improve this week, you still need to be cautious about money matters. Avoid major obligations, for now.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your overall aspects continue to brighten, allowing you to tackle long-deferred challenges. A change in travel plans could work to your benefit.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Things seem to be slowing down for the usually restless Sea Goat. But wouldn't a bit of respite be just what you need right now? Activity picks up by the weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Personal relationships take a positive turn for both married and single Aquarians. Professional commitments, however, could be complicated by newly emerging events.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A decision you thought was final might be reopened as new facts are discovered. This could lead to a short-term problem, but ultimately might prove beneficial.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your keen interest in pursuing global events could lead you into a career as a politician or journalist.

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calendar

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EVENTS CONT.

THUR. JUNE 8 CONT. - programming@rockinghamlibrary.org or go to rockinghamlibrary.org.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10- WESTON, Vt. - Irish harp concert with harpist Aine Minogue, Saturday, June 10, 7:30 p.m. Venue: Weston Community Church on the Hill, Lawrence Hill Rd., Weston. For more information, visit www.vtchurchonthehill.org.

MONTPELIER, Vt. - Vermont LGBTQIA Solidarity March, rally and entertainment, State House lawn, Saturday, June 10 (rain or shine), 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Meet at Vermont Dept. of Labor parking lot. Speakers: Rainbow Umbrella of Central Vermont, Central Vermont

Climate Action, Montpelier Mayor John Hollar, Rights and Democracy, Interfaith Alliance, and Black Lives Matter. Sponsor: Rainbow Umbrella of Central Vermont, facebook.com/RainbowUmbrellaVT.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11- BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Our Jamboree fundraiser will be held on Sunday, June 11 at the Moose Family Center, 59 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, noon-5 p.m. Featuring music by Playing Possum, there is a cover charge. We will be offering food and bake sales, over 200 raffle prizes, a 50/50 cash drawing and a Jamboree cash raffle with a grand prize of \$400. This event is open to the public and to people of all ages, come out and support the center! Call 802-463-3907 for details.

TUESDAYS- ALSTEAD, N.H. - Tuesdays starting June 13, Pizza Night at Orchard Hill Breadworks, 121 Old Settlers Rd. East Alstead, 5-7:30 p.m. Pizza Night is when you pay to make your own pizza. Orchard Hill Breadworks provides the crusts, sauce, cheese and you pick your own veggies. Customers are to bring: other pizza toppings, cash or check, drinks, picnic blanket, plates and silverware. All proceeds benefit a nonprofit group for the summer. Pizza night is weekly, ending on Aug 29. To view the nonprofit calendar, visit orchardhillbreadworks.com.

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

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

GASSETTS, Vt. - Bingo will be held every Thursday night at the Gassetts Grange. Starts at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 5 p.m. Supper, raffle and 50/50 tickets are on sale. Come and

join in. Call Donna at 802-591-4290 or you can call the hall at 802-875-1051. TFN

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

FARMERS MARKETS

FRIDAYS- LUDLOW, Vt. - Ludlow Farmers' Market opens Friday, May 26, 4-7 p.m. with a full array of vendors and offerings and live music with versatile guitarist and singer Gus Bloch. Venue: Okemo Mountain School front lawn, 53 Main St. (Route 103), south of the village. For details, a list of vendors, and to sign up for updates and each week's vendor roster, go to ludlowfarmersmarket.org/blog/. TFN

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Greater Falls Farmers' Market opens on Friday, June 2 and runs to September 29, 4-7 p.m. Rain or shine. Fresh produce, bread, maple products, cheese, eggs, meat and more, accompanied by live music and including children's activities. Venue is Hetty Green Park, 2 Church St. Organized by the Sustainable Valley Group.



HISTORIC SITES

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

LIBRARIES

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

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

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Crafts, Stories and Play Time toddlers and preschoolers. Enjoy stories, songs, crafts, and activities. Rockingham Free Public Library

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

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

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

MEETINGS

TUESDAYS- SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Steampunk Society event

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MEETINGS CONT.

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SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - NAMI Vermont Connection Recovery Support Group is a mental illness support group. It provides a forum to share experiences and learn about opportunities and challenges regardless of diagnostics. HCRC, 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 St., Bellows Falls. Please call 802-376-3507. TFN

TUESDAYS- SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Breast Feeding Support Group

2nd and 4th Tuesday at the Springfield Hospital Library Level D. 12 - 2 p.m. It is free and no registration is required. For more information call Erin at 802-885-7511. 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

FIRST TUESDAY- WINDSOR, Vt. - Cedar Hill is proud to announce our new Alzheimer's caregiver support group. Meet fellow caregivers who really understand because they've been there, too, when things are difficult or isolating. From 3:30-5 p.m. at 92 Cedar Hill Drive (off Rte. 5). TFN

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SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Wellness/Lifestyle Change Support

Group, meets the second Tuesday of each month from 5:45-7 p.m. at the Springfield Health Center, 100 River St. Free. Register by calling 802-886-8946 or email cht@springfieldmed.org. TFN

WEDNESDAYS - LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Weekly clean and sober 12-Step Meeting. Support Group meets at Neighborhood Connections next to the Londonderry Post

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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. Weight-in starts at 8 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9 a.m. TFN

FIRST SUNDAY- BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - Brattleboro Area Jewish Community, located at 151 Greenleaf St., offers a Jewish-

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