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## Warm and sunny Chester Fall Festival draws a large crowd

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CHESTER, Vt. - The 43rd annual Chester Fall Craft Festival drew crowds to the village green on Sept. 16 and 17. Families strolled, browsing artisan wares, listening to music and enjoying the unusually warm late summer weather. Dogs rolled in the plastic kiddie pool in front of Whiting Library to cool off.

By 11 a.m. on Sunday, the day was already hot. Steam billowed off the grill where Chester Fire Department Lieutenant Andy Sheere was tending to a sizzling pile of onions and sausages, and the Chester Fire Department's booth at the east end of the

village green was sweltering. But unseasonably warm weather meant lots of customers - business was brisk. Assistant Fire Chief Ben Whalen estimated that sales at the fair would raise between \$3,000 and \$4,000 for the Yosemite Engine Company, a non-profit organization that helps to offset fire department costs from the town. Even though the group bought three more cases of meat than last year, they were out of burgers, hot dogs, and sausages by mid-afternoon on Saturday. Whalen hoped for a repeat on Sunday: selling out indicates that fundraising efforts are going swimmingly.

The Chester Fire Department tent's enthusiastic crowds were a micro-

cosm of this year's Chester Fall Festival. Up and down the green, vendors in tents and businesses reported the same: it's busy!

At the other end of the village green from where fire department volunteers hawked their cheeseburgers and hot dogs with robust shouts, several representatives of the Six Loose Ladies Yarn and Fiber shop were demonstrating the art of turning wool into yarn.

"Spin to the right, ply to the left," explained Kathleen Meeks, demonstrating the different motions required to first spin wool and subsequently twist - ply - multiple strands together to make two-or three-ply finished yarn. Meeks, who raises 44

wool-bearing sheep at Maybelle Farm in Wardsboro, Vt., was one of dozens of local farmers and artisans at the fair.

Chester-area civic organizations lined the sidewalk near the newly restored Hearse House. The Chester Conservation Committee's tent featured detailed maps of the new Butternut Hill trail. Volunteers Mariette Bock and Suzy Forlie sold daffodil and allium bulbs to raise money for Chester Townscape, the group behind the recent Hearse House project. "Expect a grand opening sometime soon!" said Bock.



Vendors line the village green selling their wares. PHOTO BY AMANDA WEDEGIS

## A community at odds over a mural and an unofficial Facebook forum

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LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Early on in the Sept. 18 Londonderry Select Board meeting, resident Chad Stoddard demanded the resignation of Select Board member George Mora, claiming that when Mora removed him from the unofficial, but very popular, Londonderry Community Forum on Facebook, she violated his First-Amendment rights, and that her subsequent comments about him on the forum amounted to cyber-bullying. Stoddard argued that Mora's role as moderator of the forum posed a conflict-of-interest violation and requested that she be removed from the board if she would not resign.

Stoddard's demand was the latest fallout from recent intense exchanges on the Facebook forum over town issues - speed limits, for example - and highlights friction points and gray areas posed by social media. Despite the forum's disclaimer that it is unofficial, Mora's moderation powers and ability to exclude users struck Stoddard and others as straddling, awk-

wardly, the realms of private citizen and elected official. At the same time, Stoddard's blunt, sometimes profanity-laced comments raised concerns with other participants, some of whom begged for "civility."

Growing tensions on the forum boiled over after the so-called "mural incident," in which Ed Brown, owner of Londonderry's Mill Tavern, painted over a mural of flowers - based on artwork created by students at the Flood Brook School and painted on a wall owned by VTrans - without seeking permission. Depending on whom you ask, the act was either renegade vandalism of community art or admirable beautification of a decaying eyesore.

At the Select Board meeting, members were leery on taking any immediate action on the mural issue. "Too soon...too soon?" suggested Mora, responding to a letter from J.D. Sharp, managing director of the Vermont Butcher Shop, LLC.

In the letter, Sharp, whose Londonderry shop is near the wall, offered to underwrite a yearly mural project to help restore the "original intent of the community's expres-

sion."

"It's a perfectly lovely offer," Mora said, "but...I don't think I can process it well enough to make a decision on it."

From the audience, the town's Emergency Management Director, Kevin Beattie, pointed out that there was some time to reflect and think. "Given the time of year, I wouldn't foresee that this would actually be paint on the wall until probably the spring, so that there is some time to...move carefully on getting community support for this," he said.

Indeed, many in the community have strong opinions on the matter. A related post on the Facebook forum has accumulated nearly 300 comments.

An organic, unofficial offshoot of such post-Irene official endeavors like the Mighty Londonderry Community Resilience Organization (CRO), the Londonderry Community Forum Facebook group, under Mora's administration, has grown rapidly. After its inception a few years ago, it quickly eclipsed the official channels; there are currently over 900 members. It has proven a popular and convenient way to share and disseminate town-related information.

And yet: it's not an official town medium, and membership, which grants the ability to post or comment, must be requested, though Mora claims that nobody has ever been denied. The lines are blurry, sometimes leading to frustration among participants and duplicated discussions: some issues argued on the Facebook forum parallel those being addressed in official forums.

Responding to Stoddard's appeal for Mora's removal, Select Board Chair Paul Gordon cited Vermont election law: once elected, board members retain their office as long as they "maintain life, residency, and sanity." Recall or removal is not possible. In response to the controversy, Mora has stepped down as moderator of the Facebook forum.

## Weston SB tackles road-runoff floods and a rogue portable toilet

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WESTON, Vt. - The Sept. 12 Weston Select Board meeting kicked off with a discussion about the watery woes of Markham Lane. The road, which lacks drainage ditches or under-driveway culverts, sends sheets of water into landowners' properties whenever it rains, scouring away garden beds and leaking into basements and garages. Those affected have taken measures to stanch the flood - adjusting landscaping, digging ditches and piling up embankments - but the situation is deteriorating. Acknowledging that the situation called for engineering expertise, the board agreed that VTrans District Project Manager Marc Pickering should be contacted to assess the site.

The board also approved early payment of a portion of the town's yearly school bill to the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union. Town Clerk and Treasurer Kim Seymour explained that the union has requested that each of the towns in the Mountain Towns Regional Education District (RED) pre-pay about a quarter of the amount as



soon as possible - in Weston's case, \$284,000 of the \$1,047,321 yearly cost - instead of waiting until the mid-October due date.

Also on the agenda was a lingering eyesore: a bright blue-and-yellow portable toilet at a Comcast building that resident Nancy Westlund claims has been there for three or four years. "My husband says we should put the 'Porta' back in 'Porta Potty,'" said Westlund. Complicating the situation is the confusion over how, exactly, to contact the right person at Comcast to ask about it. The board resolved to contact Comcast and the company that maintains the toilet to collect more information.

An ongoing issue with the door lock on the town office - sometimes, people forget to lock the door when leaving, but the door does need to re-

main unlocked during business hours - was discussed at length, with board members analyzing the features of several candidate locks. A proposed solution from Countryside Alarms was described as comprehensive but potentially over-complicated. "Some sort of internet-based thing...it's overkill," said Town Clerk Seymour, and it's costly at about \$1,600. The board zeroed in on two cheaper lock models for \$124 and \$238 that are available online. Ultimately, they authorized the purchase of one of these locks, with preference for the less expensive of the two if it satisfied the requirements.

On several topics, the board decided to stay the current course. It opted against an extended warranty for the town's new Ford 550 truck, sticking with the current 3-year/36,000-mile plan, and agreed to obtain the year's road salt from established provider Cargill, even though Cargill's quoted price of \$71.97 per ton is slightly higher than a competitor's \$71.27 bid. And, despite a potential cost savings by switching to a new provider, Uni-First Corp., the board chose to remain with uniform provider Foley through the current three-year term, citing the fiduciary risks of breaking the contract.

## Refuse to Use program kicks off

REGION - Sept. 10 marked the beginning of the 14th year of The Collaborative's celebrated Refuse to Use program, with around 300 individuals passing through the doors of the gym at Manchester Elementary Middle School. The program which provides a season pass to either Stratton Mountain Resort, Viking Nordic Center, or Riley Rink in exchange for 7th-through 12th-grade students who commit not to use drugs and alcohol.

The proceedings opened with The Collaborative's executive director, Maryann Morris, thanking everyone for attending and emphasizing that the program can only succeed if everyone participates and honors their pledges equally. She also thanked the Fanny Holt Ames and Edna Louise Holt Fund for providing Refuse to Use with a three-year grant in


order to improve the program's curriculum, increase participation, and raise the program's profile within the community. The Holt Fund seeks to help people live healthier lives and create healthy communities through prevention, health promotion, policy and research.

Morris then invited to the stage Dr. Jennifer Michaels, an assistant teacher at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, the medical director of the Brien Center, and a certified adult and addiction psychiatrist. Dr. Michaels addressed the science behind how drugs and alcohol can affect a growing mind and implored the students to understand that making smart, healthy choices when they are young can set them up for success later in life.

The Collaborative promotes the development of a healthy, involved community supporting substance-free youth in a caring environment.

The program has long stood upon the notion that providing healthy alternatives to drugs and alcohol can help create a culture of substance-free youth. This program would not be possible without our generous volunteers, Stratton Mountain Resort, Viking Nordic Center, Riley Rink, Manchester Elementary-Middle School, and the families who are committed to making our community of young individuals healthy and safe. The schools which proudly participate in this program are Manchester Elementary-Middle School, Flood Brook School, Long Trail School, Maple Street School, The Mountain School at Winhall, Arlington School, Burr and Burton Academy, and Dorset School.

If you would like further information about our programs, please visit our website, [www.thecollaborative.us](http://www.thecollaborative.us). Registration is open until Friday, Sept. 29.



**Dolloff donates winnings to flood fund**

Dana Dolloff of Tyson won \$72 at the Chamber mixer at Echo Lake Inn. He made the announcement that the money was going directly to the Tyson Church for a donation to the UCC Emergency Flood Fund.

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# LES mentoring program

LUDLOW, Vt. - Ludlow Elementary School and the Black River Area Community Coalition are seeking local adults to mentor students once a week during lunch. The program, which has been highly successful over the past five years, pairs an adult mentor with a student every

Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A mentor is an adult who, along with parents, provide young people with support, friendship, reinforcement, and counsel. Mentors are good listeners, reliable, dependable, and set a positive example. All men-

tors are given a full background check, which many include fingerprinting, and will be required to attend a training session. For more information, please call Ludlow Elementary School at 802-875-5151 or BRACC 802-228-7878.

# Ron Bixby awarded the Brigham Alfred award

LUDLOW, Vt. - Ron Bixby was presented this prestigious award at the annual meeting of the Vermont Insurance Agents Association held

recently at Lake Morey. The award was presented in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the insurance industry in Vermont.

The immediate past-chairman of the Independent Insurance & Brokers of America Spencer Houldin and the State of Maryland National Director Angela Ripley were in attendance for the presentation. Bixby is the State National Director for Vermont and also served the Vermont Association as interim executive director a number of years ago when they were in between executives. Bixby is a principal at Ludlow Insurance Agency and is very active in his community. Congratulations, Ron!

## Thanks from Black River Booster Club



A special shout out to Cota and Cota for donating hot dogs and burgers for last week's Josh Cole Tournament on Sept. 16. Thank you especially for manning the grill!

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## Aubuchon's grand reopening

TOP: Will Aubuchon from headquarters cuts the ribbon for their grand reopening in Ludlow. BOTTOM: Ludlow Aubuchon's staff gathered around their Stihl Snow Blowers for the grand reopening.

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# OVRCC Chamber of the Month

LUDLOW, Vt. - Marji Graf, CEO for Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, congratulates Lesley Koenig, managing director of the Weston Playhouse Theatre Company for being chosen by her peers as the September Member of the Month. **Criteria included:** • Contributes to community. • Hosts mixers. • Current on dues. • Donations (door prizes for mixers/events) • Participates in shows. • Packages with other businesses. • Participates in Just Between Us. • Advertises & participates in guidebook and co-op ads.

• Contributes in committee/board meetings. • Is an Ambassador for the chamber and the Region. Leslie Koenig said, "Heartfelt thanks to the Chamber for honoring the Weston Playhouse Theatre Company. We are thrilled to be able to add a wonderful new state-of-art theatre and community center to the area. Please join us for the ribbon-cutting and festivities on Sept. 23 from 2 to 5 pm at Walker Farm."



Marji Graf, CEO for Okemo Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce congratulates Lesley Koenig, Managing Director of the Weston Playhouse Theatre Company.

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# Vermont Shaw's stores raise funds for Hunger Free Vermont

REGION - From Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, all of the Shaw's supermarkets in Vermont will ask their customers to donate at the register to support

Hunger Free Vermont's Breakfast After the Bell Challenge initiative. This fundraising effort is part of the national Hunger Is program, which is a

joint charitable program of the Albertson's Companies Foundation and the Entertainment Industry Foundation, designed to build awareness and raise funds in an effort to eradicate childhood hunger in America. (Albertson's is the parent company of Shaw's.)

Hunger Free Vermont applied to Hunger Is for support of its work providing free, customized technical assistance to schools in every community in Vermont to help improve breakfast participation by providing breakfast programs after the start of the school day.

"There is much opportunity for schools to increase participation in school breakfast which truly is the most important meal of the day," remarked Marissa Parisi, executive director of Hunger Free Vermont. "Studies have shown eating at school leads to reduced nurse visits, fewer tardies and absences, higher test scores, fewer behavioral references, a lower risk of obesity, and increased focus."

The Shaw's stores in Vermont selected Hunger Free Vermont as the recipient of their month-long point-of-sale campaign, allowing their customers to support a local organization that is ensuring more kids are eating breakfast so they can perform better in school.

The Vermont Breakfast After the Bell Challenge has encouraged 38 schools to move their breakfast model to an "after the bell" model, dramatically increasing breakfast participation by as much as 642 percent. When breakfast is part of the school day, kids don't have to get to school early - particularly hard for students who have long bus rides in our rural towns. There is less segregation and stigma when the meal program is built into the school day. Teachers can even count breakfast in the classroom as instruction time by incorporating a morning activity, announcements, and other opportunities for engagement during breakfast in the classroom.

By donating at the Shaw's checkout Sept. 15-Oct. 15, customers can feel good knowing their donations will go directly to supporting Hunger Free Vermont's work to increase school breakfast participation in every community in Vermont.

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# Book discussion: fascinating, disturbing “Radium Girls”

LUDLOW, Vt. - The Friends of the Library of Ludlow is pleased to announce that the non-fiction book “Radium Girls, the Story of America’s Shining Women” is the selection for our book discussion on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. on Sept. 28.

This is the incredible story of many young women who were exposed to the substance of radium and their brave struggle for justice. As the world was engulfed by World War I, hundreds of young girls worked at factories where they painted the faces of clocks with a mysterious new substance called radium. The girls licked the paintbrushes for accuracy as they had been taught. The luminous material made the women shine in the dark as their bodies were covered with the glowing dust. The company had assured their employees of the safety of the substance. The women, however, began to fall victim to agonizing medical problems and death.

Sadly, familiar questions soon arose as lawsuits were finally brought - how much did corporations know and when did they know it? How were the victims expected to pay for their medical expenses? How was the fact that the employees were women affect the attitude of the corporations? How did the government react?

These “brave shining girls” found themselves embroiled in an early 20th century American scandal. This is a powerful, informative, gut-wrenching read. A “must read” of a real life story that received unanimous, enthusiastic reviews. Books are available at the library

# Cavendish Community Fund accepting grant applications

CAVENDISH, Vt. - The Cavendish Community Fund is now accepting grant applications for fall 2017 grant awards. The deadline for applying is Oct. 15. Applications that miss that date will be considered in the spring.

This is the 10th year in which the Fund has provided support for educational, artistic, or cultural programs, projects, or events that benefit the Cavendish community in some way. The Fund has helped finance plays, workshops, and classroom events. It has contributed to the renovation of library and classroom spaces for better learning environments. It helped the tropical Storm Irene recovery by supporting a fundraising concert. It helped clean gravestones, dig for archeological artifacts, conduct open studios, show films, coordinate summer concerts, organize health training, and more.

Grants are available for projects, programs or events that directly benefit the Cavendish community in some way. A panel of local citizens reviews the applications and recommends awards based on the quality and feasibility of each proposal. The number of grants and the amount of each depend on how many applications are received.

Application guidelines are available at the Cavendish Community and Conservation Association’s website: [www.CavendishCCCA.org](http://www.CavendishCCCA.org) under the Community Fund tab. Hard copies are also available at Crow’s Bakery in Proctorsville and at the Cavendish town office.

For further information on applying, on eligibility or on any other aspect of the grant program, or for help completing the application, please call Barbara Dickey at 802-226-7187 or Peter LaBelle at 802-226-7250.

# New Waldorf-inspired play program

CHESTER, Vt. - Sunshine Garden, a new Waldorf-inspired, weekly drop-off play program for children 3 to 5 years, begins on Thursdays in October at The Songyard in Chester. This is a nurturing, musical, imaginative morning that includes free play in a beautiful environment with natural toys, music and movement story circle, homemade soup prepared by the children, seasonal handcrafts, nature exploration and ample outdoor play. The program is taught by Lisa Crocker, an early-childhood educator with over 18 years of experience. The first two Thursdays in October are open house playgroups for caregivers and children to meet Lisa and experience a bit of the program before enrolling.

To provide the best possible experience, these events are RSVP, to ensure that the size of each group allows for a nourishing environment for families. For questions and to RSVP, contact Lisa at [sunshinegardenvt@gmail.com](mailto:sunshinegardenvt@gmail.com) or call 802-376-6596. Visit the program on Facebook at Sunshine Garden.

# New Kundalini Yoga series in October

CHESTER, Vt. - On Oct. 3, Liza Eaton will begin her eight-week Kundalini Yoga series on Tuesdays from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at the Fullerton Inn on Main Street, Chester. This event will continue through to Dec. 5.

Practice yoga techniques that are specifically designed to boost metabolism, increase vitality, strengthen immunity, and encourage vibrant health through the whole body, mind, and soul. Feel great through the holidays this year! This course is for all bodies, ages, and experience levels.

Kundalini Yoga is an empowering practice that brings ancient healing and wellness into modern times. Practice at your own pace. No experience necessary. Beginners are welcome!

Sign up by Sept. 26. For more details, contact Liza Eaton at 802-875-2868, [eaton.liza@gmail.com](mailto:eaton.liza@gmail.com) or visit [www.buddhafulyoga.com](http://www.buddhafulyoga.com)



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# CAFC sponsors free financial literacy classes

CHESTER, Vt. - The Chester-Andover Family Center is sponsoring a series of free financial literacy classes. The first class is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 4, 6-7 p.m. in the community room of the Universalist Unitarian Church on North Street in Chester. Participants will learn to use a checking account, create a spending plan, and save money. Refreshments and handouts will be provided.

Everyone is invited; registration is encouraged. Registration forms are available at the Family Center at 908 Route 103 S; Center hours are Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. You can also register by calling Georgia at 802-875-6242.

The classes are provided as a community service by Chuck Sharp, market manager, People’s United Bank.

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# Glebe Mountain Gardens celebrates 23 years

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Curt Cowles cuts the ribbon with the help of Kathy Hopkins, Marji Graf and Mazie.

PHOTO BY DONALD DILL

# The Children’s Literacy Foundation’s Community Building Grant application

REGION - The Children’s Literacy Foundation is offering a community building grant to organizations - including elementary school classrooms, after-school programs, clubs, and non-profits - that serve low-income, at-risk, and rural kids in Vermont and New Hampshire. The grant is intended to help build connections between children and other members of their communities through reading and writing. Applications may be found at [www.clifonline.org](http://www.clifonline.org) under Literacy Programs. Applications are due Oct. 15.

Applicants may choose to apply for the grant to start a Reading Buddies with Seniors program in which children and local senior citizens read together, launch a “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” initiative for young children (see [1000booksbeforekindergarten.org](http://1000booksbeforekindergarten.org) for more information), or a new My Community Story initiative offered by Vermont’s Young Writers Project. Applicants awarded grants to launch either Reading Buddies with Seniors or 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten programs will receive an on-site children’s library for their classroom, club, or organization; a training session with one of CLIF’s professional author/illustrators or storytellers; and a book giveaway in which all program participants choose two new books to keep.

Applicants awarded grants to launch the Young Writers’ Project’s new My Community Story digital platform will receive access to their own digital website for students to privately share their writing, prompts, and resources for storytelling, research, digital media, and editing; a writing workshop with one of CLIF’s professional authors; and funding for a community celebration for children to share their writing with family members and friends.

The goals of this grant are to build empathy for others by connecting with new groups, create excitement around books and writing, inspire children and adults to read and write for pleasure, and support young readers and writers. In Spring 2017, CLIF’s Community Building grant funded six programs.

CLIF Program Director Meredith Scott says, “CLIF is excited to continue this grant for a second year. We hope that with this year’s choices - Reading with Seniors, 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, and My Community Story in partnership with the Young Writers Project - we can help more kids make connections with people and places in their community. In our crazy and ever-changing world, it is a gift for kids to develop a sense of place and to find an outlet through reading and writing.”

Any questions about this grant can be directed to Meredith Scott at [meredith@clifonline.org](mailto:meredith@clifonline.org).

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# Apple Festival still has vendor booths available

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - The Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce's 35th annual Vermont Apple Festival is just around the corner! The event will be held at Riverside Middle School on Saturday, Oct. 7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. In addition to our usual festivities, we're adding some fun new elements, to celebrate this milestone year. Trout River Brewery and Vermont Vines On the River will be joining us on the softball field, pouring beer and wine from noon to 4 p.m. (for patrons 21 and older), and popular local band DV8 will be performing classic and southern rock to add a fun live music atmosphere down by the beer tent. And of course we'll have all the familiar, family-friendly activities we're known for: autumn craft fair, pony rides, apple cider making, Fastest Kid in Town race, pie eating contest and doughnut eating contest, food vendors, Springfield Farmer's Market, and

more!  
We still have a couple of vendor spots available, but they're filling up fast, so if you'd like to try your hand at running a booth and selling your handcrafted wares, now's the time to give us a call!  
Are you a baker? Enter our pie contest! There will be cash prizes for best traditional and non-traditional pie. Register your pie on the day of the event by 10:30 a.m. for judging at 1 p.m. Miss Vermont will be with us again as one of our judges! Each pie will become property of the Vermont Apple Festival and slices will be sold after prizes are awarded. You must include a list of ingredients used in the pie.  
This yearly event would not be possible without the help of our sponsors and their commitment to our community. Thank you all for supporting the Vermont Apple Festival!

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# Craft space available at the Pumpkin Festival

**TOWNSHEND, Vt.** - Vendor spaces are available at 33rd Annual Townshend Pumpkin Festival on Saturday Oct.14 held on the Townshend Common from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Route 30 in Townshend, Vt. There are vendor spaces available for craft vendors and artists who wish to sell their products.  
Craft and artist vendors interested in obtaining a booth space or who have questions, may call Ian Harrison at 802-289-2336. You can also find a Pumpkin Festival application at [www.townshendvermont.org](http://www.townshendvermont.org).  
In addition to the 70 plus crafters and artists offering their products, the Pumpkin Festival includes a

pumpkin decorating contest, a Halloween costume parade, and free pony rides for the kids.  
The Oct. 14 - 15 is the weekend after Columbus Day and is still a very busy foliage weekend. The Townshend Pumpkin Festival is sponsored by the Townshend Business Association.

# All about IRAs

**REGION** - An Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is a personal retirement savings plan that offers specific tax benefits. In fact, IRAs are one of the most powerful retirement savings tools available to you. Even if you're contributing to a 401(k) or other plan at work, you should also consider investing in an IRA.  
**What types of IRAs are available?**  
There are two major types of IRAs: traditional IRAs and Roth IRAs. Both allow you to make annual contributions of up to \$5,500 in 2017. Generally, you must have at least as much taxable compensation as the amount of your IRA contribution. But if you are married filing jointly, your spouse can also contribute to an IRA, even if he or she does not have taxable compensation. The law also allows taxpayers age 50 and older to make additional "catch-up" contributions. These folks can put up to \$6,500 in their IRAs in 2017.  
Both traditional and Roth IRAs feature tax-sheltered growth of earnings. And both give you a wide range of investment choices. However, there are important differences between these two types of IRAs. You must understand these differences before you can choose the type of IRA that's best for you.  
**Traditional IRAs**  
Practically anyone can open and contribute to a traditional IRA. The only requirements are that you must have taxable compensation and be under age 70½. You can contribute the maximum allowed each year as long as your taxable compensation for the year is at least that amount. If your taxable compensation for the year is below the maximum contribution allowed, you can contribute only up to the amount you earned.  
Your contributions to a traditional IRA may be tax deductible on your federal income tax return. This is important because tax-deductible (pre-tax) contributions lower your taxable income for the year, saving you money in taxes. If neither you nor your spouse is covered by a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan, you can generally deduct the full amount of your annual contribution. If one of you is covered by such a plan, your ability to deduct your contributions depends on your annual income (modified adjusted gross income, or MAGI) and your income tax filing status. You may qualify for a full deduction, a partial deduction, or no deduction at all.  
What happens when you start taking money from your traditional IRA? Any portion of a distribution that represents deductible contributions is subject to income tax because those contributions were not taxed when you made them. Any portion that represents investment earnings is also subject to income tax because those earnings were not previously taxed either. Only the portion that represents nondeductible, after-tax contributions (if any) is not subject to income tax. In addition to income tax, you may have to pay a 10 percent early withdrawal penalty if you're under age 59½, unless you meet one of the exceptions.  
If you wish to defer taxes, you can leave your funds in the traditional

IRA, but only until April 1 of the year following the year you reach age 70½. That's when you have to take your first required minimum distribution from the IRA. After that, you must take a distribution by the end of every calendar year until your funds are exhausted or you die. The annual distribution amounts are based on a standard life expectancy table. You can always withdraw more than you're required to in any year. However, if you withdraw less, you'll be hit with a 50 percent penalty on the difference between the required minimum and the amount you actually withdrew.  
**Roth IRAs**  
Not everyone can set up a Roth IRA. Even if you can, you may not qualify to take full advantage of it. The first requirement is that you must have taxable compensation. If your taxable compensation is at least \$5,500 in 2017, you may be able to contribute the full amount. But it gets more complicated. Your ability to contribute to a Roth IRA in any year depends on your MAGI and your income tax filing status. Your allowable contribution may be less than the maximum possible, or nothing at all.  
Your contributions to a Roth IRA are not tax deductible. You can invest only after-tax dollars in a Roth IRA. The good news is that, if you meet certain conditions, your withdrawals from a Roth IRA will be completely free from federal income tax, including both contributions and investment earnings. To be eligible for these qualifying distributions, you must meet a five-year holding period requirement. In addition, one of the following must apply:

- You have reached age 59½ by the time of the withdrawal.
  - The withdrawal is made because of disability.
  - The withdrawal is made to pay first-time homebuyer expenses (\$10,000 lifetime limit from all IRAs).
  - The withdrawal is made by your beneficiary or estate after your death.
- Qualified distributions will also avoid the 10 percent early withdrawal penalty. This ability to withdraw your funds with no taxes or penalty is a key strength of the Roth IRA. And remember, even nonqualified distributions will be taxed (and possibly penalized) only on the investment earnings portion of the distribution, and then only to the extent that your distribution exceeds the total amount of all contributions that you have made.  
Another advantage of the Roth IRA is that there are no required distributions after age 70½ or at any time during your life. You can put off taking distributions until you really need the income. Or, you can leave the entire balance to your beneficiary without ever taking a single distribution. Also, as long as you have taxable compensation and qualify, you can keep contributing to a Roth IRA after age 70½.

**Choose the right IRA for you**  
Assuming you qualify to use both, which type of IRA is best for you? Sometimes the choice is easy. The Roth IRA will probably be a more effective tool if you don't qualify for tax-deductible contributions to a traditional IRA.  
However, if you can deduct your traditional IRA contributions, the choice is more difficult. Most professionals believe that a Roth IRA will still give you more bang for your dollars in the long run, but it depends on your personal goals and circumstances. The Roth IRA may very well make more sense if you want to minimize taxes during retirement and preserve assets for your beneficiaries. But a traditional deductible IRA may be a better tool if you want to lower your yearly tax bill while you're still working (and probably in a higher tax bracket than you'll be in after you retire). A financial professional or tax advisor can help you pick the right type of IRA for you.  
You can have both a traditional IRA and a Roth IRA, but your total annual contribution to all of the IRAs that you own cannot be more than \$5,500 in 2017 (\$6,500 if you're age 50 or older).

*Article written by Huntley Financial Services.*

# Celebrate the fall season

**CHESTER, Vt.** - On Saturday, Sept. 23 and Sunday the 24, Stone House Antiques Center in Chester will host its 4th annual Celebrating Autumn open house. Many of the dealers

have stocked their booths with antiques just for this occasion.



"Barn fresh" merchandise artfully displayed with touches & colors of fall.

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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

He can be reached at 802-374-0119 or email knotz69@gmail.com

## Sam Ogden...City Slicker, Part 2 —

In last week's installment, Sam Ogden had decided to leave New Jersey and move to parts unknown. Below is a continuation of that story. In future installments you will see how Sam learned to build a fireplace, carpentry and blacksmithing. Sam was board member of Vermont Life magazine and a member of the Vermont Legislature. He authored several books including organic gardening.

"Vermont had been the happy hunting ground of my boyhood, where, at the summer home of a friend in the Green Mountains, I had caught my first trout and built my first lean-to. This friend as I, enlisted when the war (WW1) broke out, but he was killed. His mother and father from the time I was just another child playing in their yard, until now, were more than friends to me.

"And it was from their summer home (Peru) in the mountains we started our search. Back off the main road three miles or so we found an abandoned village, the houses strung along a dusty road, half hidden by their lilac bushes, and shaded by great hard maples. ... One or two of the houses were so charming that we wanted to own them.

"... We made up our minds. It took three months and an infinite deal of hard work but we did it. Yes we owned a village. There were only seven houses but there were some barns which I decided could be turned into summer places without much expense. Here was a chance to live in the country and a chance to do something with our village.

"February (1930) found us impatient to start on the actual work, and we made our first trip up in a small truck we bought for the purpose. ... We found one of the houses to be a plank house, there were stoves in two rooms and wood in the woodshed. Here we found we could keep warm, and snug so we made camp. The snow was three and four feet deep and the temperature more often below zero than above, so all ideas of starting work were soon dispelled. We stayed two weeks, got our first taste of winter in the country, changed our ideas somewhat, and returned to the city.

"In April snow was still on the ground and frost deep in the earth but there was a lot of policing to be done so we started on that. ....there were remains of broken fences, piles of old timbers and boards, tin cans and debris of all sorts. A dump was chosen, the truck put to work and the cleaning up began.

"In those early days we camped at our base camp, a gloomy place if there ever was one in order to keep warm. With the warm days of June we moved the family up from the city and all our belongings, lock, stock and barrel. We had by this time decided on the house which was to be our new home, but it was such bad condition... This house while structurally bad, was in best living condition of all the houses. The roof was sound, the floors and walls good, and the rooms bright and sunny. The house we had chosen to live in had to be ready by fall, and there was much to be done. Then too, a friend having made us a visit inspired by curiosity, decided that he wanted one of the barns which was perched on the bank overlooking the river gorge below. He promptly bought it and gave me sketches, and wanted work to begin at once.



Sam and Mamie's place in Landgrove. Sam standing in the yard about 1932. PHOTO PROVIDED

"Next to the river, squatted at the foot of a large maple and protected from the north and west by two huge glacial boulders was one of the most decrepit and forlorn houses of the village. Bill Faulks, who is an architect, saw through the wreckage and filth to the beauty beneath and both he and his wife fell in love with the location.

"...and one job which I have not yet mentioned. This job was our city water system. When we looked at the sixteen different properties before we bought [there] was a fine spring well up on the hill not far from the village. It was our plan to lay a sizeable main and bring the water down to all houses. This was one of the most necessary and pressing jobs we decided, after carrying our water in buckets for those first several months.

"The worst eyesore in the village was a small cottage, in which the school teacher had formerly lived. There was a shed attached which badly wanted to fall down but due to the heavy timber framing could not quite manage it though the roof was in and the structure sagged and leaned at all angles. Junk was piled high around it all camouflaged with a noble growth of burdock and jewell weeds. Adjacent was an empty cellar hole half filled with junk and sporting a splendid growth of brush and weeds. In the attic of the cottage we found a spinning wheel, which we set up on the porch, afterwards when the cottage was finished we came to call it 'The Spinning Wheel Cottage'.

"This was our first year's program, fix our house up for occupancy, start work on the Hoyt Barn help our first

citizens with their 'River House', install our water system, and fix up the worst eyesore, the 'Spinning Wheel Cottage'.

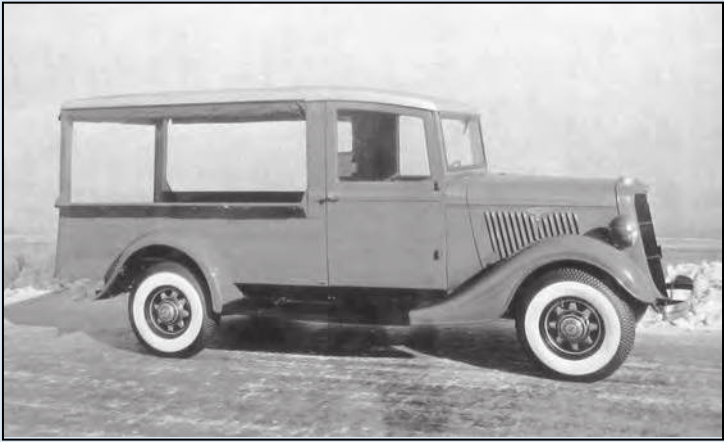
"First I found a carpenter nearby. He was slow, but honest and thorough. I put a team (oxen or horses) and a couple men at work on the pipe line ditch, set the carpenter and a helper to work tearing out in our home to be, and set myself the task of being on all jobs at the same time. Bill my helper, had in his makeup in large amounts, that, which we all have in us to some extent. That which prompts small boys to throw stones through the windows of vacant houses. I have my share too. So Bill and I had great fun tearing down the shed and outhouses to the Spinning Wheel Cottage. We would fasten a chain to what we conceived to be a strategic timber or post, hook up to the truck, and then start off. The sheds came down, then there remained the job of knocking apart the timbers, sorting and piling the boards and cleaning up the junk."

Recently Herb and Doris Eddy donated a photo album kept by Gordy Hart of trucks and busses he sold in Chester. With this article you'll see a photo of a 1935 Ford produce truck. It is one of 18 photos in the 2018 Chester Historical Society calendar.

The next meeting of the Chester Historical Society is Thursday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m. at the Academy Building. The monthly slideshow will be photos of 1930s trucks and busses Hart sold.

Recently I stopped at the Bargain Corner antiques across the street from Whiting Library in Chester. They have an excellent inventory. If you're an antiques collector stop by and make a deal.

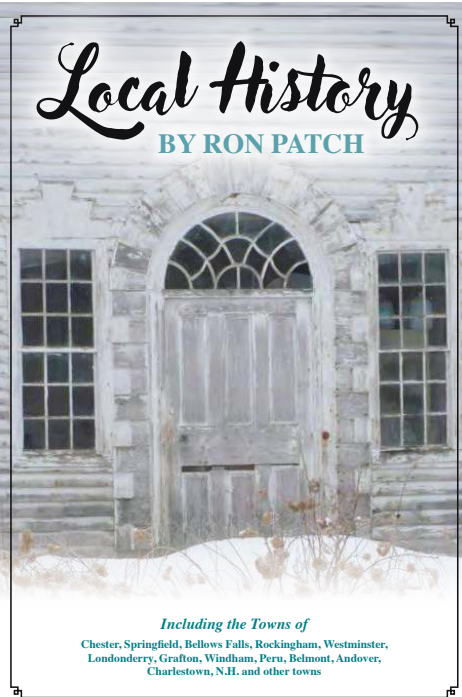
This week's old saying refers to those that always find fault. "An empty barrel makes the most noise."



Gordy Hart's 1935 V-8 Ford. PHOTO PROVIDED

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BY RON PATCH



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Ron Patch is selling his book "Local History" at local stores.

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## Bill Lockwood reading of his novel "Megan of the Mists"

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - North Walpole resident and former Bellows Falls resident Bill Lockwood will appear Thursday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Rockingham Free Public Library for a reading and discussion of his second mass market historical fiction novel, "Megan of the Mists."

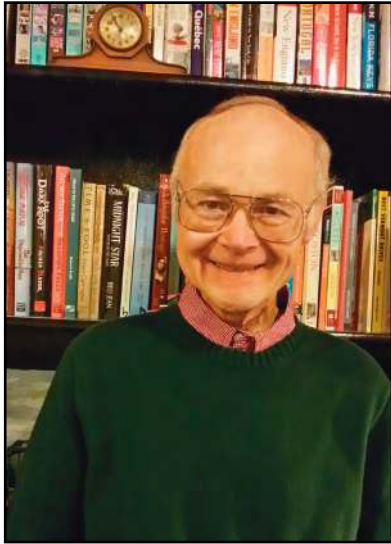
During "the troubles" in Northern Ireland during the 1970s, Megan helps run contraband over the border for the illegal Irish Republican Army, trusting the ancient fairies of the mounds along the way to see her safely home. As she is drawn farther into rebel plots, she falls for a British soldier and is horrified to learn the IRA plans for him and his fellows to be blown-up at their favorite bar - with a bomb she delivers and sets off. Andrew, of the Queen's Own Sixty-

First Highland Division, is not happy with the assignment to Northern Ireland and longs for his hometown in Scotland. When he meets Megan, who has been sent as a spy to scout out the bar he frequents, the two have an instant attraction. He hints at the possibility of marriage and a peaceful life elsewhere, an idea she is ready to consider.

But how far must she run to escape the influence of the IRA? If only her fairies would save her...

If anyone already has a copy, bring it, and he will gladly sign it for you. He will also discuss his first novel, "Buried Gold" and the writing and publishing process.

Anyone seeking further information on this event may call the library at 802-463-4270.



Author Bill Lockwood. PHOTO PROVIDED

## AARP free Tax-Aide Program recruits volunteers

REGION - Do you or a family member have some time and would like to make a big difference in someone else's life? Volunteering with the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program might be just what you are looking for.

AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide is looking to expand its team of volunteers for the upcoming tax season in Bellows Falls, Chester and Springfield. Tax-Aide volunteers make a difference in their communities by assisting many older, lower-income taxpayers who might otherwise miss out on the credits and deductions they've earned.

Tax-Aide volunteers receive training and support in a welcoming environment. Volunteer tax preparers, client facilitators, those who can provide technical and management assistance and interpreters are needed. Every level of experience is welcome. Volunteer tax preparers complete tax preparation training and IRS certification.

Interested? Please leave your name and contact information with either the director of the Bellows

Falls Senior Center, Teagen Kosut at 802-463-3907, or the director of the Springfield Senior Center, Heather Hall at 802-885-3933.

Another way to learn about our volunteer opportunities is to visit [www.aarpfoundation.org/taxaide](http://www.aarpfoundation.org/taxaide) or call 1-888-OUR-AARP (1-888-687-2277).

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is the nation's largest volunteer-run tax preparation service and is offered in coordination with the IRS. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide has grown remarkably since its inaugural team of just four volunteers in 1968.

Tax-Aide offers free tax filing help to anyone, especially those 50 and older, who can't afford a tax preparation service. Taxpayers do not need to be a member of AARP or a retiree to use this program.

Soon approaching its 50th year the program now involves nearly 35,000 volunteers and serves 2.5 million taxpayers annually at some 5,000 sites nationwide with free tax help. In 2017 taxpayers who used AARP Foundation Tax-Aide received \$1.37 billion in income tax refunds and

more than \$222 million in Earned Income Tax Credits (EITCs).

AARP Foundation is the affiliated charity of AARP, the American Association of Retired Persons.

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Charles G. Fiske, 1951-2017

PUTNEY, Vt. - Charles G. Fiske, 65, of Bellows Falls Road died Friday, Sept. 15, 2017, at his home in the company of his longtime partner who was by his side. Affectionately known to his friends as “Buckwheat,” Charles was born in Vermont on December 9, 1951, the son of Charles and Marguerite (Haskins) Fiske. He was a graduate of Bellows Falls High School and served during Vietnam with the Navy. He spent some time in California where he worked at Culver City Harley Davidson and the Marina Del Rey Athletic Club. He returned to Vermont and worked as a motorcycle repairman for Harley Davidson shops in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. He also worked at various times as a butcher, most recently at

the Brattleboro Co-Op. He was also an instructor at the Springfield Racquet Club in Springfield and also in Ludlow specializing in fitness. Charles worked at Health Care and Rehabilitation Services in Springfield as an employment specialist, from which he retired in 2014. Charles was a proud Veteran who loved old Harley Davidsons, kayaking, body building, and being outdoors in nature. He will be missed for his ready smile and sense of humor.

He is survived by his partner, Lynne Irwin, of Putney. He is predeceased by his parents.

A private service will be held in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Bellows Falls, Vt., at the convenience of the family.

Winston Thomas, 1943-2017

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - Winston Thomas, 74, of West Chestnut St. died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017. He was born on Jan. 7, 1943, in Newport, Vt., the son of Arthur and Frances (Parker) Thomas. He was a 1961 graduate of Bellows Falls High School, worked for Xerox in California, and was sales manager for WTSa in Brattleboro for 20 years. He was a huge Elvis and Celtics fan and enjoyed camping in his RV.

On Sept. 13, 2009, in Brattleboro, he married Laura Potter, who survives him. Also surviving him are

his daughters Martha Faxon of Walpole, N.H. and Dawn Thomas-Contryman of Anaheim, Calif.; his stepchildren Emily, Jane, Carrie, Max; and six grandchildren. He is predeceased by his parents and his brother, Philip Thomas.

There will be calling hours 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls. There will be a celebration of Winston's life at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Dummerston Grange in Dummerston Center, Vt.

Nancy Gertrude Eaton, 1937-2017

PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - Nancy Gertrude Eaton, 80, passed away Friday Sept. 1, 2017, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.

She was born in Dorset, Vt., Aug. 29, 1937, the daughter of Harlan and Dorothy (Crandall) Coolidge. Nancy grew up on the family dairy farm in Dorset and was a graduate of Burr & Burton Academy. Nancy continued her education at the University of Vermont where she received her degree in teaching. She went on to become a math teacher in Windsor. She afterwards became a social worker for the Vermont Dept. of Human Services, working in Springfield, Vt.

Nancy loved the outdoors. She loved caring for her horses and riding with her friends. She was also an avid vegetable and flower gardener and she loved her St. Bernards.

Surviving are her daughter, Teresa Eaton of Perkinsville; her two grandchildren, Miranda Holmes and Jeremy Holmes; and her two great-grandchildren, Colin and Gabriel Holmes.

She was predeceased by her husband, Irving Eaton.



Nancy Eaton, 1937-2017. PHOTO PROVIDED

The graveside service and interment will take place on Saturday Sept. 23, 2017, at 2 p.m. in the Plainville Cemetery, Perkinsville. A celebration of her life will follow at the Springfield VFW Post #771.

Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to the Springfield Humane Society, 401 Skitchewaug Trail, Springfield, VT 05156.

Arrangements are in care of Adams Funeral Home, Chester.

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MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - Ten years ago our beloved St Mary's (Our Mother of Mercy) church in Mount Holly was destroyed in an early morning fire, on Dec. 30, 2007. The fire may have destroyed our church, but not our fond memories of our church and our faith community.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Diana Garrow, Judy Nevin, or Ann Doucette (contact information below). We are excited to have this opportunity to meet with our faith community once again.

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# sports



## THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

The leaves on many a tree are beginning to turn early. That hardly ever happens before the official beginning of fall, which this time around falls on Friday. This is also one of the warmest Septembers I ever remember. Don't tell me there is no such thing as global warming. Hopefully persons from a number of communities will be warmed by today's column:

The Bellows Falls Field Hockey team is as hot as the weather, likely even hotter. They have two Vermont Division II State titles in a row, but can't earn a third, regardless of how hot they become. That's because they now play in Division II. Does that mean if they win again this fall, it is still a three peat?

Since the Terriers opening win over Springfield, we passed along last week on this page, they have added 5-0 and 4-0 victories over Division I foes Mount Anthony and Hartford respectively and then added an 8-1 triumph over division competitor Burr & Burton. What's the key to the team's success? Coach Bethany Coursen says there are many.

"Speed is our biggest key. We have crazy speed," Coursen offered, adding, "We have speed on offense, our defenders have lots of speed, and I think it's important that we have six or seven people who can score, not just one, so no one can mark any one scorer."

A variety of goal scorers is exactly what they have. In the four games, the goal totals are as statistically balanced as any team I have

ever seen constructed. Dani Marchica leads the parade with six, Abbe Cravinho and Sophia Hyslop with five, Molly Kelly has four, Reghan Bal-dasaro with three, and Macie Streeter and Megan Banik have one. The goalies Emma Lober and Keily Comstock have allowed only one goal in four games this fall.

Who will the competition be for the Terriers come tournament time? Two northern teams are expected to be waiting when the fun begins. Spaulding and Mount Abraham are likely the only two who could stick close to the Purple and White to deny them of putting a Division II trophy in their case.

How good is Coursen's crew? Well, in the preseason, they scrimmaged South Burlington, back-to-back Division I state champions, on the SB turf and outscored the top tier D Iers, who sit atop the DI standings this morning. Obviously coaches try things out in these type of get-togethers so such a contest is not a end all, be all, but I think it is becoming clear that BF Field Hockey is presently at a level with any program in the state.

There is another defending state championship team, which is back in the mix. The Fall Mountain Soccer Lady Wildcats sit 5-1 at this writing and are third in the New Hampshire Division III standings. Bruce Ferland's hard playing team has a 3-0 shutout triumph over Stevens as their biggest win, while their only setback, a 2-1 falling to Campbell, has to be their biggest setback to date. They have two games versus top seeded Conant on the horizon, the first Saturday at 2 p.m. on the road and then they get the unbeaten back home in Langdon on Oct.13 at 7 p.m. There is certainly much water to go over the dam before the play-off seeds are settled.

Green Mountain Girls Soccer is coming off a strong 16-3 season and they have a new coach and the players feel unfinished business is on the agenda this fall. Emily Lehet departed and headed back to her native Connecticut, where she is back on the sidelines and having a winning undefeated season thus far, just like her former Chieftain team is to date. Lehet is at Ledyard

High School. Her replacement is Maine native Carolyn Hamilton, whose team has started strong in Chester. Long time area sportswriter Poody Walsh gave me a scouting report on her. She taught in Claremont in recent years, where she served as Unified Basketball coach. Walsh said, "I found her to be a very respected person, who worked hard with her players. One has to be patient coaching Unified players and she was remarkable with them. She wanted to win, but she made sure she handled everything in the right way." Good luck, Carolyn.

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## Regional football teams all suffer losses

**REGION** - Bellows Falls quarterback Logan Cota was looking for running room in this photo and he was met by several Burr & Burton tacklers. This is how it was much of the evening for BF and all three-area teams as all three put a combined 13 points on the board. BF fell to B&B 23-6, Springfield was stopped by BFA of Fairfax 28-7, and Fall Mountain was shutout 47-0 by Kearsarge. We will have more details on those games and on this week's contest in next week's paper.

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## GM Girls Soccer off to a good start

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal

**CHESTER, Vt.** - Vermont Division III soccer has strong teams year after year. Climbing the ranks is not at all easy. One school, which features a team knocking at the door most autumns, is the Green Mountain Girls Soccer team. Last fall the Chieftains finished 16-3 bowing in the semi-finals to Stowe 2-0. Much of the same cast returns and they are off to a 4-0 start and have their hand raised to knock on the door again.

The team has shown plenty of offense in the early going. The team opened the season with a 10-0 thumping of Mount Saint Joseph with their high-powered offense scoring early and often. Then they moved on to the annual Black River Invitational where they would eventually defeat the hosts in the title encounter 10-0.

Junior striker Erin Otis, senior striker Avery Prescott, senior outside midfielder Lexi White, and junior midfield defender Paige Karl all scored two goals in that contest and were joined finding the net in the opener by senior outside midfielder Sierra Kehoe, sophomore reserve striker Micah White, freshman striker Belle White, sophomore reserve outside midfielder Maizy White,

and junior reserve midfield defender Hannah Buffum. Sophomore goaltender Kamryn Ravlin had the shut-out in goal.

Carolynn Hamilton's team faced their biggest challenge to date in the opening round of the Black River Invitational where they defeated an extremely tough Proctor team 2-1. In reality, this match-up was the title contest. Hamilton said, "We have an extremely hard working team, who have worked to get in good shape and we were clearly in better shape than they were and that was the difference. This team knows how important it is to be in good shape and they have some big goals in mind this season."

Karl put away all the tension from the well-played Proctor contest when she scored the game winner with 34 seconds to play. Prescott had an earlier tally and things were knotted 1-1 when Karl put the ball in the net. Hamilton credited junior Rachel Guerra and junior Brigid Karl inside defenders with a strong game as a key to the victory and pointed out the play this season of junior Anne Lawson, and senior Noelle Gignoux as outside defenders as important, as well as the play of sophomore defensive midfielder Maddie Wilson.

Additional Chieftain reserves include junior outside defender Reilly



The Green Mountain Girls Soccer team is off to a 4-0 start and was playing an important Division III contest with Windsor on Tuesday afternoon when this paper was going to press. The captains

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Merrill, junior striker Emily Barr, sophomore midfielder Alyssa Ripley, and sophomore defender Zoe Svec. Additional freshmen on the roster include defenders Tierney O'Brien and Mary Cameron. The back-up goalies are Clara Narterano and Buffum. Exchange student Anja Mykhaylyuk completes the roster.

The Chieftains most recent win was 4-1 over Twin Valley. Hamil-

ton felt the impact of a third game in a week left her team, "slow and tired and we didn't have a very good game." Paige Karl and Otis had two goals each to give the attack enough to claim victory. The Chieftains have more challenges ahead this week. They were facing Windsor at home as this paper was printing and then they travel to Otter Valley for a Saturday morning game at 10 a.m.

## Bellows Falls Girls Soccer is getting better and stronger

BY BILL MURPHY

The Shopper

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - The Bellows Falls Girls Soccer team is 0-4 on the season, but "We are getting better all the time. We are very young, we start six freshmen, but we are getting more players now with a history of playing soccer, which allows us to have more tactical play," said veteran Terrier Coach John Broadley. Wins have been few and far between in the program since Broadley's teams of 2011 and 2012, which combined for a 16-9-2 mark, reaching the semi-finals in 2011. "We should pick up a win or two this year, but we have more skilled young players coming along," Broadley adds about the future. The Terriers have fallen to Springfield 3-2 and 4-1, they lost to Windsor 4-1 and were blindsided by Randolph 6-0 in the only one-

sided game of the season. Amyra Terena has two of the four BF goals this season with Hannah Dupuis and Shanice Fischer scoring the other

tallies. Sweeper Hannah Harlow is shown in the picture working on attempting to clear a Windsor scoring attempt.



Hannah Harlow working on attempting to clear a Windsor scoring attempt.

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## Harlem Wizards visit Fall Mountain High School

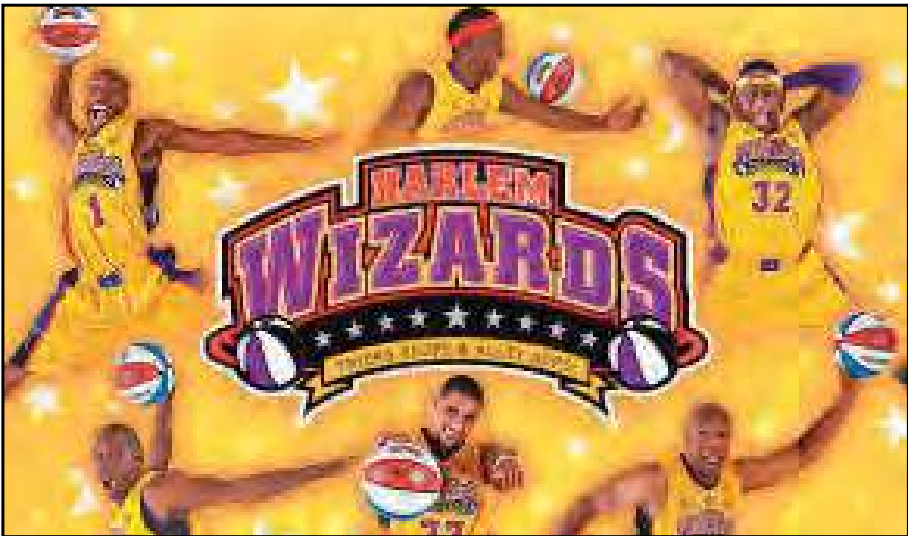
**LANGDON, N.H.** - The Harlem Wizards are coming to Fall Mountain High School, Tuesday Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. The evening promises to be a fun filled event that is great for kids and adults and will guarantee to put a smile on your face! This event is hosted by the Class of 2020. They have brought the Wizards into town to help benefit their senior expenses, graduation, class trip, etc.

The Harlem Wizards have a unique mission: create awe-inspiring events throughout the country. At a Wizards game, fans will witness amazing basketball talent combined with hilarious comedy. It's two hours of family time where parents, grandparents, and kids can all laugh together. When you're in the stands, you're more than a spectator; you're part of the show with loads of audience partici-

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Tickets can be purchased at the

following locations: Charlestown House of Pizza, Walpole Grocery, and Bellows Square Booksellers from now until the day before the game. Tickets will also be available on the day of the game at Fall Mountain High School 6 p.m. and online at [www.Harlemwizards.com](http://www.Harlemwizards.com). Children five and under are free.



The Harlem Wizards.

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# arts & entertainment

## Popular Langdon Fall Festival marks 11th year

LANGDON, N.H. - The 2017 Langdon Fall Festival marks its 11th year Saturday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the town hall-meeting house, Village Road, Langdon. Admission is free and open to the public.

With a population of just over 700, on festival day Langdon will more than double its population. Over the years the festival has become a wonderful town event. Folks from near and far gather in the village to visit with friends, neighbors, craft vendors and non-profit groups.

"Where is Langdon???" everyone asks. Located at the southwestern tip of Sullivan County, this quiet little treasure is nestled just behind Fall Mountain. The historic town hall and meeting house will be decorated with quilts galore and a historic display by the Langdon Heritage Commission. We have over 40 vendors, featuring handmade local crafts. Hay rides are available 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and a children's game area features a hay maze and arts and crafts.

At 10 a.m., representatives from the Monadnock Conservancy and Antioch University New England will lead a hike on Antioch's 76-acre forested property along the western slopes of Glover's Ledge. Please join us for this moderately strenuous



Oldest Langdon resident, 99-year old Dorothy Campbell, in the Meetinghouse with Afghan.

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1.5-mile hike as we explore an extensive trail network, visit some recent wildlife openings and enjoy the view of Vermont from a hilltop gazebo. Meet at a large garage at 212 Cheshire Turnpike in Langdon.

For festival updates follow us on Facebook at Langdon Fall Festival.

If you are a member of a non-political, non-profit civic organization, or a handmade craft vendor or demonstrator and would like a booth for the 2017 festival please contact the festival committee for information, langdonfallfestival@gmail.com or you can download our application at [www.langdonnh.org](http://www.langdonnh.org). All booth spaces must be approved by the festival committee.

We would also like to thank our sponsors for their ongoing support: Town of Langdon, AEI Inc., Woodell and Daughters Forest Products, and Holmes Farm. Thank you again for your help and support.

See you at the festival! Note: Although we love dogs and other family pets, this event draws a large crowd. For the safety of our farm animals and attendees please leave pets and non-service animals at home. Thank you.

Here is a list of some of the local non-profits that are scheduled to participate this year: Langdon Fire & Rescue, Fall Mountain Food Shelf, Langdon Heritage Commission, Langdon Community Club, Langdon Recreation Committee, Sarah Porter School, Vilas Middle School PTO, Fall Mountain Regional High School: FFA, Art, Volleyball, Hospitality Club, Class of 2018, and Interact.

## Vermont author Erik Rickstad at Village Square Booksellers

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Vermont author Erik Rickstad will be speaking at Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls, Vt. on Friday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. to discuss his new book, "Names of Dead Girls." Eric Rickstad delivers another Canaan Crime novel, the electrifying sequel to "The Silent Girls," and features once again detectives Frank Rath and Sonja Test as they track a depraved killer through rural Vermont.

In a remote northern Vermont town, college student Rachel Rath is being watched. She can feel the stranger's eyes on her, relentless and possessive. And she's sure the man watching her is the same man who killed her mother and father years ago: Ned Preacher, a serial rapist and murderer who gamed the sys-

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Eric Rickstad is the bestselling author of the "The Silent Girls," "Lie in Wait," and "Reap," novels heralded as intelligent and profound, dark, disturbing, and heartbreaking. He lives in his home state of Vermont with his



Author Erik Rickstad.

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wife, daughter, and son.

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## Big Bands: When Swing was King

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Erik Nielsen will present the OLLI program Big Bands: When Swing was King on Tuesday Sept. 26 at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Catholic Church on Pleasant Street in Springfield.

Nielsen, a Vermont professional composer and music historian will play music and take us through the era of big bands. Before the Beatles, before Elvis and Chuck Berry, came swing. During the pre-World War II years, big band music was the most popular music in America, with millions of fans. He'll discuss why it was so big during the Depression, and why it died so soon after the end

of World War II.

The audience will listen to the music of the era, including such stars as Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Benny Goodman, Ella Fitzgerald and others, and learn about what led to the rise of big bands and to swing's demise. Prepare to be swept away by the energy and musical vitality of this music that still makes an impact today.

OLLI, affiliated with the University of Vermont, is a local membership program geared towards seniors 50 years and older who want to engage in meaningful learning "just for the fun of it!" People of all ages are welcome to attend.

The OLLI series programs are

selected with input from the local members and carry varied themes from semester to semester including history, art, music, literature, health, nature, science and current events.

Programs are held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons and last about an hour and a half. Memberships, as well as single program fees, may be paid at the program.

Brochures have been distributed throughout the area towns at businesses, the local libraries, town halls, and Chamber of Commerce offices. The complete Springfield and state-wide program list is available at [www.learn.uvm.edu/olli](http://www.learn.uvm.edu/olli). Choose statewide programs from the menu, and then scroll to Springfield.

## Keith Murphy plays Dudley Laufman

PUTNEY, Vt. - Next Stage Arts Project, The Monadnock Folklore Society, and the Brattleboro Music Center jointly present "The Dancingmaster" On Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. at Next Stage Arts in Putney, Vt. The show will also run on Sept. 23 at 8 p.m. at the Peterborough Town House, Peterborough, N.H.

"The Dancingmaster" is a whimsical musical portrait of the legendary contra dance caller, Dudley Laufman. Laufman almost single-handedly provided the link between the old days of rural contra dancing in the hamlets of New England, and the vibrant network of dances taking place every week throughout the United States and beyond. The words sung in the piece come, verbatim, from an interview conducted with Laufman by composer Lawrence Siegel, the latest of his acclaimed "Verbatim Projects." The character Dudley is played by the great traditional musician, Keith Murphy. Becky Tracy on violin and Siegel on piano provide the musical accompaniment. Mary DesRosiers,

a dancing master in her own right, has created original choreography performed by a group of traditional dancers from the Monadnock Region of New Hampshire.

There are two performances only, making this a once in a lifetime opportunity to witness this unique combination of music, dance, and storytelling. Keith Murphy brings his warm and evocative tenor voice to the character of Dudley. Becky Tracy weaves her special sound into music inside and outside the traditional realm. Mary DesRosier's choreography works traditional dance forms into a narrative presence in the piece. Together, these artists and the dancers achieve Larry Siegel's vision merging traditional vocabulary with the forms of classical opera, along with his unique ability to transform spoken words into lyrics.

"The Dancingmaster" will appeal to fans of traditional music and dance and at the same time to audiences for musical theater and classical music. Tickets can be purchased through [brownpapertickets.org](http://brownpapertickets.org)

## Susan Abbott exhibits "In Season"

GRAFTON, Vt. - Gallery North Star, 151 Townshend Road, presents a solo show of new oil paintings by

nationally acclaimed artist Susan Abbott.

The exhibition will run from Sept. 23 through Nov. 5. There will be an opening reception for the artist on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Known for her vivid portrayals of rural scenes, Abbott's paintings evoke a sense of place coupled with an extensive color palette. Her work is inspired by the real Vermont, that work-a-day patchwork of small towns, back roads, fields, forests and family homes seen every day through all seasons of the year.

Susan Abbott has had major shows throughout the country, and her work has been recognized by Oprah Winfrey as "one of her favorite things."

Gallery North Star, located in historic Grafton, is dedicated to presenting a diverse selection of work by Vermont and New England's finest artists in a unique setting. The gallery is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 802-843-2465 or visit the gallery's website at [www.gnsgraffon.com](http://www.gnsgraffon.com).

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## Black River Academy's Paint 'n Sip fundraiser

**LUDLOW, Vt.** - Join us at the Black River Academy for a fun evening of painting soup bowls and sipping beverages while enjoying the company of fellow would-be artists. No painting experience is needed. Stencils will be available for those of you that need a little help in the artistic department. Georgia Brehm, museum director, will be available for any guidance



A pretty design you could paint on your bowl.

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needed.

The soup bowls are yours to take home and enjoy during the coming winter months filled with your own delicious soups, stews, or chili. There is a suggested donation for an unpainted soup bowl, and paint supplies. This is a BYOB evening. Hope to see you at the museum on Thursday, Sept. 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. at 14 High Street in Ludlow.

## FOLA presents "Phantom of the Opera"

**LUDLOW, Vt.** - The Phantom of the Opera is the next Broadway musical to be streamed by FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) on Saturday, Sept. 23, starting at 7 p.m. at the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium.

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of Andrew Lloyd Webber's 1986 musical, "The Phantom of the Opera," which was based on the French novel by Gaston Leroux, three special performances were filmed at London's Royal Albert Hall. Footage from all three of these performances were edited together to make this 2011 British film adaptation.

The extensive cast of "The Phantom of the Opera" has four main characters. The Phantom, played by Ramin Karimloo, is a brilliant musician and magician born with a terrifyingly deformed face, who escaped from captivity in a traveling freak show. He hides his face with a mask. One of his props is a magical lasso.

Christine, played by Sierra Boggess, is a beautiful young chorus girl that the Phantom manages to insert into a starring role in several operas. She is in love with Raoul, her old childhood playmate and now a viscount and patron of the arts.

Raoul, played by Hadley Frazer, is secretly engaged to Christine but finds himself in the difficult position of having the Phantom as a rival suitor, especially one armed with a magical lasso.

Carlotta, played by Wendy Ferguson, is the opera's resident soprano



Phantom of the Opera.

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prima donna.

The interplay amongst these characters results in a very entertaining performance - one you will be sure to enjoy.

Everyone is invited to enjoy this great musical, which is free; donations are appreciated. For information, call 802-228-7239 or visit the FOLA web site, [www.fola.us](http://www.fola.us).

## Coffeehouse Music Series

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - The Unitarian Universalist Church in Springfield kicks off its Coffeehouse Music Series on Saturday, Sep. 23 at 7 p.m. This month's artist is Heron Fire with Peggy Rishel.

"We've often been asked to describe what kind of music we do and have found that performing is much easier to do than explaining. That's because

the songs we play aren't limited to any one style. You'll hear folk, rock, country, comedy, blues, jazz and even a smattering of original material. Many of the songs are favorites of ours from a long history of performing together, some are more recent, but all are our own arrangements - rich with tight vocal harmonies and a unique sound and style of guitar work," said Rishel. "In short, we feel that we provide a genuine sound, along with a versatility and creativity that's undeniably

our own. Making music has always been fun for us and we do our best to make our audiences feel at home with use, our music and the places we play..."

All are welcome. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., music starts at 7 p.m. This is a family-friendly evening of music and fun. You will be able to purchase delicious snacks and beverages. This event is held at the church at 21 Fairground Rd, Springfield, VT.

## Church organ concert

**LONDONDERRY, Vt.** - In celebration of their newly acquired Rodgers Classic Series organ, the Second Congregational Church in Londonderry cordially invites the public to an Organ Concert on Sunday, Sept. 24 at 4 p.m.

Renowned New England organist Laura V. Belanger will offer the concert. Laura Belanger is a graduate of the Manhattan School of Music where she was a student of Bronson Ragan and Frederick Swann. Belanger holds an AAGO and ChM from the American Guild of Organists. She continues to be an active member of the AGO and is on the executive board of the New Hampshire Chapter.

Belanger currently resides in Hill, N.H. and continues to offer her talents as an organ recitalist and accompanist throughout the New England region. She has previously served as the organist for the Plymouth, N.H. Congregational Church, and is currently accompanist for the Pemigewasset Choral Society and Little Church Theatre. Belanger was recently appointed organist at the Sanbornton, N.H. Congregational Church.

Music is an integral part of the life of Second Congregational church with a weekly adult choir of up to 20 singers and musical offerings from our young people every other month or so. The new Rodgers organ will enhance music in our midst and the church looks forward to this concert as a way to celebrate the new organ and music in general!

The Second Congregational Church is located at 2051 N. Main Street in Londonderry, Vt. Light refreshments will follow the concert. A free-will offering will be gathered for hurricane relief. For directions to the church, or questions, please call the church office at 802-824-6453.

## Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm grand opening celebration

**WESTON, Vt.** - Vermont's award-winning Weston Playhouse Theatre Company extends an open invitation to the grand opening of Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm, the company's new year-round second stage and community center, on Saturday, Sept. 23. Public festivities begin at 2 p.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony followed by an afternoon of self-guided tours, short performances, outdoor music, and food provided by local vendors, concluding at 5 p.m.

The grand opening celebration will open with Hazen Metro on bagpipes. Performances in the new theater include Piper Goodeve, Susan Haefner, Munson Hicks, Barbara Lloyd, Sam Lloyd, Jr., Jim Raposa, Dottie Stanley, Syd Straw, Broadway Theatre Camp with accompanist, Kent Baker, and the Young Playwrights program. Under the tent outside, Jamie Ward will be singing songs from the Broadway musicals performed on the Weston Playhouse stage over the last 30 years.

Designed and built by the Bread-Loaf Corporation of Middlebury, Vt. in conjunction with theatrical consultants Fisher Dachs of New York, the 8,000 square foot building includes a flexible performance space that can be configured for theatre, concerts, lectures and meetings, banquets, and film and video production.

The first performances in the new space will begin Oct. 1 with a week-long run of "Joe Iconis and Family," a concert by the prominent New York based composer/performer and his most frequent collaborators, many of whom have been seen in Weston productions and cabarets.

Located on a five-acre farmstead north of the Weston Playhouse on the opposite side of Vermont Route 100/Main Street, the new facility will complement the theatre company's summer use of the historic

flagship Weston Playhouse on the Weston Village Green.

Steve Stettler, Weston's producing artistic director, said, "We will, of course, continue to offer great summer shows in the Weston Playhouse, but this project will allow us to extend our reach. During the summer, the second stage at Walker Farm will accommodate shows that need a more intimate or flexible space. The new theatre will also expand our season into the spring and autumn and provide a resource for concerts, films, lectures, meetings, and other community uses."

Stettler continued, "Perhaps most important, Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm will be the centerpiece of our project to create an incubator for the performing arts in Vermont - a greatly expanded program to develop new musicals and plays, bringing theatre artists from across the U.S. to work and create in our quiet and

supportive rural setting. The program will enhance Vermont's reputation for excellence in the arts, have a positive economic impact on our region, and make a major contribution to the American theatre."

The new theatre is funded by the theatre company's ongoing \$13 million capital campaign. In addition to the land acquisition and design and construction costs of the new building, the campaign includes a half million dollar education endowment, \$1 million in improvements to the Weston Playhouse, and a \$1.5 million Fund for the American Theatre, which will support the company's expanded New Works programs, including the operating costs of the new facility.

For more information about the non-profit Weston Playhouse Theatre Company and Weston Playhouse at Walker Farm, visit [www.westonplayhouse.org](http://www.westonplayhouse.org).

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# golf & outdoor news

## Bellows Falls Country Club tournament results and info

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - A lot has been happening at the Bellows Falls Country Club with club championships and club tournaments. The second and final rounds of Men's and Ladies' Club Championships were played on Aug. 26 and 27.

**Final pairings**  
Men's Championship Flight – Nick Matulonis and Alex Rumrill  
Ladies' Championship Flight – Nancy Gorham-LaSante and Pam Cruikshank  
Men's A Flight – Joe Brooks and Eric Bergeron  
Men's B Flight – Brian Gendron and John Williams, II.

**Results:**  
Men's Championship Flight – Nick Matulonis  
Ladies' Championship Flight – Nancy Gorham-LaSante  
Men's A Flight – Joe Brooks

Men's B Flight – John Williams, II.  
On Labor Day weekend, the Husband and Wife and Mixed Scotch Tournaments were held with the following results:

**Husband and Wife results:**  
1st Gross – Brett and Michelle Jasinski  
1st Net – John and Lynda Jo Gregory  
2nd Gross – Dave and Becky Bashaw  
2nd Net – Allan and Sandy Thomas

**Mixed Scotch results:**  
1st Gross – Lynda Jo Gregory and Allan Thomas  
1st Net – Sandy Thomas and John Gregory  
2nd Gross- Lorette Thomas and Brett Jasinski  
2nd Net – Michelle Jasinski and Don Thomas

BFCC's annual Sadie Hawkins

Tournament was held on Sept. 10 where a foursome team is comprised of one lady golfer and three male golfers.

**Results:**  
1st Gross – Ginny Baker, Steve Hart, Joe Bishop and Don Thomas  
1st Net – Ila Mitchell, Nick Albonzio, John Williams, II and Paul Siliski  
2nd Gross- Joan Beaudry, Steve Wright, Ken Kinson and Jim Snide  
2nd Net – Sandy Thomas, John Gregory, Norm Robertson and Pat Gordon  
3rd Gross – Lorette Thomas, Steve Machado, Dwayne Clayton and Jon Babcock  
3rd Net – Maggie Aldrich, Doug Roberts, Doyle Whitcomb and Dave O'Brien

**Closest to the Pin:**  
Ladies' – Sandy Thomas

Men's – Joe Bishop  
Paul's Revenge, BFCC's Tournament where the course crew gets a little payback for those of you who did not play so nice with the course was held on Sunday, Sept. 17. The course crew did an amazing job of "booby-trapping" the course with all sorts of challenges, obstacles, and surprises.

**Results:**  
1st - Team Jasinski (Brett, Michelle, John, and Dave)  
2nd - Team Thomas (Don, Lorette, Jeff, and Griffin)  
3rd -Team Brophy (Dan, Al, Joe, and Phil)

The club's final tournament is the BFCC Fall Open on Sunday, Sept. 24 and is also open to public. Please call the clubhouse at 802-463-9809 for more information or to sign up for either or both of these tournaments.



### Monarch butterflies

Monarch butterflies are a common sight in our yards and fields, but how much do you know about them? Beautiful and fragile, weighing about as much as a paperclip, these remarkable creatures are about to embark on one of the most fascinating migrations known. If you want to learn more about monarchs, and meet a few up close, come hear environmental educator Laurie Coonradt at the Springfield Town Library Thursday, Sept. 28, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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## Golf update from the Clubhouse —

**WARREN, Vt.** - Sugarbush Resort Golf Club hosted the 4th Annual Sugarbush Ryder Cup over the weekend. With gorgeous weather and a field of 60 players, it was the largest turnout yet. Team USA was able to defeat Team Europe with a final score of 44.5 - 30.5 points. Thank you to Don Murray and Whit Whitworth for running the event. We are

already looking forward to next year. Get the best rates on your 2018 golf season pass now through Nov 1. When you purchase your pass before the end of the 2017 golf season, you play the rest of this season free. A friendly reminder that all golf shop voucher money must be used by Oct. 31. We are happy to make special orders from any of our cur-

rent vendors, which include Titleist, Footjoy, PING, Taylor Made, Antigua, Sterling Glass, Under Armour, etc. All special orders must be submitted by Sept. 30 to allow for shipping time before the close of the golf season. Next Sunday, Sept. 24, we will be hosting the Vermont Cancer Survivor Network Fundraiser Golf Tournament. It starts with a 10 a.m. shotgun. The cost for this event includes greens fee, cart, range balls, boxed lunch, prizes and contests. All proceeds benefit the Vermont Cancer Survivor Network. To sign up and for more information contact Sharon Kellermann at sharoninv@madriver.com or call her at 802-793-8362. For more up-to-date news and information, check out the Sugarbush Resort Golf Club Facebook page, call 802-583-6725, and email golfclub@sugarbush.com.

## Calling adventurous bikers to West Hill Grinder

**PUTNEY, Vt.** – Sunday, Sept. 24 is the date for this year's West Hill Grinder, organized by the West Hill Shop in Putney. Three different gravel-road biking loops will offer a variety of rural challenges for intermediate and advanced cyclists. Routes ranging from 19-39 miles will wind through scenic Westminster, Athens, Brookline, and Putney on town dirt roads, class-4 woods roads, and Pinnacle Association hiking trails, with a bit of pavement here and there. The West-West Loop is the easiest and shortest ride on packed dirt roads without technical challenges. There are bailout points on all routes if a ride must be shortened. The ride starts at 10 or 11 a.m. depending on the chosen route. Both the start and finish will be at High Meadows Farm in Putney, Vt, which offers water, facilities, protected seating, and onsite parking. Individual, student, and family rates include an after-event lunch catered by John Labine of Taco

Barn. Labine's food cart is a familiar feature at the Brattleboro area farmers' market on Saturdays. The 2017 Grinder is a fundraising thank-you from Diny and Jim Sweitzer, owners of the West Hill Shop, to the Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association for "creating and maintaining an incredible resource of trails in Putney, Westminster, Athens, Grafton, and Brookline and for recently renovating the cabin at the Pinnacle overlook." The Pinnacle Association's 25-mile trail system runs from Putney Mountain to Grafton. For information on the routes, bike recommendations, equipment requirements, prices, food, as well as registration, visit [www.bikereg.com](http://www.bikereg.com) and search for West Hill Grinder. Or

go to [www.westhillshop.com/about/group-rides-pb103.htm](http://www.westhillshop.com/about/group-rides-pb103.htm). For questions, call the West Hill Shop at 802-387-5718 or email [info@westhillshop.com](mailto:info@westhillshop.com). The West Hill Shop's Facebook page will give updates on routes and announce any changes responding to weather conditions. Directions and information about High Meadows Farm may be found at [www.highmeadowsfarm.com](http://www.highmeadowsfarm.com). This adventurous gravel-road ride is a great way to see really different and beautiful sections of the area while supporting an organization that helps to conserve land and make many of the area's rural features accessible to hikers and bikers. For information about the Pinnacle Association, visit [www.windmillhillpinnacle.org](http://www.windmillhillpinnacle.org).

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LEGAL NOTICES

COMMUNITY MEALS

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 23-BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – The “Bringing Hope Home Barbecue” will be held at Parks Place Community Center on 44 School St in Bellows Falls on Saturday, Sept. 23, 1-3 p.m. This family-friendly barbecue is a celebration of National Recovery Month. The barbecue is potluck style and hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Come share stories of recovery. Co-hosted by Turning Point Recovery Center of Springfield and Greater Falls Connections. Call 802-463-9927 ext. 213.

**BELMONT, Vt.** – Roast pork supper, Saturday, Sept. 23, 5 p.m. till food is gone. Odd Fellows Hall, Belmont. Admission benefits the Mount Holly Volunteer Rescue Squad. Menu: roast pork, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetables, rolls and desserts. Homestyle, all you can eat! For more information, call 802-259-6001.

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 26-PUTNEY, Vt.** - The next Putney Cares community lunch will be held Tuesday, Sept. 26, noon-2 p.m. at 54 Kimball Hill in Putney. The menu will include: roast pork, roasted tofu, roasted carrots & potatoes, homemade applesauce, chocolate cake, tea/coffee. Please call 802-387-5593 or email: putneycares@svcable.net to reserve your seat. Reservations will be accepted until Monday, Sept. 25 at 2 p.m. Volunteers are also needed to help provide rides for those unable to drive themselves and with the clean up. This event is co-sponsored by Senior Solutions.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 30-CAVENDISH, Vt.** - Fall foliage buffet supper, Cavendish Baptist Church, 2258 Main St., Saturday, Sept. 30, 5:30-7 p.m. Menu: Pork roast, gravy, applesauce, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, coleslaw, pickles, rolls, homemade pies, decaf coffee, tea, cider or punch. Admission. Take-out meals are also available. Sponsored by the Helping Hand Class of the church. For more information, please call 802-226-7724 (after 9 a.m.).

**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: Sept. 23, Oct. 7, Oct. 28.

**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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20-BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** – The annual “Overflow the Opera House” food drive will try to fill all 550 seats with bags of donated food, Wednesday, Sept. 20 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., River Valley Credit Union and The Richards Group. The event

will be broadcast by sponsored by WOOL 91.5 FM Black Sheep Radio and Iconic rock 92.7.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 23-ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** - Free community movie night Saturday, Sept. 23. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The movie will be “The Secret Life of Pets.” Bartonville Grange #481, 116 Upper Bartonville Road, Rockingham (across from the old State Police Barracks). Bring your own blanket and/or chair. Refreshments will be for sale by Grange members. If you have any questions, please call 802-376-4293.

**SAT-SUN, SEPT. 23-24-GRAFTON, VT.** - Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23-24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., The Nature Museum will present its 9th annual Fairy House Festival. Visitors will follow a nature path sprinkled with fairy houses and create their own fairy dwellings in the gardens. Hands-on crafts, face painting and bubbles round out this event. The Nature Museum is located at 186 Townshend Road in Grafton, Vt. Advance tickets can be purchased by visiting <http://www.nature-museum.org/>, or by calling 802-843-2111. Tickets are

also available at the gate.

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 26-LUDLOW, Vt.** - Skygate Financial Group, LLC invites parents and grandparents to attend “Get Smart About Saving for College” on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 7-8 p.m. at their offices at 211 Main St. in Ludlow. This event will focus on education savings, planning, and investing and is tailored for those with children 0-15 years old. Refreshments will be served. Seats may be limited, advance RSVP requested. To learn more or RSVP visit [skygatefinancial.com/get-smart-college-savings/](http://skygatefinancial.com/get-smart-college-savings/). Skygate can also be reached by phone at 802-875-8100, or email [info@skygatefinancial.com](mailto:info@skygatefinancial.com).

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 29-BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - The Capitol Steps, a Washington, D.C.-based musical comedy

troupe, will perform to benefit the Windham & Windsor Housing Trust at the Bellows Falls Opera House on Friday, Sept. 29 at 8 p.m. The Capitol Steps began in 1981 as a group of Senate staffers who set out to satirize their employers, and haven’t let up since. It doesn’t matter if you’re a Republican or Democrat, a “snowflake” or a “deplorable”: neither side is safe from the group that puts the “MOCK” in Democracy! Tickets are available by calling 888-757-5559, or visiting <https://tickets.catamountarts.org>. All proceeds benefit the Windham & Windsor Housing Trust.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 30-SOUTH LONDONDERRY, Vt.** – Traveling Sound with Patrick Ross comes to the South Londonderry Town Hall, 100 Old School Road, Saturday, Sept. 30, 7-9 p.m. Ross tells his story in music with multiple

acoustic instruments and many genres. Visit RockFarmer for tickets and the full schedule or call 802-866-3309.

**ASCUTNEY, Vt.** – Book, bake and mini-yard sale at the Weathersfield Proctor Library, Route 5, Ascutney, on Saturday, Sept. 30, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Old phonograph records will be featured. Call 802-674-2863 or 802-674-5021 for further information.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Magician Tom Joyce returns to the Springfield Town Library! Back by popular demand, Magician Tom Joyce, a former FAO Schwarz magician, is ready to knock your socks off on Saturday, Sept. 30 at 11 a.m. And, he will be giving out a free magic trick! This program is free and open to the public. Please call the Springfield Town Library at 802-885-3108 with questions.

**KEENE, N.H.** – Second annual Monadnock Fall Festival, Saturday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., downtown Keene in Railroad Square (Main St.). Celebrate the Monadnock Region with music, great local food and kid-friendly activities. The historical society is collaborating with the Monadnock Music Festival, the City of Keene, the Monadnock Region Chamber of Commerce and others to celebrate the culture of this region, including archaeology in this region, and handle some Native American artifacts.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** – Springfield Elementary School PTA Comedy Fundraiser at the Springfield High School located on 303 South St. Springfield, Vt. There will be a silent auction. Fundraiser is for 18 and older. For tickets email [ptacomedy@gmail.com](mailto:ptacomedy@gmail.com).

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by Linda Thistle

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Someone has some suggestions to offer regarding your new project. You might find them helpful. Remember to avoid speculation and to stick with just the facts, Lamb.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) An old friend suddenly reappears. Whether this proves to be a boon or a bane in the Bovine's life depends on the reason for this surprising reappearance. Be cautious.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Vital information finally emerges, allowing you to make that important personal decision. You can now move your focus to an upcoming professional development.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You might not like seeing so many on-the-job changes. But some of them could open new opportunities for the Moon Child's talents to shine to your best advantage.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) An apparently solid-gold opportunity beckons the Lion. But check to see if all that dazzle isn't just a sprinkling of surface glitter. Check it out before making a commitment.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A close friend could offer advice on how to handle a difficult family matter. But in the end, the decision has to be made based on what is best for you and those you love.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Family problems are best worked out with all those concerned contributing suggestions that will ease tensions. Stay with it until a workable solution is found.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Expect to hear more about an offer that has piqued your interest. You earn respect for insisting on solid facts, not just a fancy talk about potential opportunities.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) What seemed to be a reasonable workplace request might need to be defended. Don't fret. You have both the facts and a surprise ally on your side.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A bit of capriciousness might be just what you need. Plan to kick up your heels in a round of fun and games with family and friends this weekend.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Although some of your plans might have to be put on hold, things do begin to take a turn for the better by midweek. Your financial crunch also eases.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your financial picture begins to brighten by week's end. There also are favorable changes in your personal life. Someone you care for has good news to report.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You seek balance, but not at the expense of justice. You would make a fine judge.

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# calendar

## EVENTS CONT.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 1-**  
ALSTEAD, N.H. - Colts and Fillies 4-H Horse Show, Saturday, Oct. 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Millot Green, Alstead. Celebrating our 50th year of club activity and dedicated service to the youth of Cheshire County. Ten divisions of horse show competition including a costume class and stick horse class. Open to the public. Enjoy our food booth and continue to celebrate Alstead's public horse riding ring. Contact information: coltsandfillies\_4h@yahoo.com, 603-756-3082.

CHESTER, Vt. - Join Elaine Clift for tales and tips from women caregivers. Elaine Clift is an author, lecturer, activist, and editor of "Take Care: Tales, Tips and Love from Women Caregivers," an anthology of reminiscences of 21 women caregivers. Free and open to all at Phoenix Books Misty Valley, 58 Common St., Chester, Sunday, Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. More information, call 802-875-3400 or www.phoenixbooks.biz.

**THUR-SAT, OCT. 5-6-7-**  
WINDSOR, Vt. - Fall rummage sale at Old South Church, Main St., Windsor. Dates and times: Thursday, Oct. 5 - 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. (regular prices). Friday, Oct. 6 - 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (half-price and

bag sale). Saturday, Oct. 7 - 9-11 a.m. (FREE). We are happy for donations of clean, useable items from the community on October 2-3 - We do not accept electronics! For questions, call Old South Church, 802-674-5087.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 7-**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - 35th annual Vermont Apple Festival at Riverside Middle School on Saturday, Oct. 7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. This popular event is a long-standing tradition in Springfield, and attracts visitors from all over. Sponsored by the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce.

**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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Kids' Night at the Edgar May Dive-In, every third Saturday from September 16-October 21, 5-8 p.m. Gives parents/caregivers the night off. Pizza supper, supervised swimming and games, popcorn, beverages, and a recently released movie (rated PG). For ages 6 and up. Call or visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/theedgarmay/> to see what movie is playing. Space is limited, so register early online or by calling member services, 802-885-2568.

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

## FARMERS MARKETS

**FRIDAYS-**  
LUDLOW, Vt. - Ludlow Farmers' Market is held every Friday, 4-7 p.m. on

the 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/](http://ludlowfarmersmarket.org/blog/). TFN

WEST TOWNSHEND, Vt. - The Townshend Farmers Market will run every Friday through October 6, 4-7pm. on the lawn of the historic West Townshend Country Store, 6573 Route 30. From 5-7:30 p.m. we offer our famous wood-fired pizza, with a selection of local, seasonal toppings! And the Thrift Shop upstairs is open until 7 on Fridays. We accept VT3Squares, EBT and Farm to Family coupons. Sponsored by The West River Community Project.

**SATURDAYS-**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Farmers Market offers a variety of produce, meats, and other goods from farmers, bakers, artisans and crafters, every Saturday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. until October 7. Venue: Lower Clinton St. next to Nortrax. For more information call 802-885-4096. Visit on Facebook to view what is offered for the week.

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - The West River Farmers' Market is located at the junction of routes 11 and 100, Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. until October 7. For more information visit [www.westriverfarmersmarket.com](http://www.westriverfarmersmarket.com), 802-875-5004 and follow on Facebook @westriverfarmersmarket.

## LIBRARIES

**MONDAY, SEPT. 25-**  
BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Join the book discussion of "The Ladies No. 1 Detective Agency" by Alexander McCall Smith at the Rockingham Library on Monday, Sept. 25, 4-5:15 p.m. Former Botswana educator

Emily Jones (now director of the Putney School) will be on hand to talk about some of the people she knew who inspired the characters in McCall Smith's book. It is not necessary to have read the book to enjoy this program. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 802-463-4270, email [programming@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org), or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St. Library hours are: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Thursday & Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday.

LUDLOW, Vt. - Musical Movie Monday at Fletcher Memorial Library, 5-6:45 p.m. "Oliver & Company," a Disney film rated G. An orphaned kitten as Oliver and a street-wise mutt as the Dodger in a rollicking family-friendly departure from Dickens' classic tale. Snacks will be provided. Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email [skrawczykvt@gmail.com](mailto:skrawczykvt@gmail.com) for details.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 28-**  
SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Monarch butterflies are a common sight in our yards and fields, but how much do you know about them? Beautiful and fragile, weighing about as much as a paperclip, these remarkable creatures are about to embark on one of the most fascinating migrations known. If you want to learn more about monarchs, and meet a few up close, come hear environmental educator Laurie Coonradt at the Springfield Town Library Thursday, Sept. 28, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - North Walpole resident and former Bellows Falls resident Bill Lockwood will hold a reading and discussion of his novels "Buried Gold" and "Megan of the Mists,"

at Rockingham Library, Sept. 28, 7 p.m. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 802-463-4270, email [programming@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org), or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St. Library hours are: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Thursday & Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday.

LUDLOW, Vt. - Dorothy's List Book Club at Fletcher Memorial Library, 3-4 p.m. Grades 4-8. "Save Me a Seat" by Sara Weeks and Gita Varadarajan. Joe has lived in the same town all his life. Ravi's family has just moved to the U.S. from India. Together they discover their combined strength in confronting the school bully. Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email [skrawczykvt@gmail.com](mailto:skrawczykvt@gmail.com) for details.

**TUESDAYS -**  
LUDLOW, Vt. - Crafty Tuesdays, Fletcher Memorial Library, 3-4 p.m. Grades K and up. Sept. 26: Moveable Monkeys with pipecleaners. Call Sacha at 802-228-3517 or email [skrawczykvt@gmail.com](mailto:skrawczykvt@gmail.com) for details.

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 story time, 43 Main St., 10 a.m. Free and open to the public with stories, songs, and activities for the youngest readers. For more information, call the library at 802-885-3108. 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

**WEDNESDAYS -**  
WESTON, Vt. - Come and enjoy a story hour with friends at the Wilder Memorial Library, Lawrence Hill Road in Weston! 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org) or go to [www.rockinghamlibrary.org](http://www.rockinghamlibrary.org).

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

ROCKINGHAM, Vt. - Minecraft Club at the Rockingham Free Public Library every Friday from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. A limited number of library computers are available. Registration is recommended if

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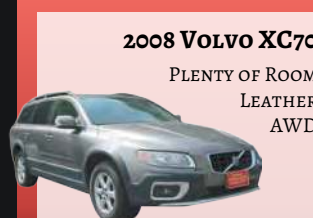
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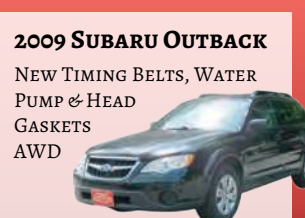
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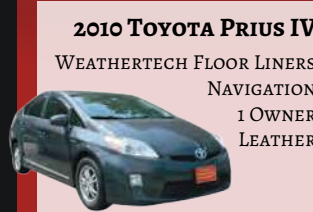
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**ROCKINGHAM, Vt.** - Bellows Falls Area Senior Center Book Club, in partnership with the Rockingham Free Public Library, 65 Westminster St., meets on the first Friday of every month at 9 a.m. Call the senior center at 802-463-3907 or the library at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

**SATURDAYS-ALSTEAD, N.H.** - Stop by the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library for cinnamon buns the last Saturday of each month and visit with friends or neighbors. The cinnamon buns are from McGuire's Bakery and are available for a small fee. All the proceeds go to benefit the library. The library is at 3 Main St., Alstead.

MEETINGS

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 21-KEENE, N.H.** - Stonewall Farm, 242 Chesterfield Rd., Keene, will host the third annual gathering of Cheshire County conservation commissions, Thursday, Sept. 21, 5-7:30 p.m. Those not serving on an agriculture or conservation commission, but who are still interested in their work, are also welcome to join in this event. Those in attendance are invited to bring a dish to share and join in good conversation. RSVP is required. For more information and to register visit the CCCD website at: www.cheshireconservation.org/conservation-commission-potluck or contact Amanda Littleton at 603-756-2988, ext. 116 or amanda@cheshireconservation.org.

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 22-BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - Greater Falls Connections will be hosting its monthly coalition meeting, noon to 1 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 22 at Parks Place Community Center, 44 School St. in Bellows Falls. The theme of this month's meeting is "The Power of Recovery." We will discuss Recovery Month with Mike Johnson and Brandy Cheney from Turning Point Recovery Center of Springfield. We will share details on the exciting new recovery coaching program for the Bellows Falls area. The meeting is open to everyone. Lunch will be provided.

**TUESDAYS-BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - The Bellows Falls Woman's Club's first meeting of the new year will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at the United Church of Bellows Falls on School Street, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Dr. Walter Griffiths will be speaking on women's heart health. The proposed budget will be voted on during the business meeting. The club meets on the second Tuesday of each month, September to May, at the United Church. The hall is accessible to all. Women interested in joining and helping with club projects may contact Barbara Comtois, membership chairman, at 802-344-0025. The Bellows Falls Woman's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

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

**FRIDAYS-BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - Monthly Coalition meetings of Greater Falls Connections every fourth Friday of the month, from 12-1:30 at Parks Place. The meetings provide informative presentations on issues related to substance abuse prevention and updates on our work. Meetings are open to everyone. Lunch and good company provided. TFN

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - Overeaters Anonymous Meeting from 7-8 p.m., 44 School St., Bellows Falls. Please call 802-376-3507. 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 Office at 5:30 p.m. every

Wednesday. TFN

**LUDLOW, Vt.** - Eating behavior support group meets Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the Women's Center for Binge and Emotional Eating on 70 Main Street. This free group is intended to help you understand your eating and/or weight-related struggles. The group is led by trained therapists who specialize in eating behavior. To join call 802-975-0435 or email shiri@

fitwoman.com. TFN

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

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

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## Foliage on Mt. Ascutney

BY BRANDY TODT  
*The Vermont Journal & The Shopper*

ASCUTNEY, Vt. - Start your journey at Downer's Four Corners General Store, located at 4276 Vt. Route 106, Perkinsville, Vt. Head towards Woodstock, Vt. on Route 106 North. You will continue through Felchville and Reading; a right hand turn onto Route 44 East is 5.2 miles or eight minutes from Downer's. There will be an 1815 brick house on the corner; the turn is before this building.

Route 44 meanders along Mill Brook, so beware of the deer that like to stand along the roadside. Travel Route 44 East for 1.6 miles, there will be fields on your right and Mt. Ascutney stands like a monolith before you.

Turn right onto Yale Heights Road. Stop on this road and get out for great foliage pics! This is also a lovely spot to pull out your apple cider and sandwich.

Your journey will continue on Route 44 East for 0.6 miles, turn left on Bible Hill Road, directly across from the large sand pile and continue on



Mt. Ascutney from Yale Heights.

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this dirt road for 0.3 miles. The Bowers Covered Bridge will be directly in front of you.

After you take plenty of photos, continue through the bridge and immediately turn right onto Harrington Road and drive for 0.8 miles. At the end of the road you will turn left onto Route 44 East and continue on your travels through Brownsville and onto Windsor, Vt.

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6. Believe the wildlife warning signs. They are there for a reason. Reduce your speed in wildlife zones - 35 mph is not too slow, according to Vt. Fish & Wildlife.
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Pretty fall colors on a Vermont dirt road.

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## A tour of Springfield's foliage

BY KAREN ENGDAHL  
*The Vermont Journal & The Shopper*

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Located at the junction of the Black and Connecticut Rivers, Springfield offers a wide variety of outdoor options for leaf-peepers, from a leisurely Sunday drive through historic districts to an active weekend of kayaking, biking, and hiking.

Arrive in Springfield from Exit 7 on I-91 and take your pick from the following list, or combine them all for a great weekend of beautiful foliage and family-friendly outdoor activity.

### Kayaking/boating

From Exit 7 of I-91, go east on Route 11 towards Charlestown, N.H. In approximately half a mile, you will arrive at Hoyt's Landing, a boat landing maintained by the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife. Hoyt's Landing offers great access to the Connecticut River with a boat ramp and a large dock. There is ample parking and a shady picnic area on the river bank. Paddle the Connecticut for an hour or an afternoon—eagles are frequently spotted on the banks as you head south towards Bellows Falls.

### Walking/hiking/biking

One of the gems of outdoor life in Springfield is the Toonerville Trail, a former rail line converted to a bike and walking trail that runs from Hoyt's Landing into the town of Springfield. Parking at the trailhead is found 0.2 miles from I-91 east on Route 11. The trail is paved and level, an easy stroll or ride for every member of the family. Curving along the bank of the Black River, the Toonerville Trail offers many beautiful vantage points, including the Iron Bridge that crosses the river approximately one mile from the eastern trailhead. At the bridge you may view the falls, enjoy the Memorial Garden maintained by the Springfield Garden Club, and read the history of the trail on



Hoyt's Landing.

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the kiosk erected by local Boy Scouts.

Also near the Iron Bridge is the entrance to Vermont's newest state park, Muckcross. Once a private estate, Muckcross can be accessed by a winding road that starts on the north side of the bridge. You'll need to look carefully to find it - there is no parking lot or flashy signage but rather a metal barrier gate and a small kiosk. Hikers will be rewarded for their effort with a lovely, gentle uphill walk to a building site complete with waterfall. Self-guided trails are available on the property. Keep in mind there is no nearby parking. Muckcross is accessible only by walking in; the nearest public parking is at the Toonerville trailhead.

### Classic leaf-peeping drive

If you'd rather enjoy the beautiful scenery from the vantage point of your car, try this loop tour featuring a ride through historic Eureka Village, site of the early settlement that eventually became the town of Springfield. The loop begins at the traffic light in the center of Springfield, at the corner of Summer Street/Route 143 and Main Street - this is mile 0 on your odometer. Coming from Main Street/Route 11 from the east, take a right-hand turn onto Summer Street/Route 143 and head up the hill, bearing to the right as you reach the top. Soon you'll be out of the village, driving through the beautiful rolling fields of some of Springfield's oldest farms.

## A foliage & history tour in Shrewsbury

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SHREWSBURY, Vt. - At the height of a good foliage season, when all the trees seem to be turning at once in a symphony of colors, the best viewing is done from high places, where the horizon is dominated by solid flanks of incandescent color.

A loop drive that is easily accessible from Ludlow takes you up into the heart of Shrewsbury. Shrewsbury is one of the oldest towns in Vermont, chartered in 1761 by New Hampshire Gov. Benning Wentworth, and it remains one of the unspoiled corners of the state thanks to its relative seclusion, considering how close it is to Rutland, the state's second largest city.

This takes you along historic back roads to high pastures with sweeping views and picturesque Vermont settlements. In addition to high viewing points with distant mountaintops there is also a dash of intriguing history.

All roads are well maintained, either paved or packed gravel. For best views, follow the driving directions, which go clockwise around the loop. Plan on half an hour of drive time, plus stops to eat, shop, or take pictures along the way.

This drive begins and ends just outside Ludlow. The starting point is the junction of Route 100 and Route 103.

### Set your trip meter here.

Stay on Route 103 over the top of the pass through Mount Holly, a long gradual climb with passing lanes and in very good condition.

Route 103 traces the route of the 218-year-old Green Mountain Turnpike, which linked the Rutland area with the Connecticut River in Bellows Falls. Typical fees to enter the turnpike were 75 cents for a private coach drawn by two horses, and 1 penny for each sheep or pig.

Beyond the pass, the highway becomes winding as it descends into the little valley of the scenic Mill River.



Early autumn road, Shrewsbury.

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peaks of Shrewsbury, Killington, and Pico. At this farm in 1986 a bull moose made national news by wandering out of the woods and starting a summer romance with a cow named Jessica.

Down another dip and up the other side, and you've arrived at Pierce's Store in Northam, a very early settlement of Shrewsbury. The building was donated to the Preservation Trust of Vermont in 1997 when the last Pierce could no longer operate the store. Now owned by the Shrewsbury Co-op, it preserves the low-key atmosphere of an old-time general store. Stop in for a friendly chat, wholesome snacks, soup or groceries, Vermont products and a restroom.

Up for adventure? Visit the recently restored Brown's covered bridge on Upper Cold River Road. Ask directions at the store. A narrow forest road, but a spectacular spot on the Cold River. Drive it if you dare!

To return to Ludlow from Pierce's Store: double back onto Eastham Road.

### Reset your trip meter.

At the T at 2.5 miles, continue left on Eastham Road. Continue to the Mount Holly Road and turn right. At 5.5 mile, at the junction with the Shunpike, turn left and follow the Shunpike straight to Route 103.

The big mountainside ahead is Okemo, formerly known as Ludlow Mountain.

The Shunpike is so named because, to avoid paying tolls at the turnpike gates, enterprising townspeople often built an alternate, free route - a "shunpike."

Arriving at Route 103 at 8.3 miles, turn left to return to the intersection with Route 100, at 11.6 miles.

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