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Chester Village Master Plan emphasizes connections and community

BY LYZA DANGER GARDNER
The Vermont Journal

CHESTER, Vt. - Mark Kane, director of Community Planning and Design for Burlington-based SE Group, presented the Chester Village Master Plan at a Special Select Board meeting in Chester on Wednesday, Sept. 27. The plan, titled "Rediscover Chester," emphasizes evolution and improvement versus outright change, with a focus on fostering better connections - both physical and conceptual.

"The idea of rediscovering Chester was really purposeful," Kane said. "We're not trying to change the town. There's no reason to change the town; this is a great place to be."

As such, many of the ideas in the plan aren't "wholesale changes...but small adjustments." And many don't require major capital investment - planters and benches could be situated to form a "pocket park" at the end of School Street, for example. Or coordinated signage could help southbound motorists on Vermont Route 103 realize that "if you turn gently to your right, you will be in a real place;" the Village Green, which many travelers are completely unaware of.

The Green is one of three village areas targeted as improvement zones in the plan, along with Chester De-

pot and "The Triangle," a piece of the village bordered by Maple, Depot and Main Streets.

Proposed projects on or near the Green include better pedestrian connections; bike-friendly, multi-use pathways; and informational signage. The town already owns the needed right-of-way real estate to widen the sidewalk along the north side of Main Street into a 10-foot-wide promenade - one of the more popular ideas, according to Kane.

Through focus groups, Steering Committee activities and community surveys, the plan defined a collection of seven high-level themes - arts, business, and tourism - developing a vision for each theme. Design studies and continuing collaboration helped to shape those visions into cohesive key objectives, broken down further into discrete initiatives.



Chester discusses their master plan. PHOTO PROVIDED

One of the plan's most tangible outputs is what Kane referred to as a "ginormous five-page matrix," describing all of the initiatives. This spreadsheet-like document is detailed and specific enough to be used to inform future planning decisions and even to populate grant applications.

Chester has been aggressively pursuing related grants, thanks in large part to the town's Executive Assistant Julie Hance. "You guys don't realize how lucky you are to have someone like Julie," said Kane.

Ludlow discusses lease agreements and winter parking

BY JULIA PURDY
The Vermont Journal

LUDELOW, Vt. - The Ludlow Select Board met in regular session and completed a roster of old business items. A number of residents attended.

Town Manager Frank Heald opened public comments by proactively apologizing from the town to the residents on Brooks Road for using the wrong material when resurfacing the road. The residents have been quite vocal in their opinion that the dust was excessive and other complaints. Road Commissioner Ron Tarbell was on hand to answer any questions. Heald stated that funds will be "reallocated" to repave Brooks Road. Later in the meeting, Bruce Schmidt lauded the decision to change the paving project and asked that an official letter of explanation and apology be sent to the residents of Brooks Road.

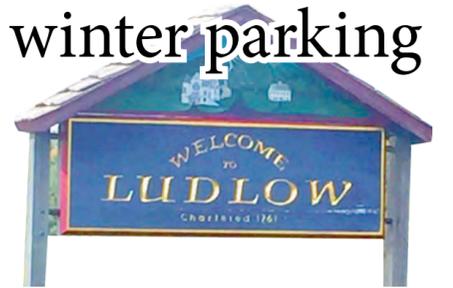
When the New Hampshire Vermont Solid Waste Project was terminated, a sum was left over after the establishment of a capital reserve fund. Participating towns are being compensated for operating losses - Ludlow's Select Board accepted a check in person for \$72,435 from Rep. Robert Forgiutes (D-Springfield) and signed a receipt for "full and final payment."

An outside consumption permit for Mama's for several small tables on the sidewalk and next to Kesman Memorial Park, occupying approximately 500 square feet, was moved, seconded, and approved for a one-year term.

Resident Mary Jane O'Hara questioned which portion of the sidewalk is private property and how much space is in the public right-of-way.

There was a lengthy discussion of a reciprocal lease agreement concerning the use of the driveway between Kesman Memorial Park and Mama's. O'Hara questioned whether Mama's would be able to use the driveway for parking and if this represented a change of use for town property. She said the subject should be referred to the town attorney. Logan Nicoll noted that the driveway was recently determined to be public property. Bruce Schmidt said the access is an alleyway that once served the back of the building that formerly stood on the corner and it isn't suitable for parking. A short-term lease would provide an opportunity for review. O'Hara voiced concern about the gradual loss of on-street parking. Howard Barton cited changes in road standards by the state and federal government as the cause. After further discussion about downtown parking, the board moved, seconded, and approved the reciprocal lease agreement for a five-year term. The lease may be read on the town website.

The board executed a memorandum of understanding with Okemo Resort for the use of Stearns gravel pit for winter parking for Okemo patrons from Dec. 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018. Okemo will maintain the pit, will provide traffic control as needed, and will pay Ludlow according to



Ludlow Select Board talks about lease agreements. PHOTO PROVIDED

a formula. Bruce Schmidt recused himself from the vote.

The board executed an agreement with NextEra Energy Resources for a road crossing on Barker Road in connection with the Coolidge Solar field. The town will receive a one-time payment of \$5,000.

The board also considered a request from the cemetery commission to quitclaim a wedge of cemetery property to the abutting neighbors on High St., to resolve an encroachment where the residential driveway overlaps onto cemetery property. Discussion was postponed.

The board moved, seconded, and approved the appointment of Doris Eddy as Ludlow's deputy health officer. The board moved, seconded, and approved the Ludlow Garden Club's request to place the Christmas tree in the park.

In other business, Logan Nicoll said the Planning Commission is open to input for the town plan revision, which will be brought to the Select Board in November. He said there is currently no town plan in place. The energy chapter will require substantial revision to meet new state mandates. If the village plan lapses, Ludlow will lose its Village Center designation.

Ludlow Rotary hosts the 27th annual Chili Cook-Off

LUDELOW, Vt. - The Ludlow Rotary Club will sponsor its 27th annual Chili cook-off on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017 in downtown Ludlow by Depot Street & Main Street under the big yellow tent at the stop light. Because of the tent protection, this annual gourmet taste treat for the palate will be held rain or shine from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ludlow Rotarians invite everyone to sample some unbelievable chilies, prepared by the area's chefs, in a wide variety of versions of chili that will please the toughest gourmand.

After treating your palate to the many chilies offered by this feast, the taster will have the

opportunity to rate those chilies that really satisfy by picking your favorites! Chili makers receiving the most votes in several different taste categories will receive appropriate prizes. It's going to chili-riffic day! The

Rotarians have arranged to have bread and cider - and even ice cream - to clear the palate between each sampled tasting adventure. All of this will only cost the taster a small fee to sample the chili concoctions.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Ludlow Area Charitable Fund Inc. for local organizations, contributions that support activities and groups such as literacy projects, 501(c)(3) organizations, project graduation, National History Day, musical events, and many, many more! Call Glenn Heitsmith at 802-228-8666 with any questions.



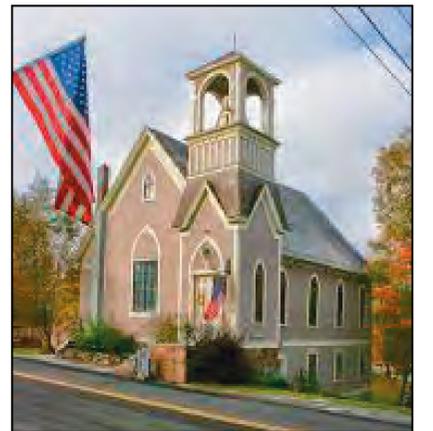
Tom Guiler offers a grateful recipient one of the many chilies prepared for last year's Chili Cook-Off. PHOTO PROVIDED

Mount Holly book sale and silent auction

BELMONT, Vt. - Please come see us at our last book sale of the year on Oct. 7 and 8 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. both days at the Mount Holly Town Library in Belmont, Vt. We will be having a silent auction under the blue tent in the library parking lot with lots of great services and items on which to bid. Some of the items include original framed art work, original framed photographs, yoga classes, massages, Grafton cheese, maple syrup, full day lift tickets with a guide at Okemo, gourmet dinner prepared/served in your home, flower bed/garden design consultation, decorative items, gift basket, monthly home baked goodies

for six months, lodging package, printing services, Christmas tree and wreath, and more.

This is also the Cider Days weekend so come spend the day or two with us in Mount Holly. Replenish your winter reading stash and enjoy all the activities in Belmont. All proceeds from the library silent auction and book sale go to fund the library collections and programs.



Mount Holly Town Library. PHOTO PROVIDED

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Introducing Mama's classic, family Italian restaurant

BY AMANDA WEDEGIS

The Vermont Journal

LUDLOW, Vt. – If you've lived in or around Ludlow for a long time, you may remember Mama Valenti's Italian restaurant on 190 Main Street. Now, Abby and Rogan Lechthaler, owners of The Downtown Grocer, are preparing to open Mama's in the same space for Columbus Day week-end.

"There was so much nostalgia around Mama Valenti and the warmth that she had," explained Abby Lechthaler. "Everybody has a story about who they used to come here with and what they love to eat." As homage to Mama Valente, the owners have refurbished the red booths from the original restaurant. During renovations, they even found



Before & after photos of the doorway between the lunch counter and dining rooms.

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The dining room at Mama's featuring the repurposed red booths.

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a stack of old Italian records in the basement, which they plan to have framed and displayed in the

rooms.

"It's been really cool to figure out how everything is going to come together because there are a lot of elements," she discussed while showcasing all the new pieces. From the lighting to the bathroom doors, which have come together to finish the dining room space.

Renovating Mama's has been a labor of love. For the last year, the Lechthalers have been adding a new roof, plumbing, and flooring, as well as refurbishing



Mama's Meatballs and pappardelle fresh pasta with Chickering Farm house ground pork and veal and house cured salamis.

PHOTO BY ABBY LECHTHALER

and giving the space an edgy, fresh look. They've learned a lot about

building a restaurant from the inside out, but Rogan Lechthaler admitted, "We're looking forward to opening the doors and doing what we know better."

Lechthaler has prepared a menu that includes both classic, approachable Italian favorites with a few of his own takes. Their own family dinners, especially pasta nights with their two kids, provided the inspiration for Mama's. "At the same time, we were feeding our family and enjoying all of these classic Italian dishes, all these Italian places in town left," he said. "This is the kind of meal we love to eat outside of going out for some fine dining here and there."

In addition to a family-friendly dinner experience, Mama's will have lunch and takeaway meals starting

at 11 a.m. until late afternoon. For someone with a 30 minute lunch break, they'd be able to walk in and order a warm meal to take back to the office or enjoy out in the sun. Lunch will also include soup, salads, wine and beer, and hot prepared meals. Meanwhile, a display case will hold house-made pastas, cheese, and cured meats. For customers looking to bring home an easy to make dinner, Mama's will have the pasta and the sauce to purchase and all they need to do is go home and boil the water.

As for dinner, Lechthaler explained, "If you want to bring the whole family out or just go out for some red wine and pasta and have a nice affordable meal, then come see us over here."

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FOLA dressing room construction

FOLA (Friends of Ludlow Auditorium) is continuing its excursion into the construction business as it modifies space in the Ludlow Town Hall Auditorium to be used as a dressing room for performers in the future. Led by FOLA member, Jim Alic, a team of FOLA "carpenters" is in the process of rebuilding a back stage room into a modern dressing room.

Pictured are three FOLA members as they install a new floor for the room. Following the old adage of "measure twice, cut once," the team, from left to right, Kevin Kuntz, David Almond, and Jim Alic, are pictured as they prepare to finalize the new flooring.

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"The Dhamma Brothers"

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Doreen Fabiano and Carlene Lundgren, local advocates for the environment and other important issues facing the world today will screen "The Dhamma Brothers" documentary at the Meeting Place at Neighborhood Connections on Friday, Oct. 13 at 6:30 p.m. "The Dhamma Brothers" relays one of the most astounding recent tales of social evolution in contemporary America as it sheds light on a group of societal outcasts who learned how to achieve personal freedom and harmony while their geographic and societal liberties were severely restricted.

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In 1999, several lifetime convicts incarcerated in Alabama's Donaldson Correctional Facility began to engage in regular Buddhist meditation sessions. Jenny Phillips, a Massachusetts-based psychologist and anthropologist traveled to the institution and questioned the possibility of living a life of inner peace and harmony within a hostile prison environment; and more significantly, the likelihood of permanent freedom from rage and violence. The film also depicts the incredible process whereby the prison gymnasium was transformed into a Buddhist monastery, follows the day-to-day experiences of the retreat itself and demonstrates the fundamental spiritual and moral changes that took place within the former criminals.

There is no charge to attend, but space is limited so please call 802-824-4343 to register. Neighborhood Connections is a community-based non-profit social services agency serving individuals and families in the area mountain towns of south-central Vermont. Check out our website at www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org. Neighborhood Connections is located in Londonderry's Mountain Marketplace, next to the Londonderry Post Office.

Neal's is approachable and accessible —

BY SHAWNTAE STILLWELL

The Vermont Journal

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - Neal Baron opened his restaurant on Friday, Sept. 22, with an American comfort-food menu and a friendly staff that will all greet you with smiling faces.

Baron wanted to take his time opening his restaurant, easing into it, and "making sure the product is as good as we can get it," he explained. He is dedicated to serving the foods that people enjoy, making sure to have enough of the popular dishes such as the fried chicken or the scallops. They've got plenty of other comfort foods that feel familiar including pulled pork, mac and cheese and beef brisket, and cheesecake or a warm chocolate chip cookie for dessert.

Neal's takes pride in the quality of their products. Most of the foods are local Vermont products, such as the Boyden Farms fresh organic pasture-raised beef that Baron uses in his burgers. But it's equally important that the quality of the food is the best it can be, meaning some things may be sourced elsewhere.

"A lot of research went into just the burger," Baron explained, emphasizing the importance of the quality of flavor while also selling it at a good value.

Baron has worked in fine dining restaurants before, so he aims for approachability and accessibility. He has the "come as you are" ideals, with



Some of Neal's wonderful staff. Top left Kurt Mott, Chris Vincent, Julian Leon, Steve Gross. Bottom left Karissa Provost, Carolyn Baron, Julian's daughter Rosie Leon, and owner Neal Baron.

PHOTO BY ROBERT MILLER

a comfortable and familiar feeling, while also being affordable for everyone without breaking the bank. He works hard to have quality foods at a great value, catering to the local working audiences.

Only open for about a week, the busiest night yet they did 97 diners, which was a good stress test for the servers and kitchen staff. They are listening to their customers and learning what people desire when they walk in.

The beautifully remodeled location was ready to go with a wrap-around

bar, now stocked with a small selection of white and red wines on draft, draft and bottled beers, and mixed and blended drinks. Flat screen TVs hang above the bar while a cozy fireplace is the feature off an adjacent wall. And a large window allows customers to view into the kitchen and watch their foods being made.

Baron made some minor changes to the interior, hanging acoustic panels to reduce the reverberation of noise after receiving some customer feedback. He also made some changes in the kitchen for the style of foods he prepared to serve.

This is the third location that he has helped launch and open, except this place is his own. "It is exciting for the staff and the public," Baron says with a smile, "and there's just this great energy to it." He looks forward to the chaos and excitement,



Stone fireplace is a great feature.

PHOTO BY SHAWNTAE STILLWELL



Wrap around bar with wines on tap, and draft and bottled beers. A window peaks into the kitchen.

PHOTO BY SHAWNTAE STILLWELL

and also to figuring out what people like, and dislike, and catering to their needs.

At the end of the day, Baron wants "people to walk out the door looking forward to their next visit." Neal's is open from 3 - 8 p.m. Thursday through Monday, with an earlier opening at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Stop in and see for yourself what they have to offer. Check them out on Facebook, and watch out for their new website coming soon.

Meet our new Pastor



Pastor Jerry Scheumann. PHOTO PROVIDED

named University of Northwestern - St. Paul), where I graduated with a B.A. in General Ministry with a concentration in Greek and a M.A. in Theological Studies. After serving as a youth pastor in Wisconsin and a pastoral assistant in New Hampshire, God then led me and my family across the Connecticut River where I serve as pastor at Ludlow Baptist Church.

"I am grateful to be serving here in New England. It was here some 260 years ago that the Great Awakening was birthed, which changed the whole American landscape as many people turned to Christ for forgiveness of their sins. Today, there are great opportunities for Gospel ministry in this region. One of my passions as a pastor is to build up His Church by making disciples through the faithful preaching of the Word, a commitment to prayer, and equipping the saints for ministry. My wife, Ashlee, and I have three children. I enjoy dates with my wife, playtime with my kids, guitar, hiking, canoeing, and softball. **Feel free to contact me at 802-228-7600, or email me at jfscheumann@gmail.com.**"

LUDLOW, Vt. - Our open house will be at Ludlow Baptist Church on 99 Main Street on Sunday, Oct. 8 beginning at 12:30 p.m. after the service. Come meet our new pastor, Jerry Scheumann, and his family and join our church family for a light lunch together. Please also join us for adult and children's Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday worship service at 11 a.m. All are welcome.

More about Pastor Jerry, in his own words:

"I was raised in a godly home in rural Minnesota, where my parents faithfully taught me from a young age about God and His plan of salvation through Jesus Christ. I was saved and baptized at a young age; and as I grew in my faith in the years to come, I sensed God's calling me into ministry. I received my formal training at Northwestern College (since re-



Pastor Scheumann's family. PHOTO PROVIDED

New Thought Vermont retreat focuses on mysticism —

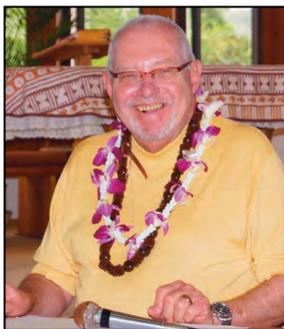
WESTON, Vt. - New Thought Vermont is sponsoring a retreat-seminar on Exploring Contemplative Life on Friday, Oct. 13 and Saturday, Oct. 14 with Richard Hardy, Ph.D., a renowned teacher from San Francisco and author on Christian mysticism.

This program, titled Exploring Contemplative Life with John of the Cross and Teresa of Avila, offers reflection on key elements of these two important mystics including: contemplation as experience, letting go to become fully alive, affirming the whole of Creation as gift to be cared for, and faith within darkness.

There is a public presentation, Christian Mysticism and Life Today, on Friday, Oct. 13 at the Weston Playhouse from 10 - 11:15 a.m. with time for coffee and conversation from 11:15 to noon. There is a suggested donation.

Friday afternoon begins with a light lunch at 12:30 p.m. and the sessions conclude at 5 p.m. On Saturday, the sessions begin at 10 a.m. and conclude by 3:30 p.m. A light lunch is also served. There is a cost for the retreat-seminar and it is non-refundable after Oct. 6. Scholarships are also available for community participants. For more information, call 802-384-3845 or email info@newthoughtvermont.com.

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Richard Hardy, Ph.D. PHOTO PROVIDED

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Volunteer choreographers urgently needed for Apple Blossom Cotillion

REGION - If you can teach high school students how to dance, Apple Blossom Cotillion needs you.

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tal. Its storied history will end unless volunteer choreographers are found.

Rehearsals are Sunday afternoons from January through April, with evening rehearsals the first week of May and two performances on the first weekend in May. All take

place at Riverside gymnasium in Springfield.

If you are interested in joining the production team for the 2018 Apple Blossom Cotillion, please contact Larry Kraft at Springfield Hospital, 802-885-7644 or lkraft@springfieldmed.org.



2017 Apple Blossom contestants at rehearsal.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Playhouse opens at Walker Farm

TOP: Ribbon cutting ceremony. BOTTOM: Weston Playhouse Theatre at Walker Farm. TOP PHOTO BY HUBERT SCHRIEBL / BOTTOM PHOTO BY GABRIEL VAUGHAN



VSAC hosts workshops on filling out financial aid forms

REGION - Vermont Student Assistance Corp. will offer free workshops at local high schools to help families

fill out financial aid forms. These informal workshops offer guidance on filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and the Vermont grant application. The FAFSA is the basis for determining eligibility for federal Pell grants, the Vermont state grant, financial aid from the school that the student attends, and for student loans.

Space is limited. Students and parents need to sign up for a Federal Student Aid ID (FS AID) at <https://www.fsaaid.ed.gov> prior to the workshop. The form takes about 10 minutes to complete and 1-3 days to verify and issue the ID from Federal Student Aid.

Dates and times for the workshops include:

- Bellows Falls Union H.S., Bellows Falls, Oct. 5, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Black River Union H.S., Oct. 12, Ludlow, 5:30-7:15 p.m.
- Brattleboro Union H.S./Windham Regional Career Center, Brattleboro, Oct. 17, two sessions: 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- Green Mountain Union H.S., Chester, Oct. 19, 5:30-7:15 p.m.
- Chester, Leland & Gray Union H.S., Townshend, Oct. 19, two sessions: 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- Mill River Union H.S., Wallingford, Oct. 12, 6:30-8 p.m.
- Springfield H.S., Springfield, Oct. 11, 5:30-7:15 p.m.

- Vermont Academy, Saxtons River, Oct. 13, 3:30-5 p.m.
- Windsor H.S., Windsor, Oct. 12, 6:30-8 p.m.

The following information is needed to complete the FAFSA and is needed for both students and parents.

- Social Security numbers
- FSA IDs to sign FAFSA electronically
- The names of the colleges that the student is applying to
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- Information on any types of income from 2016, even if it is not reported on a tax return or you did not file taxes
- Current checking and savings account balances
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- Business value and debt (if applicable)
- Investment value (if applicable)
- Alien Registration Card (if not a U.S. citizen)

Students applying for financial aid for enrollment beginning after July 1, 2018, can file their FAFSA and Vermont Grant application as early as October 1.

Please contact the high school in the event of unanticipated cancellations or postponements. For a complete schedule of VSAC's Financial Aid Forms Nights, go to <http://www.vvac.org/events/list>. Information on VSAC's college planning resources can be found at www.vvac.org.

Students and parents also can ask questions and learn about the college financial aid process, including how to apply for scholarships. Internet access will be available.

File the FAFSA early to make smart education choices that fit your pocketbook.

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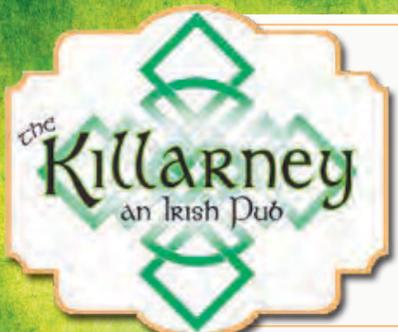
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LOCAL HISTORY

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

Daniel Heald... Patriot or Tory?

Daniel Heald was born in Concord, Massachusetts in 1739. Not a lot is known about his early years but by 1776 Heald had settled in Chester. What I give here is some of what is known about Heald.

In the 1770s Heald was an agent of the King of England and a "Tory" in Concord. One of his duties was posting proclamations of new taxes or laws decreed by the king. This was at the turbulent time of protests by colonists against England. Those that supported the king were Loyalists or Tories. Tories were in the minority in those days and strongly disliked by those seeking independence from England. This would have been a difficult time for Daniel Heald.

Heald's history, while sketchy, is a fascinating story. Using Chester Historical Society records and other sources I can give some of that history.

While Heald was a Tory he was present at Concord Bridge when the Redcoats were returning from the Battle of Lexington in April, 1775. Here Heald did shoulder his musket and fire on the Redcoats. At the historical society we have a document where Heald writes about this event. He comments that his nine-year-old son, Amos, was at his side.

Soon after Concord he was in service at Cambridge. Later in 1775 he was at Fort Ticonderoga, New York. On May 10, 1775, patriots had captured Ticonderoga from the British. The cannons of Ticonderoga were sent to reinforce patriots at Boston. I also found mention that Heald was at Bunker Hill.

Sometime in 1776 or 1777 (I find both dates), Heald had settled in Chester and built a log cabin. He purchased 100 acres that today would encompass the stone village. In 1779 he was elected Town Clerk in Chester and held that position for 20 years. He served in the Vermont Legislature for 13 years and seems to have had the confidence of Chester townspeople.

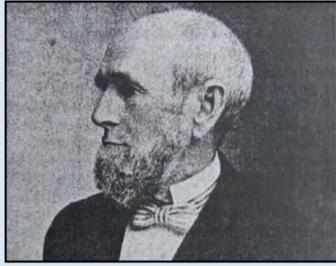
Now a fascinating aspect of Heald histo-

ry occurs in 1791. As many will know, Vermont entered the Union in March of 1791. In the winter of 1790-1791 there had been convention meetings in Bennington to decide if Vermont should join the Union or remain an independent republic.

This convention was made up of delegates from around the state. Daniel Heald was the delegate for Chester. In January of 1791 the convention voted to be admitted to the United States. The vote was 105-4 to be admitted to the Union. I found another source that the vote was 105-2. Either way those wanting to be admitted far outnumbered those opposed. Peter Farrar who has done research on these early days told me that Daniel Heald and Moses Warner of Andover cast "No" votes.

Chester at this time had a population of 981. When Heald returned to Chester after the convention he would have had to explain to Chester residents his vote and the outcome of the convention. He continued to have the confidence of Chester people, but why?

Peter and I conclude there was something going on in Chester that is not known today. Chester must have been opposed to joining the Union and preferred remaining an independent republic. It might have been a matter of economics. Chester was rather prosperous at the time. More research is needed. This would be a great project for one of the high school seniors interested in the Dan-



Daniel Heald.

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iel Heald History Scholarship.

This week the Chester Historical Society announced the Daniel Heald History Scholarship for Green Mountain Union High School Seniors. This scholarship is an attempt to create interest with our young people in our local history. This \$1,000 scholarship was funded by Paul and Francie Bremer. The Bremers are strong supporters of the historical society and recognize the importance of our youth learning our Vermont history.

Chester Historical Society members will be happy to assist those students interested in pursuing the scholarship. This would include artifacts, guidance and possible topics.

Most readers know that I'm an antiques dealer. One of my favorite shops is Vintage Vermont on the Green in Chester. They have an extensive inventory of jewelry, vinyl records, books and everything from "Soup to nuts." Currently they are having a fifty percent off sale. Stop by and check them out.

Instead of an old saying I offer weather predictions I heard from old-time Vermonters years ago. If goldenrod blooms in August, a hard winter is in store. If milkweed pods open late (mine didn't open this year) - another sign of a hard winter. A woolly bear caterpillar with a wide, black center stripe is another indication of a hard winter. Prepare for a hard winter!



The house Daniel Heald built in 1784-1787 on First Avenue. It is still standing today

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History scholarship inaugurated

CHESTER, Vt. - The Chester Historical Society announced today that it has established a \$1,000 scholarship award for the best research paper concerning local history submitted by a Green Mountain High School senior. The Daniel Heald History Scholarship is named for an early Chester resident who fought in the battles of Concord and Ticonderoga. He settled in Chester in 1776.

The first scholarship will be given at Senior Awards Night in June 2018.

Historical Society President Ron Patch said the Society was delighted

to be able to offer the prize. "It's an important step in our effort to interest more young people in the history of our area and in the work of the Society," Patch said. Patch added that the Chester Historical Society would be happy to assist students with ideas and research material. He thanked Chester residents Paul and Francie Bremer for making the funds available for the prize.

Green Mountain Union High School Principal Tom Ferenc said the school is pleased to accept this generous award from the Historical

Society. Ferenc added, "The Daniel Heald History scholarship presents a wonderful opportunity for a deserving student to further his/her interest in the people and history of not only our local area but in our great State of Vermont."

Students interested in applying for the scholarship are encouraged to contact Ms. Kelley Shannon, social studies department chair at the Green Mountain High School. Entries will be judged by a panel representing the school and the Historical Society.

Pumpkins & pies

Pies and pumpkins for sale at Wellwood Orchard!

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OLLI presents Airplanes of World War II

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Bruce Johnson will present the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute program on Tuesday, Oct. 10 on Airplanes of World War II. It will be presented at 2 p.m. at the Nolin Murray Center next to St. Mary's Catholic Church on Pleasant St. in Springfield.

Johnson, a local aviation historian, will explore the development of the airplane as a tool of warfare from the years between the World Wars and through the accelerated development of the war years. The uses of the airplane in the execution of the grand strategies of both the Allies and the Axis powers led to successes and failures. The contrasting development of bombers, fighters, transport, and various support uses will be a primary focus of the presentation as will the men and women who flew these machines into the history books. From Curtiss Jenny and Piper Cub to B-29 Superfortress, P-51 Mustangs, and Messerschmitt Me-262, he will trace the progress of airplanes in the 1930s through the war years.

Growing up with a father who served in World War II as a pilot, Johnson has been interested in aviation history for his entire life. He researches and photographs airplanes at air shows and museums throughout the United States and in Great Britain and Europe.

OLLI affiliated with the University of Vermont, is a local membership program geared towards seniors 50 years and older that 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. Membership includes nine pro-



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grams, however non-members are encouraged and welcome to attend individual lectures for a single program fee. Memberships, as well as single program fees, may be paid at the program.

The following OLLI program will be two weeks later on Oct. 24, and will be New England Poor Houses and Town Farms with rural histo-

rian, Steve Taylor.

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

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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"We promised the monster we wouldn't tell on him, Mom!"

Op-Ed: Setting the record straight

Recently, Ethan Allen Institute President Rob Roper posted an op-ed with the inflammatory, sensational title, "So Second Home Owners Can Vote in Vermont?" Perhaps as intended, Mr. Roper's attention-seeking commentary caused significant confusion and concern about Vermont's residency law for voting purposes. As Vermont's chief elections official, let me set the record straight.

Mr. Roper discusses a pending case in Essex County Superior Court which alleges that certain individuals on the Town of Victory's voter checklist are not residents of the town as defined in the election law.

Let me be perfectly clear - I do not believe, and would never suggest, that the language in the residency definition means second home owners in Vermont may register to vote here.

Roper cites testimony given during a hearing in this case by Vermont's Director of Elections Will Senning:

"[Senning] was asked under oath, 'When a voter registers, does that voter have to have a principle residence in the town at the moment that they register?' Senning's answer: 'Not necessarily.' Asked 'Why not?' his answer was, 'Because they may be intending to make that place their principle residence in the near future.' Pressed further with the ques-

tion, 'How far out can that intent be?' Senning testified, 'There's no objective standard in terms of that time frame.'

Roper calls this a "wildly loose interpretation" and alleges that it means "there is no legal standard of residence for voting in Vermont." Later he asserts, "Condos is not only turning a blind eye to but actively facilitating vote fraud." While this kind of irresponsible rhetoric is fashionable in Washington, D.C. these days - it doesn't fly in Vermont.

As secretary of state, my role is to administer the law as it is currently written.

We do not enforce the law - that is the province of the Attorney General and the courts.

We do not write the law - that responsibility lies with the Legislature.

Mr. Roper knows this, and I certainly hope that he is not asking me or the elections staff to ignore the law and administer it as we think it should be, not how it is written.

For the purpose of registering to vote, Vermont election law defines residency as follows: "resident" shall mean a person who is domiciled in the town as evidenced by an *intent to maintain* a principal dwelling place in the town indefinitely and to return there if temporarily absent, coupled with an *act or acts consistent with that intent*."

The law does not say you must have slept here for half the nights in the past year, or for 30 days before registering, or that you intend to move here in less than 30 days. With no objective standard, a person's intent to maintain a principal dwelling place here must be supported by "an act or acts consistent with that intent."

The town and city clerks and local boards of civil authority (BCA), in reviewing a voter application, can request an applicant appear before the BCA and present their evidence of that intent. If the BCA feels it is not sufficient, they may deny the application. That denial may be appealed to a court and the facts ultimately heard by a judge. This is not the wild-west, as Roper would like you to believe. There is a process, a consideration of evidence, and a decision based on that evidence.

Essentially, Mr. Roper is saying these local officials are unable to make informed judgements about who is qualified based on the facts of a given case. I would like to think Mr. Roper would have more respect for our hard-working local officials than to suggest they would simply "turn a blind eye" to instances where someone may be trying to abuse the system.

Does this definition of residency require a subjective analysis based

on the facts and circumstances of each case? Yes.

Is that by design? I believe it is.

The legislature decided that an objective standard simply could not address the particular, diverse circumstances surrounding an individual's qualification for residency for voting purposes. It would risk excluding some who have a legitimate interest in registering and voting.

Mr. Roper asserts our "wildly loose" interpretation of the residency requirement "does not reflect the spirit or the language of the statute." I could not disagree more.

In fact, I believe our interpretation reflects both the spirit and letter of the law, by relying on the fact-specific, subjective analysis that the law requires.

Mr. Roper is quick to tell readers what I think even though he has not contacted me. He had ample opportunity to express his concerns about voter registration in Vermont last year when a comprehensive election bill moved through the legislature, but he never appeared.

My door is open and I would be glad to discuss any ways in which the residency definition could be revised as long as it would not unnecessarily disenfranchise legitimate voters.

Article written by Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The Rotary Club of Chester thanks all who helped to make Fall Festival a successful weekend for Chester.

The Festival drew good crowds into Chester on Sept. 16-17. Visitors enjoyed coming to our beautiful Chester village to celebrate the arts in our area and enjoy our local musicians. There was an impressive array of vendors and they appreciated the friendly atmosphere in our town. Thanks to excellent vendors, delicious food, upbeat music, cheerful volunteers, and sunny skies, the Festival was a real success. Community support from individuals and businesses all helped to make it

a great weekend for Chester.

Special thanks to the following:

- Bill Cole for providing security
- Newsbank for providing parking
- Chas Anderson, Alan Farrar, and Evan Parks for jumping in everywhere throughout the weekend and hauling around signs and moving the trailer
- Brian Morris and the Last Chance Band, Will Danforth, Matt Meserve, Root 7 A Cappella, and DV8 Band for providing music
- Baba-a-Louis Bakery, Country Girl Diner, Free Range Restaurant, Heritage Bakery, Killarney Pub, Inn Victoria, Lisai's Market, MacLao-mainn's Scottish Pub, Stone Hearth

Inn, Stephanie Mahoney, Iole Barbaro and the Prescott Family, Jeff Ladd, Lisa Mobus

- Gail Stewart for providing soup to supplement all that was provided by Chester Rotarians
- Fullerton Inn for the donuts, soup supplies, management of the website and other promotion
- Interact Students from GMUHS for helping with soup sales, putting up balloons, and providing lunch time vendor relief
- Chester Telegraph for donating 20% of the well-wisher ad revenue back to the Chester Rotary and the advertisers who made that donation possible

• Chester Rotarians for organizing the event, volunteering throughout the weekend, managing the sound system, and making soups for the Festival

• The Current for providing shuttle service from Newsbank to the Green

The following businesses donated gift certificates to make the shuttle service possible: Country on the Common, DaVallia Fine Arts, Free Range Restaurant, Fullerton Inn, Jiffy Mart, Killarney Pub, Phoenix/Misty Valley Books, Sage Jewelry and Vintage Vermont.

Chester Rotary

Dear Editor,

As our summer comes to a close we would like to send a very spe-

cial thank you to the ladies from the GFWC Okemo Valley Women's

Club for planting annuals and perennials as well as some shrubs here at Mountainside House. Not only has the house looked very inviting, it gave the residents something to care for over the summer months and for years to come.

We are so appreciative of their hard work and recognition of our program's worthiness. We would

also like to thank Okemo Valley Challenge Grant for funding this expense as well as their generosity in helping to fund our Summer Program here at Windsor County Youth Services.

April Longley, program director Windsor County Youth Services Ludlow, Vt.



Thank you to the GFWC for planting annuals and perennials.

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obituaries

Wilbur "Bill" Hale, Jr., 1930-2017

Joanne Hale, 1930-2017

ANDOVER, Vt. - Wilbur "Bill" Hale Jr. passed away on Sept. 15, 2017, at the Lower Cape Fear Hospice in Bolivia, N.C.; he had been battling leukemia for several months. His wife of 64 years, Joanne Rawson Hale, passed away on Sept. 22 in Bolivia, N.C. They were married in 1953.

Born in Blakely, Pa., in 1930, Bill was raised in Scranton, Pa. After earning his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy in 1952 at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, he joined the U.S. Navy. Upon completion of the navy's Officer Candidate School, Bill served on active duty as a surface warfare officer for six years and then transitioned to the Navy Reserve. He then worked as a pharmacist at various stores in the central Pennsylvania region while Joanne worked as a nurse in various hospitals.

Joanne was born in Scranton, Pa., in 1930 and was also raised in Scranton, Pa. Joanne graduated from the Moses Taylor Hospital School of Nursing of

Scranton in 1951; she was a registered nurse.

In 1973, Bill retired from the Navy Reserve as a Commander after 20 years of service, and he and his family moved to Chester, Vermont, where he was the owner of the Chester Drug Store. Joanne was the school nurse at Green Mountain Union High School in Chester, retiring in 1991. Bill sold his business in 1992, and the couple retired to their log cabin on Terrible Mountain in Andover, Vt.

Bill enjoyed meeting people in his part-time jobs at Okemo Mountain Ski Resort in Ludlow, Vt., and at the Vermont Country Store in Weston, Vt. He was an active volunteer for the Community Care network in the Chester/Andover, Vt. area. Joanne was a talented woodworker and gardener. In 2015, they moved to Southport, N.C., to be closer to family.

Throughout his life, Bill was active in the Navy, the Rotary Club in Pennsylvania and Vermont, the Chamber of

Commerce in Vermont, the community, and the couple's churches in Pennsylvania, Vermont, and North Carolina. Joanne was an inspirational teacher and was also active in their churches.

They are survived by their daughter, Wendy, and husband Phil of St. Davids, Wales, U.K.; their son, Tom, and wife Marybeth of Southport, N.C.; granddaughter, Nichole, of Manheim, Pa.; grandson, Christopher, and wife Tori of Astoria, Ore.; and great-grandchildren Keira, Chet, and Declan, also of Astoria, Ore.

The family will bury their ashes in the future in Andover, Vt.

Donations can be made in lieu of flowers in Bill and Joanne Hale's name to either the Lower Cape Fear Hospice Foundation at www.lcfhfoundation.org or the Coast Guard Foundation at www.coastguardfoundation.org.

Online condolences can be made at www.brunswickfuneralservice.com, Brunswick Funeral Service, Southport/Oak Island, N.C.

George E. Ramsey, Jr., 1929-2017

WALPOLE, N.H. - George E. Ramsey, Jr., 88, died at Cheshire Medical Center on Sept. 30, 2017, of natural causes. He was born July 20, 1929, in Washington, N.H., to George and Sarah (Wood) Ramsey. George served a total of six years in the U.S. Army and National Guard, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. On June 14, 1953, George married Mildred Waters. They lived in North Walpole and Walpole, N.H., for the rest of their married life.

George worked for many years at R.N. Johnson in Walpole, N.H., American Optical - Brattleboro, Vt., and later in life, retired from Whitney Blake Co. in Bellows Falls, Vt. George was a lifelong member of the American Legion and also held the position of Post Commander for years at Unit #77 in Walpole, N.H.

He will be especially remembered for the love of his large family, his quick wit and sense of humor. The love of making woodcrafts, the "trip of a lifetime" to Scotland, and then later trips to Myrtle Beach, were all highlights of

his retirement years.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Mildred, and their seven children: Patty and her husband Richard Weston of Marlborough, N.H.; Darlene Ramsey and her partner Steve Hinman from Burlington, Vt.; George and his wife Janet from Walpole, N.H.; Charles and his wife Nancy from Weare, N.H.; Paul and his spouse Dan Smith from Goffstown, N.H.; Cheryl Bingham and her partner John Mincarelli from Wilmington, Vt.; and Arthur and his spouse Lisa from Rockingham, Vt. His surviving siblings are: Phebe Thurston; Mildred Ball and her husband Roger; John and his wife Elaine; David and his wife Nancy; Velma Roy; and Jeanie Hickox.

George was predeceased by his parents, George and Sarah (Wood)



George Ramsey, Jr.
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Ramsey, Sarah "Betty" Symonds, Eunice Ball, James Ramsey, Julia Currier, and Raymond Ramsey. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Calling hours are Saturday, Oct. 7, 9-11 a.m. with service beginning at 11 a.m. at Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home, 55 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, Vt. Burial will follow the service at the Walpole Village Cemetery, Walpole, N.H. Following the burial, friends and relatives are invited to attend a gathering at the American Legion, Unit #37 in Bellows Falls, Vt. on 42 Rockingham St. from noon to 4 p.m.

A special thanks to all the loving and caring staff at the Westmoreland Nursing Home and the Cheshire Medical Center.

Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to the Walpole Fire EMS, P.O. Box 243, 278 Main St., Walpole, NH 03608.

Marcia L. Shambo, 1961-2017

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Marcia L. Shambo, 56, passed away at her home on Sunday morning, Oct. 1, 2017, surrounded by her loving family. She was born July 5, 1961, in Springfield, Vt., the daughter of Robert and Stella M. (Tarbell) Penn. She attended Springfield schools.

Marcia worked at the Springfield Mobil Mart for many years, Lovejoy Tool Co. in Springfield for many years, and most recently in assembly with Whelen Engineering Co. in Charlestown, N.H.

She enjoyed playing poker, played softball for many years, enjoyed

watching sports and never missed one on her son's many sporting events over the years; she was his Number 1 fan. She also enjoyed puzzles.

Marcia was a very caring and giving person who always put others before herself.

She is survived by her son, Edward O. Shambo III of Springfield; brother, Greg Tarbell of Alstead, N.H.; and sisters Sue Lohutko and Melodie Penn, both of Springfield; and many nieces, nephews and cousins as well as her extended Shambo family. She was predeceased by her parents.

A celebration of life will be held 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017, at the Robert L. Johnson V.E.W. Post in Springfield, Vt. A private burial will be held at the convenience of the family in the Oakland Cemetery in Springfield.

Contributions may be made in her memory to Relay for Life/American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123, or to the Springfield Parks and Rec. Dept., 139 Main St., Springfield, VT 05156.

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

Nancy A. Tobin, 1945-2017

WESTON, Vt. - Nancy A. Tobin, 71, of Weston, Vt., passed away peacefully on Monday, September 18, 2017. A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Oct. 7 at the Wild Boar Tavern, located at Bromley Mountain.

Nancy was born in Queens, N.Y., on Nov. 7, 1945.

Following her career as a pediatric nurse, Nancy graduated from the Connecticut Center for Massage Therapy in 1991. Nancy was a licensed and nationally certified massage therapist with practices in Ludlow, Weston, Rawsonville (Jamaica), and Bondville, Vt., and a former staff member of Lawrence and Memorial Hospital in New London, Conn., where she helped form a massage team providing volunteer service for Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut.

For over 20 years, Nancy also served as a volunteer member of the National Ski Patrol, providing highly specialized emergency care for the skiing and snowboarding public at Okemo Mountain and Bromley Mountain in southern Vermont.

Nancy was an avid lover of animals; her home was never without a dog. She ardently donated to multiple charities serving animals and children. She was exceptionally active, enjoying outdoor winter sports such as snowshoeing and snowboarding, as well as constantly seeking out opportunities for continuing massage education. Her quiet strength, warm smile, and loving, nurturing spirit benefitted all those whose lives she

touched.

Nancy is survived by her partner of 27 years, Terry Randolph of Weston; daughters Jennifer Tobin (Chris McCarty) of San Francisco; Melissa Tobin (Burton Sloan) of Boulder, Colo.; and Amy Tobin (Daniel Bolanos Alonso) of Mohegan Lake, N. Y., and her stepdaughter, Julie Randolph (Bret Arnold) of Warwick, R. I. She is also survived by her brother, Paul Reynolds (Judy) of Boerne, Texas; her former husband, Robert Tobin; and six grandchildren Julien, Andre, Elias, Theodore, Josephine and Dario.

Nancy is preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Paula Reynolds.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to one or both of Nancy's two favorite charities:

- Smile Train (smiletrain.org/)



Nancy Tobin, 1945-2017.
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- Best Friends Animal Society (best-friends.org/).

Teresa Daudelin, 1956-2017

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Teresa L. Daudelin, age 61, of Lyndonville, Vt., formerly of Lynchburg, Va., passed away at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital on Friday, Sept. 22, 2017.

Teresa was born June 30, 1956, to the late Ernest Naylor, Sr. and Edna (Kendall) Naylor in Springfield, Vt. She loved family above all else. She loved to play Bingo and go to the casinos as much as possible. She loved animals, especially dogs. She was proud of her Native American heritage and loved everything about the

Native American culture, including all the turquoise colors of jewelry.

She is survived by her only child: Wayne Daudelin, Jr. and his wife, Erika, of Springfield, Vt.; her grandson: Brandon Daudelin, also of Springfield, Vt.; her three siblings: Mona Kelly and husband, Reg, of Waterford, Vt., Ernest Naylor, Jr. of Bellows Falls, Vt., and Lisa Naylor of Chester, Vt.; her nieces and nephew: Myrtle Kelly (Michael) of East Concord, Vt., Shari Sargent of Waterford, Vt., and Chris Sargent of Waterford, Vt.; her great-nieces: Kristiana Sargent

(Lance) of East Concord, Vt., Britany Smith of Lyndonville, Vt., and many other great nieces and nephews; her two great-great-nephews: Oakley Truhart and Kingston Perry; her very special great Aunt Eva of Chester, Vt.; many cousins and extended family members; and her best friend: Darlene from out west.

Teresa was predeceased by her grandparents: Amy and Fletcher Kendall, and several aunts and uncles.

She was greatly loved by her family. She will be greatly missed.

Royal B. Holmes, 1921-2017

LANGDON, N.H. - Royal B. Holmes, 96, of Langdon died Monday, Sept. 25, 2017. He was born on Ball Hill on July 25, 1921, the third son of George A. and May (Barnes) Holmes. He attended school in Langdon and graduated from Bellows Falls Union High School in 1939, graduating from the University of New Hampshire in 1943. He married Marion (Kemp) on Aug. 13, 1944, and together they raised their six children on the family farm. Marion passed away Jan. 25, 2002.

Royal proudly served his country during WWII in the 97th Infantry Division in Germany and France and later in Fukushima Province, Honshu, during the Japan occupation. He joined the Army in June of 1943 and was discharged from active duty in October of 1946. After the war he joined first the National Guard and then the Army Reserves. He continued his service in the USAR through 1981, when he retired with the rank of full colonel. During that time he attended basic airborne training and served in a leadership capacity with units in Manchester, Concord, and Keene. Royal was also honored recently as a continuous 70-year member of the Britton-Porter Post 57, American Legion.

"Bucket" farmed with Registered Jerseys a good part of his life on the Holmes Farm. He was a member of the N.H. Farm Bureau, serving twice as Sullivan County president, and in 2008 was awarded the N.H.

Farm Bureau Profile Award. He was a lifetime member of both the New England Jersey Breeders Assn. and the N.H. Jersey Cattle Club. He also belonged to the American Jersey Cattle Assn, carrying on the farming tradition passed on to him.

He served 12 years as postmaster of the Alstead Post Office and sold life insurance part time with Provident Mutual. In addition, he served as a special deputy Forest Fire Warden for New Hampshire. When he wasn't working at any of the above, he was either hunting, fishing, playing cribbage or cheering for the Red Sox!

"RB" was active in town affairs, serving 26 years as supervisor of the checklist. He was a member of and held several positions in the Langdon Congregational Church and was for many years an active member of the Langdon Players.

Royal was predeceased by his wife, Marion, and his brothers, G. Allen and Clifford Holmes. He is survived

by his second wife, Dianne (Holzinger), whom he married in Nov. 1, 2003, and his brother, Herbert of Barre, Mass. Also surviving him are his six children: Richard (Mary) of Charlestown, N.H.; Susan (Gary) Murata of Swanzey, N.H.; Ellen Hollingsworth of Virginia and Florida; James (Laura) of Northwood, N.H.; and Steven (Jody) and Jeffrey (Lisa) of Langdon, N.H. Also surviving are his 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Calling hours will be held 5-7 p.m. at the Fenton and Hennessey Funeral Home in Bellows Falls, Vt., on Thursday, Oct. 5. A celebration of life will be held at Fall Mt. Regional High School at 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 6. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Alstead Friendly Meals, P.O. Box 191, Alstead, NH 03602, or the Marion Kemp Holmes Summer Reading Program, Shedd-Porter Library, P.O. Box 209, Alstead, NH 03602.

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The 35th annual Vermont Apple Festival is here

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - A favorite Springfield tradition continues Saturday, Oct. 7, with the 35th Annual Vermont Apple Festival, organized by the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce. The free, family-fun event runs from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Riverside Middle School, 13 Fairground Road, Springfield.

While crafters from all over Vermont and the rest of New England are the main attraction with their one-of-a-kind handmade items, the festival also features pony rides, apple-cider making, food vendors, a beer and wine tent, live music, a farmer's market, a balloon artist, kids' races, pie and doughnut eating contests, and much more. Miss Vermont 2017, Erin Connor of Bridport, will be one of the judges of the pie contest.

For Jeff Perkins, Springfield chamber president, the festival provides the opportunity to showcase all that the region has to offer. "It gets all the

local artists and some vendors you might not see at the bigger stores out in front of the community," he said. "We have some awesome artists."

While the apple festival attracts visitors from all over the country, the event's core is all about community. Perkins, for example, likes the Fastest Kid in Town Race because "it gets families to show up and gets kids involved and they get to see what's going on in their own community."

The festival also is becoming a foodie event that features favorite fair food and more. This year's food vendors will sell kettle corn, cotton candy, fried dough, jalapeno sweet pickles, burgers, hot dogs, steak and cheese subs, sausage subs, chili, chowders, apple crisps, apple pie, cupcakes, and doughnuts.

Some new elements will mark this 35th milestone year. Trout River Brewery and Vermont Vines on the River will be on the softball field, pouring beer and wine from noon

to 4 p.m. for patrons 21 and older. Popular local band DV8 will add to the festive atmosphere with their performance of classic and southern rock near the beer tent. A wide variety of established and new crafters will show and sell their wares.

Among the returning vendors is Joe Langton of Unique Turning VT. Langton, who spent 38 years as a machinist for Lovejoy Tool, is a wood turner known for his handcrafted bowls into which he incorporates shadow lines and a colorful ring of "eyes." He will sell his specialty salad bowls, knitting bowls, candy dishes, and bottle stoppers at the apple festival. His work is made of Vermont woods and maple, which he buys in Vermont but may come from elsewhere. Each bowl is hand sanded and signed by Langton.

Langton, who has been selling his products at the apple festival for the past eight or nine years, started wood turning about a decade ago

after reading a book and watching a video on wood turning. "I haven't done anything flat since," he said. "It's the most fun thing I've ever done with wood."

Among the new vendors at this year's apple fest is Lisa Vogell, who makes artisan, cold-processed soap using traditional techniques with water, lye, plant saps, fragrance, and coloring. Her company is Springfield Soap Company and her products are sold at the Wellwood Orchard and Springfield Co-op. While Vogell grew up in Springfield and graduated from high school here, she had been living in Florida for the past 34 years before returning last year to spend more time with her mother.

Vogell likes both the technical and artistic aspects of soap making. Using scientific calculations with the oils, water and lye, she creates soaps with different qualities - some hard, some soft, some more bubbly than others, others creamier than others.

"I make my soap in small batches, mixed and poured with art and beauty in mind," she said. While Springfield has undergone a lot of changes in the time she's been gone, Vogell said she's excited to participate in the 35th year of the apple festival. "Thirty-five years - that's quite a statement in itself," she said.

In addition to the products Langton and Vogell will bring to the festival, other vendors will feature such items as custom wood burnings and other wood crafts, greeting cards, appliqued baby clothes, homemade quilts, placemats, scarves, purses, goat milk soap and lotion, photography, a variety of jewelry, pottery, stained glass, gourd birdhouses, homemade nut butters, Christmas tree skirts and table toppers, aprons and pot holders, handmade wooden toys, primitive paintings on old wood and slate, paintings, finger puppets, engraved glass, home furnishings, cloth dolls and animals, doll clothes, sunscreen and insect repellent - and

that's just to name a few.

Some vendors will specialize in items for pets including: dog collars, leashes, harnesses, hand stamped ID tags, handmade pet beds, catnip toys, homegrown catnip, and pet bandanas with custom embroidery.

Caitlin Christiana, the Springfield chamber's executive director, points out that the timing of the festival is perfect for all things Vermont - the harvest season, apple picking, and beautiful fall foliage - not to mention it's a great time to start holiday gift shopping. Most importantly, the festival is a time for neighbors to get together to enjoy the fall season.

"We're honored to be hosting the 35th Annual Vermont Apple Festival. This fun and family-friendly fair is a cherished event in our vibrant community, and we're so happy to be keeping this important tradition going strong" said Christiana. "We hope to see everyone there."

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WESTON, Vt. - The 34th annual Weston Craft Show takes place on Columbus Day Weekend, October 6, 7 and 8 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the historic Weston Playhouse. The show features 47 juried artisans from around Vermont coming together to show the best in ceramic, fiber, wood, folk art, jewelry and so much more.

We are pleased to welcome several new artisans this year, including the unique pottery of Sally Geldard-Hewes and Susan Shannon, turned and carved wood by David McWilliams and Art Wolff, inspired photography by Jon Olson, and the folk-art paintings of Caryn King. There is

an admission fee for adults. Children under 16 are free. All proceeds support the preservation of Weston's historic buildings. A locally sourced luncheon by Erik Peckel Catering will be available in the cafe overlooking the iconic falls. For more information visit us at www.westoncraftshow.com.



Lucy Bergamini in her studio.

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Twelve renowned Putney Craft Tour artists

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. - Twelve Putney Craft Tour artists will participate in a special exhibition for the month of October at the Latchis Gallery in downtown Brattleboro. An opening reception is planned for Thursday, Oct. 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. Refreshments will feature Putney Winery's "Putney Bubby," along with award-winning cheese from Parish Hill Creamery. Many of the artists will be available during the opening to discuss their work.

This exhibition is the first time the Putney Craft Tour artists have previewed work in downtown Brattleboro. Participating artists include

Judy Hawkins, Nancy Calicchio, Colleen Grout, Ken Pick, Dena Gartenstein Moses, Jesse Fox, Jeanne Bennett, Edell Byrne, Phil Pellerin, Fiona Morehouse, Ryan Burch and Bob Burch. All of these artists are recognized for their dedication to their craft. Their work represents a broad range of skills from bicycle making to fine art painting, handwovens, glass, ceramics and jewelry.

The show presents a unique opportunity to purchase works directly from the artists either at the gallery or at the 39th annual Putney Craft Tour, slated for Thanksgiving weekend (Nov. 24, 25, and 26, 10-5 p.m.).

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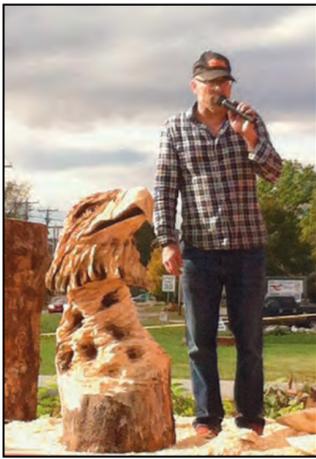
LUDLOW, Vt. - Okemo Mountain Resort celebrates the changing of the seasons with its annual Fall into Winter Festival presented by Lipton Tea on Saturday, Oct. 7.

Jackson Gore, in all of its fall-foliage glory, will be the setting for enjoying food, beer sampling, family activities, and live music presented by William Raveis Vermont Properties Team. Okemo's culinary staff will be serving fresh-from-the-grill favorites and some seasonal specialties. Shop the local food and craft vendor market and visit Mountain Outfitters' tent sale for great deals on winter gear and clothing. Admission to Okemo's Fall into Winter Festival is free, and the event takes place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

While enjoying a free concert by Jake Kulak and The LowDown, festival attendees can sample some local craft beer and seasonal brews. Activities offered throughout the day, priced separately or bundled together, include face painting, pumpkin painting, and a petting zoo. A pie-in-the-face booth will benefit Okemo Mountain School, and free hayrides will be offered throughout the day. Scenic chairlift rides on Okemo's Sunburst Six will be available and Okemo's

Evolution Bike Park and Adventure Zone will be open. Visitors may enjoy the Timber Ripper Mountain Coaster and the Haulback Challenge Course, trampoline bungee jumping, bounce houses, miniature golf, disc golf, a climbing pinnacle, zip line tours, and more. Each of Okemo's Adventure Zone features is priced individually, or visitors can purchase an Adventure Zone day pass wristband.

New this year, Okemo hosts the Big Buzz to coincide with its Fall into Winter Festival. This chainsaw carving festival features 20 carvers who turn wooden logs into beautiful pieces of art that will be available for purchase. The Big Buzz will take place in Okemo's Ice House Oct. 5 through 9. There is an admission fee. On Saturday, Oct. 7, as part of Okemo's Fall into Winter Festival, The Big Buzz Quick Carve session will take place in the Jackson Gore courtyard from 1 to 2 p.m. Ten carvers will create pieces of art to be auctioned immediately following the demonstration.



Chainsaw carving will take place at Okemo's Ice House during the festival. PHOTO PROVIDED

Festival attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and picnic blankets. For more information about Okemo Mountain Resort, please visit okemo.com or call 802-228-1600.

Ghost walk, lore, and historic artifacts

CAVENDISH, Vt. - The Cavendish Historical Society looking for artifact from the first peoples that lived here. While exploring cellar holes, Cavendish resident and historian, Carmine Guica, reported finding a variety of arrowheads or projectile points. Have you found such items in Cavendish? Have you found unusual rocks or stones that appear to be "worked?" They could have been used for grinding corn or acorns.

Does your family lore con-

tain stories of Indians, gypsies, or "Dark French?" If you have any information, please contact CHS at margocaulfield@icloud.com, 802-226-7807, or mail us Cavendish Historical Society, PO Box 472, Cavendish, VT, 05142.

Sunday, Oct. 8 is the last day the CHS Museum will be open for the summer season. It will also be the afternoon of the Proctorsville Ghost Walk.

There are many ghosts in Proctorsville village including: George (be-

cause he looks like George Clooney) who haunts The Golden Stage Inn; a ghost who has rights written into the deed of the house; Homer and Charlie who have their special places to haunt; and that's just the beginning.

The Ghost Walk is free and open to the public. Walkers should meet at the Proctorsville War Memorial-Route 131, near the Village Clipper and across from the Proctorsville Green, at 2 p.m. The walk will be approximately two hours and will be on sidewalk.

Plymouth Notch Antique Apple Fest

PLYMOUTH NOTCH, Vt. - The President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site will host the third annual Plymouth Notch Antique Apple Fest on Saturday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It's a celebration of the harvest with special attention to the apple.

Guests can visit the site's heirloom apple orchard and sample vintage apple varieties, or join the fun of apple tossing and peeling apples with an antique kitchen implement.

The event's special guest is Anne Collins, author of the acclaimed "Vintage Pies." A resident of Cornwall, Vt., Collins has been collecting recipes and baking pies since childhood. At 2 p.m., she will tell stories about the old recipes she's discovered and share samples of some of her favorites.

A variety of activities are scheduled throughout the day, including wagon rides, sheep shearing, cider pressing, cheese sampling and self-guided tours at the Plymouth Cheese Factory, and a barbecue offered by the Wilder House Restaurant. Children can play period games, make an apple hat, or visit the one-room schoolhouse for apple-inspired art, an apple treasure hunt, and hands-on history activi-

ties. Visitors can also observe quilling and paper curling, pressed leaf note cards, historic quilt patterns and chair caning and rushing with Vermont artisans, or discover the fascinating and historic world of medicinal plants with Northern Naturals and Gardens.

The President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site is open daily through October 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For further information about the Plymouth Notch Antique Apple Fest, please contact the President Calvin Coolidge State Historic Site at (802) 672-3773. For more information about the Vermont State-owned Historic Sites, please visit www.HistoricSites.Vermont.gov.

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Harvest Festival for Lights On After School

LONDONDERRY, Vt. - The Collaborative Extended Day Program will be hosting the Harvest Festival on Oct. 12, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Flood Brook School. The event is held in recognition of Lights On After School, a cohort of after school programs that support working families by providing positive and engaging activities to kids in a safe environment during the crucial hours of 3-6 p.m. The festival will feature a chili contest, apple pie contest, live

music, food, and fun family games for all ages. There is a suggested donation.

If you would like to register for the contests, please email edp@thecollaborative.us or visit www.thecollaborative.us to learn more about the Collaborative and the event. The Collaborative promotes the development of a healthy, involved community supporting substance-free youth in a caring environment.

Jerron "Blind Boy" Paxton at Next Stage

PUTNEY, Vt. - Bluesman Jerron "Blind Boy" Paxton will appear at Next Stage on Friday, Oct. 13, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available online at www.nextstagearts.org and can also be purchased at the door. Turn It Up in Brattleboro and the Putney Cooperative Next Stage is located at 15 Kimball Hill in Putney.

Paxton is an American musician from Los Angeles. A vocalist and multi-instrumentalist, Paxton's style draws from blues and jazz music before World War II and was influenced by Fats Waller and "Blind" Lemon Jefferson.

"Blind Boy Paxton is six-foot-two, but he only stands to get bigger," says the Village Voice about Paxton, a young multi-instrumentalist who plays guitar, piano, banjo, and fiddle with equal mastery, and is breathing new life into traditional music.

Only in his twenties, Paxton possesses a theatrical flair that is exciting audiences of all ages. Elmore Magazine called him "the new young hope of the blues world."

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Later on in the day, join North

Country General from 6 - 9 p.m. for Oktoberfest featuring Zero Gravity Brewery and live music by Saints & Liars, a roadhouse string band.

The historic Jamaica Town Hall will be filled with the lively music of southern Vermont's finest bluegrass bands, starting at 7 p.m. The Stockwell Brothers and Bondville Boys

will share the stage to entertain the audience.

Bruce, Barry, and Alan Stockwell's music spans traditional and progressive styles, but their trademark acoustic sound features new singer/songwriter material recast with banjo, alternative rhythms, and three-part harmonies. They cover straight ahead bluegrass songs, finger picked acoustic guitar ballads, full tilt breakdowns, and traditional mandolin tunes mixed in with more unusual fare - Americana melodies riding world beat grooves and Celtic, jazzy, even neo-classical instrumentals.

The Bondville Boys have played hard-edged bluegrass since 1990 throughout Western New England. They are known for their sweet harmonies, excellent musicianship, good energy and eclectic set lists. The Bondville Boys play a huge assortment of music, including a ton of original tunes and everything from Flatt and Scruggs to Blondie. The group currently has two live records, a studio album, and a new all-original record released in 2016.

Tickets can be purchased at the door with family pricing available. Snacks will be available. For more information, go to www.craftdraughts.com/jcac. The show is presented by the Jamaica Community Arts Council.

For Fall Fest vendor opportunities or event questions, please contact Kristi Lembke, 802-359-2533 or kristi.lembke@gmail.com.

The 2nd annual WitchCraft —

KILLINGTON, Vt. - Killington Resort, the largest four-season destination resort in eastern North America, will host its second annual WitchCraft event Oct. 6-9 and Oct. 13-15, 2017. The festival's return marks an expansion from being a one-weekend event in 2016 to two full weekends this year, as WitchCraft at Killington is quickly becoming a family tradition.

"WitchCraft offers an iconic fall family weekend in nature's gorgeous autumn playground," said Mike Solimano, president and general manager for Killington Resort. "We're able to offer programming and activities beyond a pumpkin patch for two ideal fall family weekends full of memorable experiences. I'm personally excited to witness and to participate in new activities at this year's

WitchCraft, including the coffin races!"

WitchCraft at Killington will take place in a quintessential Vermont fall setting, featuring an expanded haunted house, face painting, pumpkin painting, apple launching, and hay rides, among several other Halloween-themed activities blended with Killington's Snowshed Adventure Center. New this year is a haunted hike, stein hoisting competition, coffin races, and an expanded beer garden presented by Goose Island. Attendees will enjoy live music from Andy "The Music Man" for kids and The Wheel, a five-piece rock-n-roll band



Killington Resort WitchCraft festival haunted house. PHOTO BY WITCHCRAFT

covering mostly music of the Grateful Dead for all ages.

WitchCraft Killington will include ticket packages, which are expected to vanish like ghosts, and a 20 percent discount on our totally not haunted hotel rooms.

More information about WitchCraft at Killington can be found here: www.KillingtonWitchCraft.com.

Wildlands exhibition opens

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - In the 19th century, American landscape painters gave people a glimpse into the magic of wild places and long before the days of film they helped spur the public call for preservation of wilderness rather than ex-

ploitation for resources. Wildlands, a new exhibition opening on Oct. 12 at the Great Hall, 100 River Street in Springfield, celebrates our public lands and national parks, and the beauty and experiences we enjoy in our publicly owned wild spaces. The

show's intention is to put a spotlight on preservation and how societies come to value and live in balance with natural resources in a time of climate change, development, and political stresses that threaten our wild places.

The ten artists in Wildlands share a deep love of the land and capture the breadth and feel and temporal fragility of open spaces in their art. Artists include: Susan Abbott from Marshfield, Vt., Rich Cofrancesco from Springfield, Vt., Walter Cudnohufsky from Ashfield, Mass., Ailyn Hoey, Rockingham, Vt., Joan Hoffmann, S. Royalton, Vt., Jessica Houston from Montreat, Charlie Hunter from Bellows Falls, Vt., Pat Musick from Manchester Center, Vt., Oliver Schemm from Grafton, Vt., and James Urbaska from Newfane, Vt.

The public is invited to meet the artists at a free catered reception on Oct. 12 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Several of the artists will speak about their work. For more information, please go to www.facebook.com/GreatHallSpringfield or call 802-885-3061. There is plenty of parking at either entrance. The Great Hall will be open on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to celebrate Vermont Open Studio Statewide. The exhibition runs through March 30, 2018.

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THIS AND THAT

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

I have always been excited about sports rivalries. In general, they have brought loads of intriguing, interesting encounters my way over the years. The emotion just seems to often go above what is present in any other given match-up. Red Sox-Yankees and Bellows Falls-Springfield were the first ones I came across. The Yankees won way more than they lost in the first match-up, but I guess the excitement of David having at least some type of chance in individual games versus Goliath was appealing. I think it instilled in me, the premise that on any given day, victory was within reach. Although, if I remember correctly when I was a kid, there were not too many given days.

I think the next one my dad and uncle introduced to me was Dartmouth-Holy Cross. Today, the two schools don't play every year in any sport I am aware of, but for quite awhile that get together was particularly special in both football and basketball. I was on the road doing different things a couple of weeks ago, when those two hooked up in Hanover, in what might have been as great a game of football the two teams had ever played. By the way, Dartmouth shocked Penn in the closing seconds on the road last Saturday and could have a special team. They host Yale this Saturday.

Moving on, as I became a little older, I was made aware of rivalries in our local towns between the high schools of Alstead (Vilas), Charlestown, and Walpole. Of what I remember, Vilas was David and both Charlestown and Walpole took turns being Goliath. Charlestown had an opportunity to play basketball in Boston Garden. I think Springfield is the only other local team that did that. That is if my memory serves me right.

The next local rivalry I learned about was Black River-Green Mountain



Black River graduate Brad Pearson has a big role with the Boston Red Sox World Series pursuit as their head trainer. He has had a great deal of success keeping the athletes as healthy as possible. He is pictured here with a former player, Pablo Sandoval, whom he doesn't have to worry about keeping healthy any longer.

PHOTO BY BRITA MENG OUTZEN/BOSTON RED SOX

or as it was referred to by some back then, Ludlow versus Chester. These two had as big as tussles in many a sport as any. When Fall Mountain High School was born, many fans pointed to Bellows Falls-Fall Mountain get together in as big a way as BF-Springfield because many of these athletes had played together in youth programs in football and baseball, but as time has gone on, that one has faded away a bit.

Sports have certainly transitioned over the years and the Terrier-Wildcat rivalry is an example of that; however, much of the transitioning has taken place due to athletic restructuring within a state and schedules that sometimes do not leave space for rivals to meet. Scheduling formulas have been created within the Marble Valley League in Vermont, which create this and school size change in both states, robbing schools of long time traditional match-ups.

Believe it or not, both of Bellows Falls' rivalries (Springfield and Fall Mountain) were erased from the schedules in some sports for years, due to lack of competition. Even the Terrier-Cosmos football game came close to be-

ing erased from the books in the last decade. Where a team's program is success-wise has more to do with putting together some schedules today than the proximity or tradition of two schools.

Through the maze, rivalries still excite me, and one, which I discovered later than all the rest mentioned, burns the brightest today. If you get a chance to go to a Fall Mountain-Stevens game in a sport where they are competitive, you will see what I have felt over the years, as a rivalry will be on the closest display at higher levels than others. I am glad that at least one has more than survived the test of time.

Front Porch Half Marathon

If you were driving through the streets of Bellows Falls last Saturday or driving between the Falls and Saxtons River, one way or the other, you may have come across a runner or two or maybe even one hundred runners, making their way along the Front Porch Marathon course. The event was the Fourth Annual Front Porch Marathon, a brainchild of Jeff and Morgan Potter and Jen Moore.

Race Director Morgan Potter told us, "We started the race because we were always traveling far distances to run races and we thought there should be more opportunities closer to home and that it would be nice to bring more people into the community. Our focus at the start was to help out drug prevention efforts in the community and we have supported a number of youth sports. In the near future, we hope to be able to create some scholarship money for a graduating senior from Bellows Falls Union High School, who will be going on to school in a health related study program."

Brad Pearson high five

We don't want to let anyone forget that Black River graduate, Brad Pearson, is smack dab in the middle of the Boston Red Sox pursuit of a trip to the World Series. Pearson is the team's top trainer, and he has worked overtime this season, trying to keep healthy bodies on the field. My guess is that he has seen more of Dustin Pedroia, David Price, Hanley Ramirez, Mookie Betts, and Eduardo Nunez than their loved ones have lately.

For a number of sources, I cover the Red Sox and it was especially nice to actually bump into Brad in the clubhouse during the partying, following the teams clinching of the American East championship. We were both going in different directions. Pearson was taking the time to enjoy the moment for a second, and yours truly headed to grab a word with Chris Sale, when we literally crossed paths physically and exchanged short pleasantries.

I hope you do realize, he has more effect on this team than some of the roster members.

Vermonters winners in BF Front Porch Marathon

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Over 100 runners embarked on the streets of Bellows Falls and the surrounding area last Saturday to participate in the Front Porch Marathon. Two races are held locally, a half marathon and an eight miler, which attracts athletes from near and far to show their strength in completing the challenging races.

Tammy Richards of Williamsville, Vt. captured Half Marathon honors for 2017 in a time of 1:25:13, while former Terrier running star, Matt Guild was second in a time of 1:30:24. Walpole's Patrick Clark was third in 1:36:48. In the eight-mile competition, Amy Rounds of Westminster captured first place in a time of 1:06:45 with Keene's Molly McCormack finishing second in 1:09:32 and Ludlow's Eliza Green third. She

was clocked at 1:11:14.

In one of the highlights from the competition, eight runners were in pursuit of completing a half marathon in all fifty states with a few of them being super ambitious with plans to have run a second half marathon on Sunday in Hampton, N.H., which would complete their fifty state goal.

Morgan Potter, the race director, said, "We're super excited about this event and the positive impact it has on our community. Each year we get great support from the Town of Rockingham; the police department; Westminster and Saxtons River fire departments; and many community members who give their time to help us out. This year, our many volunteers included a group from Friend For Change, a

local organization created after the Boys and Girls Club was defunded. We are excited to make a donation to this group. We really want runners to have a great experience. We hope to make each year bigger and better than the last."

The Fourth Annual Front Porch races started and ended at Bellows Falls' Waypoint Center and in addition to racing on BF streets, both competitions headed to Saxtons River, allowing the race to include three communities (BF, Westminster, Saxtons River) with the half marathon encircling the Vermont Academy campus and the eight miler going as far as the Hall Covered Bridge.



Tammy Richards of Williamsville, Vt. was the winner of Saturday's Front Porch Half Marathon held in Bellows Falls with the start and finish at the Waypoint Center. She is shown crossing the finish line.

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Amy Rounds of Westminster was the first place finisher in last weekend's 8 mile race, part of the Annual Front Porch Marathon competition.

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Former Bellows Falls star runner Matt Guild, second place finisher in the 2017 Half Marathon, is shown shortly after cresting Pine Hill in BF in the race. Guild was a Terrier and Dartmouth College runner a little over three decades ago.

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Local long time BF resident Ed Dinnany was the first male to cross the finish line in the 8 Mile run.

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BF football wins while Cosmos & Wildcats lose

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

REGION - Bellows Falls raised their record to 4-1 with a 50-6 triumph over Otter Valley at Hadley Field last Saturday afternoon. Springfield played tough before bowing to Granville, N.Y. 22-14. Fall Mountain made strides forward, but it didn't show on the scoreboard as undefeated Newport bested the Wildcats 43-0.

Bob Lockerby's Terriers offense was in full gear again as they scored on their first seven possessions on their way to the one-sided win. Coach said, "They were really young, and we played well again" about the eleven who scored for the second straight week on their very first play from scrimmage. This week Logan Cota took a pitch and raced 58 yards to paydirt. A Griffin Waryas to Shane Clark pass was good for the conversion and an 8-0 advantage.

The score would jump to 31-0 by the conclusion of the first quarter as BF totaled three additional touchdowns in the period. Waryas had six points on a quarterback sneak with the tandem of Waryas and Clark connecting again on the extra points play followed by a 19-yard Julian Christiansen run for a score and a 6-yard Cota run. Svent Bassart kicked the first extra point and was lined up for the next kick when the snap didn't connect and Waryas converted a two-point conversion on a rush.

In the second quarter, BF would score three more times with a Cota bootleg finding paydirt from six yards out, McGregor Vancor scoring on a 2-yard run and Cota and Clark connecting on a 60-yard pass play for the final tally. BF travels to Bristol, Vt. Saturday for a 1 p.m. kick-off versus Mount Abraham.



Shane Clark looks for running room with Ryan Kelly attempting to open holes to lead the way. Clark had two touchdowns in the Bellows Falls 50-6 triumph over Otter Valley.

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The Eagles are coached by former BF running back Lee Hodsden, brother of BFUHS Principal Chris Hodsden.

The only type of luck Springfield seems to get is bad luck. The Cosmos were competitive and trailed only 16-14 with two minutes to play. Rick Sappack's team had fallen inches short of a first down on a fourth period possession and a couple of minutes later, Granville did convert on a fourth down play to find paydirt for the final score. Once again in the bad luck department, a couple of Granville's key players had missed the opening of their season, but found health and performed well against Springfield.

Sappack more than appreciated the effort of his team. He noted, "Overall, we played hard and certainly gave everything we had. They were a good team, and we stood toe to toe with them. Watching the game film with

our team, we see the little things that cost us. Hopefully we can take those lessons into the final three games that really matter." The Cosmos are 1-4 and are at Mill River Saturday.

Newport dominated Fall Mountain, but Coach Orion Binney said, "We showed improvement defensively. We are really doing much better there. If the offense can get going a little bit, that would make a difference."

The Wildcats moved freshman quarterback Reggie DeCamp into holding the reins a couple of weeks ago. Overall this may have stymied the offense a little, but Binney feels for the future this moves the team ahead in the long run. Defensive ends stood out for FM as both Alex Flynn and Morgan Wilbur continued to play well. The Cats are 1-4 and host 1-4 Newfound Saturday night at home.

Harlem Rockets in Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Springfield Booster Club will be hosting some very special guests on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. at Dressel Gym in Riverside Middle School in Springfield, Vt. The Harlem Rockets, a talented group of basketball entertainers who combine incredible show time basketball skills and family-friendly comedy will face the Springfield Dream Team in a game benefiting the Springfield Booster Club and Springfield athletics.

Having played over 2,500 games

in 16 years without a single defeat, the Harlem Rockets offer something for everyone to enjoy. Sports enthusiasts will be intrigued by the athleticism and size of the Rockets. The Harlem Rockets incorporate the audience, especially children, into the show and are always available to meet the fans and give autographs at halftime and after the game.

In this special event to raise money for the Springfield Booster Club, the Springfield Dream Team has graciously agreed to face the Harlem Rockets. Springfield Dream Team players are comprised of an eclectic

mix of local personalities including past and present coaches, former Cosmos athletes, community members, and public safety officials.

Tickets are available at the following Springfield locations: Jake's South Street Market on South Street, Vianor Tire on Chester Road, and the Community Center on Main Street, or by contacting Rachel Hunter and the Springfield Booster Club. Tickets are also available at the door. Other sponsors for this event are Jerry Farnum State Farm Insurance, Ultimate Auto Body, and Springfield's Holiday Inn Express.



Balancing and designating your fall compost piles

BY TRINA MENARD

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

REGION - Effective composting is about maintaining balance: two-thirds carbon or brown matter and one-third nitrogen or green matter. As the leaves continue to fall, the temptation is to add them to the compost pile, but be mindful about maintaining your balance. A superior method of dealing with your fall leaves is to have dedicated fall com-

post piles.

Start with a 4-foot circumference, culminating in a 3-foot pile with an even layer of soil at every foot. Aim to keep the pile damp. If you reached in and grabbed a handful, you should be able to squeeze a little fluid out. Apply plastic to the top of the pile while still being mindful to maintain its fluffy quality so air can circulate and decompose your pile. Full decomposition should take four to six months. This final material will be

airy dark organic soil amendment or conditioner that is low in nutrients.

While pulling your spent vegetable plants from the garden, do not add the root balls to your compost pile. Breaking down the larger plants into smaller pieces will take less time to decompose. Again, in your mixed compost pile, you're aiming for a moist mixture. Providing walls and a tarp on top will help to keep the heat

in and the extra moisture out.

Fall is the perfect time to clean out the ash from your wood burning stove and/or chimney. Ashes from the stove are great additives for your compost pile; however, the chimney sweepings are not. By sprinkling in the ashes over the course of the winter, it will help keep the mixture aerated.

Animal manures (chicken, pig,

cow, rabbit, goat etc.) are excellent for contributing back to depleting soil. Adding animal manure to compost piles or directly to garden beds gives a four to six month window for ammonia in the manure to evaporate. Leaving behind the nutrients without the deprecating effects of ammonia.

In the spring, you would add the airy dark organic compost from your

leaf compost piles to rejuvenate the soil and provide your family with more nutrient rich food. This process will enable you to rotate crops less frequently and reuse gardening areas for longer periods of time.

For more information, check these resources. http://eartheasy.com/article_autumn_composting_tips.html <https://www.gardeners.com/how-to/fall-soil-improvements/7036.html>

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The second annual Sustainable Home Tour

REGION - On Saturday, Oct. 14, the Sustainable Energy Outreach Network (SEON) will host its second annual Sustainable Home Tour in the Southern Connecticut River Valley from Dummerston, Vt. to Greenfield, Mass. from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. This will be a self-guided tour of new homes, deep energy retrofits, and an

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Alex & Jerelyn Wilson's home before and after renovation.

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is possible with high performance building. SEON is especially excited to have the homes of Alex Wilson, founder of BuildingGreen, Inc., and Peter Yost, vice-president, Technical Services of BuildingGreen, Inc. on our tour. Following is a list of featured homes.

• Greenfield, Mass. - A new super-insulated home appealing to both

traditionalists and modernists that is almost passive house certified.

• Brattleboro, Vt. - A new modern 5+ Energy Star rated home achieving a Bronze Tier Energy Code Plus Rating and constructed with a need for accessibility.

• Dummerston, Vt. - A VERMOD net-zero modular home utilizing Community Solar supplying 100 percent of electricity. The owner moved in the day it was delivered.

• Dummerston, Vt. - The Wilsons' net-zero deep energy retrofit of an old farmhouse utilizing products, materials, and technologies that Wilson has been writing about and promoting - essentially being his own guinea pig.

• Brattleboro, Vt. - The Yosts' 110 year old high performance home whose staged deep energy retrofit took 11 years to complete with Yost doing a majority of the work in his free time. Special consideration given to water management and durability.

• Downtown Brattleboro, Vt. - This energy efficient addition and retrofit/renovation demonstrates the builder's historically sensitive approach to this early 1800s timber frame cottage.

For locations, details, and online ticket sales visit www.seon.info/HomeTour. Purchase advance tickets online until noon, Wednesday, Oct. 11. Tickets are on sale at Village Square Booksellers in Bellows Falls, Friends of the Sun in Brattleboro, and Everyone's Books in Brattleboro. These locations will only accept cash or checks.

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Fall HOME IMPROVEMENT

Vermont utilities warn of increase in unsafe digging and tree trimming

REGION - Green Mountain Power (GMP), Burlington Electric Department, Vermont Electric Co-op and Washington Electric Co-op are joining together in response to an increase in unsafe digging and tree trimming near live power lines. Incidents have prompted the companies to remind Vermonters always to dig safe and never to perform work, even routine yard maintenance, around power lines. Coming into contact with electrical lines - whether they're buried or above ground - is extremely dangerous and can be lethal.

"Whether you are working around your home or working in construction, please survey your space before you begin work," says Mary Powell, GMP CEO and presi-

dent. "If you're going to be digging, be sure to call Dig Safe at 811 in advance to identify any underground lines. If you must perform work in close proximity to power lines, call GMP first to be sure it is safe. Our top priority is keeping customers and employees safe."

Many people make false assumptions about electrical safety. Some think that power lines are insulated from contact or may even mistake them for phone lines. Work gloves and rubber boots offer no protection against contact with a power line.

"Power lines should not be taken for granted. We want everyone to be safe and aware of the dangers that can come from accidental contacts," said Patty Richards, the general manager at Washington Electric Co-op. "This is no joke and lives can be put at risk. Call Dig Safe and let your utility mark underground lines and please pay attention to overhead wires. It is for your safety and costs nothing to have lines marked."

"After storms, Vermonters should heed warnings and stay away from downed power lines," Vermont Emergency Management Director Erica Bornemann said. "That caution should also be exercised around any power line. Stay clear and don't touch anything that may come into contact with lines, either, as currents can run through tree branches, tools, and other objects." Powell noted, "Please stay 50 feet away from overhead and underground power lines, as currents can jump or arc through the air. Don't touch anything that may come into contact with lines, either, as currents can run through objects."

Always call your local electric company before working near overhead power lines. It's free!



Always survey your space and use caution when digging on any property. STOCK PHOTO



Vermont utilities remind you to be safe when trimming your trees, especially near power lines. STOCK PHOTO

Winterizing your flock

BY TRINA MENARD
The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

REGION - Chickens can be very winter resilient, but with a little preparation, your fluffy hens will stay happy and healthy all winter long. Chickens can take the cold, but breezes and coop humidity become chief concerns. Keep your water outside of the coop! If it's inside the coop, it will cause too much humidity.

Cover ventilation holes with perforated boards. You want some air to move and for humidity to be able to leave the coop without allowing for large drafts to chill the birds. Heating your coop is unnecessary, and the fire hazard far outweighs any benefit the birds get from the heat. Instead, it is strongly recommended that you provide the birds with flat areas for them to roost. If the bird's feathers can cover their feet, it saves them from frostbite.

Frostbite can set into large combed birds as well. Combs succumb to frostbite and turn black due to blood not circulating through the outer reaches of the comb. Applying bag balm or Vaseline to combs will keep them bright and healthy. Rubbing them with the ointment helps circulation, is soothing, and saves the birds a lot of pain.

Fall is the perfect time to give the coop a good cleaning. Lining the floor with rubber stall mats



Frizzle in the snow in Peacham, Vt. PHOTO BY NORISSA LAPIERRE

disinfect roosting areas and nesting boxes.

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Keep in mind, chickens get bored over the winter months just like us, but providing them with things to peck at besides each other will break up the days. Hanging cabbages and large flock blocks made of suet or seeds are well received.

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Golf Tournament benefits Springfield Hospital

LUDLOW, Vt. - The 17th annual Springfield Hospital Challenge at Okemo Valley Golf Club on Thursday, Sept. 21 was an excellent golf outing and a successful fundraiser. This year's tournament proceeds exceeded \$20,000 and will support the hospital's campaign to renovate its Childbirth Center.

A record 32 teams of golfers competed for awards and raffle prizes. Thirty sponsoring organizations underwrote the tournament, which included a box lunch, dinner buffet, complimentary refreshments on the course, and a gift to every golfer of a fleece vest with tournament logo.

Tournament sponsors were Black River Produce, Coverys, H.P. Cummings Construction, Griffin Construction, IPG Employee Benefits Specialists, Kinney Drugs Foundation, Richard Marasa M.D., NFP Property & Casualty, and Springfield Printing Corporation. Club professional, Michael Santa Maria, and the Okemo staff took very good care of the golfers and helped make the event an overall success.

Team and individual winners were:
A flight
 1st place - low gross - Kevin Theissen, Ted Stryhas, Ryan McGuire, Ed Richter

2nd place - low gross - Tom Hoyt, Brian Stowell, Peter Goodrich, Joe Tolman

1st place - low net - Shannon Gaulin, Chris Gautreau, Todd Lagrow, Rick Bazluka

2nd place - low net - Rick Marasa, Tim Kangas, Rich Lane, Chris Garvey

B flight
 1st place - low gross - Roger Cawvey, Jacob Cawvey, Russ Eitner, Alan Kinney

2nd place - low gross - Chad Illingworth, Gary Parzych, Eric Warren, Chris Cappello

1st place - low net - Keith Hanatow, Todd Watkins, John Brash, Mike Darcy

2nd place - low net - Neal McIntyre, John Birch, Josh Witkin, Clayton White

Closest to the line - Dan Patria
 Longest putt - Peter Goodrich

Mt. Ascutney Rehab to host adaptive sports demo day

WINDSOR, Vt. - The Rehabilitation Center at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center (MAHHC) will host an event to demonstrate adaptive sports equipment and showcase year-round programs from Vermont Adaptive Ski & Sports (VASS) on Thursday, Oct. 5, from 1 to 3:00 p.m. Current and former MAHHC patients, family members, staff members, and the general public are invited to attend.

The demonstrations will include sporting gear adapted to help people who experience motor skill and perceptual disabilities to engage in a full range of sporting activities, from specially designed bicycles and watercraft to skis and snowboards. Representatives from VASS will also be available to discuss programming intended to get people outside in every sea-

son to exercise and compete. Activities include skiing, snowboarding, cycling, kayaking, canoeing, sailing, rock climbing, hiking, tennis, beeper baseball, EcoAble Adventures environmental programs, custom sports adventures and more.

According to longtime Rehabilitation Center Recreational Therapist Michael Denmeade, "Therapeutic recreation is a vitally important part of the rehabilitation care we provide. Technology, ingenuity, and the determination of our patients make it possible for them to do the things they love as they improve or maintain function. Evidence shows that recreation has mental, social and physical health benefits. Yes, disabilities need to be accounted for, but we have first-hand experience that they don't have to slow people down. This event will demonstrate how Vermont Adaptive Ski & Sports works with us

to empower patients."

Belinda Needham-Shropshire, MAHHC director of rehabilitation services, calls VASS a vital resource for Rehabilitation Center staff and patients, and for people across the state, saying, "We've been proud to support Vermont Adaptive Ski & Sports through our sponsorship of the Long Trail Ride, the VT 100 Endurance Race and other events. They've been invaluable partners, collaborating with us to make life better for the people we serve. Anyone who comes to this demo event will see some amazing gear and programming, designed for amazing people."

Those seeking more information about the October 5 event may contact Mike Denmeade, Director of Therapeutic Recreation at Mt. Ascutney Hospital at 802-674-7293 or Michael.denmeade@mahhc.org.

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American Legion Squadron 36 Ludlow annual golf tournament

REGION - On Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017, the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 36 Ludlow held their 13th annual golf tournament at Crown Point Country Club in Springfield. The overall winners shooting a 57 or 15 under par consisted of the team of Jake Lombard, Joel Lombard, Kurt Lombard, and Troy Demers. This year's tournament was a fundraiser to support the Veteran's Place in Northfield; Steve England, State of Vermont Detachment of Vermont Commander with his project supporting Veterans; children and families and the National Commander's project in support of the recent weather disasters in the United States. With the support of the 20 teams who participated in this year's tournament, as well as our local sponsors, we were able to donate \$5,000 to these worthy causes. Other tournament winners were Ned Bowen for closest to the pin on hole 9, Mike Hyjek for closest to

the pin on hole 18, and Cindy Bowen for closest to the line.

The Sons would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make this tournament possible. Thank you to the following hole sponsors who without their generous donations this tournament would not have been possible: Al Glidden, Aubuchon Hardware, Ballard Hobart American Legion Post #36, Ballard Hobart American Legion Auxiliary Unit #36, Baker Distributing, Benson's Chevrolet, Inc., Brewfest Beverage Co., Burns & Associates, Cota & Cota, Inc., Countryside Alarms, Inc., Crowley Cheese Factory, Crown Point Country Club, Dave Berry Woodworking, Dave's Electric, Diamond Realty, D.J.s Restaurant, Earle's Truck Repair, Farrell Distributing, Garvey & Garvey Property Management, Gilcris Chevrolets, George B. Tucker, Inc., Green Mountain National Golf Course, Green Mountain Sugar House, G &

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Meet at the Bald Hill kiosk on Covered Bridge Road in Westminster. The Bald Hill Reserve links to the Bellows Falls Union High School forest lands, and together they offer over

seven miles of trails readily accessible to hikers. Registration is required.

Please contact Vanessa Stern at 802-463-4948 or at davidandvanessa@gmail.com to register, get information, or check on the weather. Bring clothing for potentially chilly weather.

Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association programs are free and open to the public. For program information or maps to trails and trailheads, visit www.windmillhillpinnacle.org. Pinnacle is also on Facebook at <https://m.facebook.com/windmillhillpinnacle/>.

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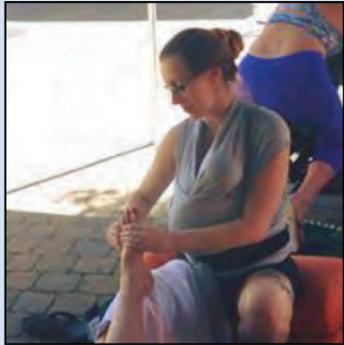
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To apply, write to: CLG Search, Town of Rockingham, Municipal Manager's Office, PO Box 370, Bellows Falls, VT 05101. Applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 13, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. EOE



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SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. - 9:30-11 a.m. Play Group at Saxtons River Elementary School. Come on over for crafts, activities and to play! Call Molly 802-376-6204. TFN

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Edgar May Open Play Group 10-11:30 a.m. at Studio Momentum. 71 Main St., Springfield, Vt. An active playtime specifically designed for children aged 6 months through 5 years! Free to member families. Call (802) 885-2568 or info@myreccenter.org. TFN

WEDNESDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center Knit and Stitch group meets Wednesdays at 9 a.m. They can help you finish a project, repair an item and

even take on special projects. The group is happy to donate "Knitted Knockers" to breast cancer survivors, stop by and ask for Betty for more information. Call: 802-463-3907. TFN

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Play Group at First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls/Rockingham Recreation Center. 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Come join the fun! Healthy snack served. Call Molly 802-376-6204. TFN

CAVENDISH, Vt. - From 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., there will be a Tai Chi beginners' class at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St. in Cavendish/Proctorsville, Vt., next to the Post Office at the corner of Rte 131 and Depot St. There is a monthly tuition cost. To learn more about the classes, please contact Djemila at 802-490-0225, by email: djem.translator@gmail.com or check for updates

on FaceBook: <https://www.facebook.com/gemstaichi/>. TFN

CHESTER, Vt. - Liza Eaton, founder of Buddhaful Yoga, will be offering a Gentle Flow Kundalini Yoga class for beginners every Wednesday 9:30-11 a.m. You will be encouraged to go at your own pace and listen to your body. Held at the Fullerton Inn, on the Chester Green. For more information visit www.buddhafulyoga.com or call 802-875-2868. TFN

THURSDAYS - CHESTER, Vt. - Strength-building chair yoga class with Liz Eaton, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Fullerton Inn, Main Street, Chester. This is a strength building yoga class in the hatha tradition for anyone looking to build bone density, physical strength, flexibility and endurance. Come as you are and do what you can. Use a chair, yoga mat, or both! Drop in anytime or purchase a few classes at once. No experience necessary. For details, contact 802-875-2868, eaton.liza@gmail.com or www.buddhafulyoga.com. TFN

CHESTER, Vt. - Meditation class with Liz Eaton begins Thursday, Oct. 5, 10:45-11:15 a.m. at the Fullerton Inn, Main Street, Chester. Learn simple yet profound meditation techniques for beginners (all levels welcome). There is no fee for this class; donations are appreciated. For details, contact 802-875-2868, eaton.liza@gmail.com or www.buddhafulyoga.com. TFN

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WINDSOR, Vt. - Play Group 9:30 - 11 a.m. Come and

enjoy an open gym, ball games and sometimes even a bounce house! Call Windsor Recreation Center 802-674-6783. TFN

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

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

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

SATURDAYS - PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. - Live Authentically wellness course, Saturdays until Nov. 18, 9 a.m.-noon at DG Bodyworks, 7 Depot St., Proctorsville. This program explores a range of topics and offers guidelines that encourage personal growth and wellness in a safe and confidential environment. To register, contact Martha Mott at Martha@liveauthentically.org or 802-356-5984. For more information, go to www.liveauthentically.org.

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WEEKLY - CAVENDISH, Vt. - DGBodyworks will offer the following October schedule of weekly classes: Mondays - 6 a.m., Free Power Yoga with Denise; 7 p.m., Boot Camp with Denise Tuesdays - 6 a.m., Yoga & Meditation with Karen; 6 p.m., Barre with Erin Wednesdays - 4 p.m., Chair Yoga with Lori; 7 p.m., Boot Camp with Denise Thursdays - 5:45 p.m., Advanced Tai Chi with Djemila; 7 p.m., Beginner Tai Chi with Djemila Fridays - 6 a.m., Boot Camp with Denise Saturdays - 10:50 a.m. - Zumba Sundays - 8 a.m., Yoga Series with Lori Classes will run through Oct. 31. Any requests for additional classes or workshops will be considered. DGBodyworks is located at 7 Depot St., Cavendish. Contact Denise Gebroe, denisegebroe@gmail.com, 802-554-0006, or DGBodyworks.com.

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

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

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

CLUBS

TUESDAY, OCT. 10- BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Oct. 10 meeting of the Bellows Falls Woman's Club will be held at the United Church, School St., beginning at noon. The executive board will serve a luncheon of soup, sandwiches, dessert, and beverages. A small donation is requested. A presentation on Fit Body Forever will be made by Lisa Dumont and Sarah Manning.

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

QUECHEE, VT. - Upper Valley Stamp Club meets second

CAVENDISH TOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD Has an immediate opening

The Cavendish Town Elementary School Board seeks a Cavendish Town resident interested in serving as a member of our local school board. The term of this position will be until Town Meeting Election Day held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018. The Board meets regularly, the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. and others as necessary. Members may fulfill additional responsibilities including, but not limited to, board committee and possible service on the Two Rivers Supervisory Union Board.

Please submit a letter of interest to the Two Rivers Supervisory Union in care of:
Meg Alison Powden
TRSU Superintendent of Schools
609 VT Route 103 South
Ludlow, Vermont 05149

HELP WANTED

TWO RIVERS SUPERVISORY UNION

is seeking a

School Board Recording Secretary

to transcribe meeting minutes pursuant to 1.V.S.A §312(b) for Green Mountain Union High School, Chester-Andover Elementary School and Cavendish Town Elementary School

To begin immediately through June 30, 2018

Interested candidates can submit a letter of interest to meg.powden@trsu.org or mail to
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Ludlow, VT. 05149

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on October 23, 2017 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, Local Act 250 Review in the Village Residential Commercial District:

APPLICANT: Jewell Brook Development, LLC
31 Halls Point Road
Branford, Connecticut 06405
PROPERTY LOCATION: 1 Parker Avenue
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 220548.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Local Act250 Review to change previously permitted structure from a 34-condominium complex to a hotel containing 72 rental rooms and amenities and 1 condominiums. The project is in the Village Residential Commercial District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 458-17-ACT250; Amendment 1

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

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

Town of Plymouth - Public Notice of Hearing Before the Planning Commission and Zoning Board

A Public Hearing before the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of the Town of Plymouth will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at 7:00 pm, at the Municipal Building, 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, VT, to consider:
Applicant: Susan and Paul VanHuis
Proposal: to construct a barn and grade an area flat for their three horses

Location: 2063 Kingdom Road, Plymouth
Application No. 2017 - 20

Dated: September 27, 2017
Michael Coleman, Chair

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Town & Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on October 23, 2017 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, to consider for an Appeal of the Zoning Administrators Decision located in the Village Residential Commercial District.

APPLICANT: Okemo Marketplace, Inc.
181 Hillside Avenue
Williston Park, New York 11596
PROPERTY LOCATION: 57 Pond Street
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 030359.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to appeal the Zoning Administrator's decision denying the modification of the existing commercial building for the construction of a drive-through pharmacy dispensary for Ludlow Pharmacy. The project is located in the Village Residential/Commercial District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 460-18-AP

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

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on October 23, 2017 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, to consider an amendment to a Conditional Use Permit in the Village Residential Commercial District:

APPLICANT: Jewell Brook Development, LLC
31 Halls Point Road
Branford, Connecticut 06405
PROPERTY LOCATION: 1 Parker Avenue
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 220548.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to amend a Conditional Use Permit to change previously permitted structure from a 34 condominium complex to a hotel containing 72 rental rooms and amenities and 1 condominium. The project is in the Village Residential Commercial District.

-CUAPPLICATION NUMBER: 300-07-CU;
Amendment No. 4

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

Rosemary Goings
Board Clerk

TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing before the Development Review Board for the Village of Ludlow, Vermont, will be held on October 23, 2017 at 6:00 P.M., in the Ludlow Town Hall conference room, to consider a Variance located in the Village Residential Commercial District:

APPLICANT: Aubuchon Hardware
Michael Mattson
95 Aubuchon Drive
Westminster, Massachusetts 01473
PROPERTY OWNER: Aubuchon Realty Company, Inc.
23 West Main Street
Westminister, Massachusetts 01473
PROPERTY LOCATION: 142 Main Street
Ludlow, Vermont 05149
Parcel No. 230422.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Application to consider a Variance on signage. The project is located in the Village Residential Commercial District.

APPLICATION NUMBER: 459-18-VA

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

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

LEGAL NOTICES

CLUBS CONT.

MONDAYS CONT. - Mondays at the Quechee library located at 1957 Main St. For more information contact John Lutz at 802-728-6212. TFN

CHESTER, Vt. - Please join the Chester Senior Citizens Club for their monthly luncheon meeting, third Mondays at 11:30 a.m. at the Chester Congregational Church on Main Street. Enjoy lunch, jokes and funny stories, and possibly Bingo. Just bring your place setting, if possible a dish to share, and a friend. If you need a ride, just call Georgia 802-875-6242. TFN

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

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

RUTLAND, Vt. - Marble Valley Duplicate Bridge Club meets from 7-10:30 p.m. at the Godnick Center in Rutland, Vt. Snacks provided. Come join for a fun evening. More info call 802-228-6276. TFN

SATURDAYS - BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - The Rockingham Library will launch a Google Computer Science First Game Design Club for youth ages 9 to 14, to learn to make their own computer video games. No computer experience necessary. Club sessions will be held Saturdays, noon to 1 p.m., in the library's youth department, beginning Oct. 21, ending Dec. 9. Participation is free but spots are limited and registration is required. For more information and to register, contact Sam Maskell at the library, 802-463-4270 or email youthservices@rockinghamlibrary.org.

MOUNT HOLLY, Vt. - Still life drawing. The Mount Holly Artists Group meets at 10:30 a.m. in the community center room (under library) and sets up a still life. The sessions are open to all and free of charge. All that is needed is pen and paper. TFN

SUNDAYS - SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The Catamount Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol meets at 3:30-6:30 p.m. most Sundays at Squadron Headquarters, 13 Airport Road, N. Springfield. Membership is open to ages 12 and up. Call Commander Capt. Tom Williams at 802-558-5571, twilliams@vtcap.org. TFN

COMMUNITY MEALS

FRIDAY, OCT. 6- NORTH SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - The North Springfield Baptist Church will host a free community dinner Friday, Oct. 6, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Dishes served are usually salads, casseroles, beans, soups, breads, desserts and beverages. Everyone is welcome to attend. The church is located at 69 Main St. in North Springfield and is handicapped accessible. For more information call 802-886-8107.

SATURDAY, OCT. 7- CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - Turkey supper hosted by Charlestown Senior Center, 223 Old Springfield Road, Charlestown. A complete turkey supper with potatoes, carrots, stuffing, green beans, gravy, cranberry sauce, rolls and butter. Homemade pies for dessert. Tickets go on sale at 4 p.m. until we sell out. We will start serving at 5 p.m. For takeouts please call 603-826-5987 between noon and 3 p.m. the day of the supper, to be picked up between 4-4:30 p.m. Please come and enjoy our food and our company.

WESTON, Vt. - Weston Rod & Gun Club pig roast, Saturday, Oct. 7, starting at 6 p.m. There will be a deejay from 8-11 p.m. Admission. BYOB.

SATURDAY, OCT. 7-8- GRAFTON, Vt. - Oct. 7 from 9-3 and Oct. 8 from 9-1 the Grafton will hold their tag sale at the firehouse, 711 Route 121 just east of Grafton village. This is the 36th year for this popular fundraiser to benefit the volunteer fire department, known for quality bargains featuring furniture, toys, linens, books, housewares, small appliances, tools, and many other items.

FRIDAY, OCT. 13- SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Bartonville Grange monthly dinner, Friday, Oct. 13, at the grange hall, 116 Upper Bartonville Road, Rockingham (across from the state police barracks). Menu includes Shake-N-Bake chicken with all the fixings and a variety of desserts. Admission; children under 5 free. Questions, call 802-376-5504.

TUESDAYS- PERKINSVILLE, Vt. - Monthly potluck, third Tuesdays at the Perkinsville Community Church vestry located at 33 Church St. Bring a hot dish, salad or dessert and have a nice visit. 802-263-9539. TFN

SATURDAYS- CHESTER, Vt. - Gassetts Grange holds a buffet breakfast every month on the 1st Saturday (Oct. 7 this month) at 8-9:30 a.m. It consists of eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, pancakes (blueberry and plain), real maple syrup, juice, coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. ALL are welcome!!! Admission

at the door. Hope to see you there. We are located on Route 103N, just above junction of 103 and Route 10. Any questions, call Dave at 802-875-2637. TFN

N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Ham dinner, third Saturdays at the North Springfield Baptist Church, 69 Main St., 4 to 7 p.m. Handicapped accessible. There is a fee for the meal. Children 5 and under free. Call 802-886-8107. TFN

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: 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

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). For questions, call Old South Church, 802-674-5087.

FRIDAY, OCT. 6- SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - First Friday Film: "Fed Up," Oct. 6, 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Road, Springfield. "Fed Up" could change the way we eat forever. It reveals why the conventional wisdom of "exercise and eat right" is not ringing true for millions of people struggling with diabetes, childhood obesity and other serious conditions. Free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and movie starts at 7 p.m. Popcorn and beverages will be served. This film ties in with the Oct. 8 Sunday's service (10 a.m.), when Becca Polk will discuss food justice and her kids' gardening program.

SATURDAY, OCT. 7- RUTLAND, Vt. - Rutland County Humane Society coin drop Saturday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 21 Merchants Row in downtown Rutland, in front of the Knights of Columbus building.

PLYMOUTH NOTCH, Vt. - The President Calvin Coolidge State Historic site holds the third annual Antique Apple Fest Saturday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Taste heirloom apple varieties in the orchard, try peeling apples the old-fashioned way, go on a treasure hunt. Hear author Anne Collins discuss old apple recipes and share samples, 2 p.m. The Wilder House will put on a barbeque and families will enjoy many other activities at the historic site, 9:30-5 p.m. For more information, visit www.HistoricSites.Vermont.gov.

CHESTER, Vt. - St. Luke's annual Blessing of the Animals to be held in the church's side lawn of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 313 Main St. in Chester on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 11 a.m. and again on Sunday, Oct. 7 at 4 p.m. The service celebrates the ministry of St. Francis of Assisi, a lover

of animals. It is a day we honor the pets we love. The Rev. Heidi Edson will bless any and all animals no matter the denomination of the owner or pet. Treats and the St. Francis medal will be given to all furry guests and cookies for the owners. In case of rain, the event will be held inside Willard Hall.

CHESTER, Vt. - Gassetts Grange will hold a round and square dance, Saturday, Oct. 7, 7-10 p.m. Donation at the door, and refreshments on sale in the kitchen. Raffle tickets will be handed out at the door and also 50/50 tickets will be on sale at the door. The host band is the Green Mountain Express and Arnie Stoddard is our caller. We are located on Route 103N, just above the junction of 103 and Route 10. Any questions, call Dave at 802-875-2637.

CHARLESTOWN, N.H. - The New Hampshire Antique Tractor Club will hold its annual food drive on Oct. 7 to benefit the Charlestown Food Shelf. We will leave from the Normand Beaudry office, driving down Old Claremont Road, down East Street, up

Winterplace Condo Association is seeking a Full-Time Laborer

A Year-Round position with benefits. Weekends required during ski season.

Please call 802-228-4934 for an application.

TOWN OF LONDONDERRY Development Review Board Notice of Public Hearings

The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at the Twitchell Building Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, Vermont for Public Hearings on the following applications:

Application 031-17 by Jock and Lee Lawrason for a variance of front yard setback to construct a 'lean to' addition to an existing barn on Parcel 008001 located along the westerly side of Reilly Road.

Application 025-17 by Magic Mountain LLC by Ski Magic, LLC, Owner Geoff Hatheway for approval of improvements to commercial ski area including infrastructure and structures located at 495 Magic Mountain Access Road.

Application materials are available for inspection at the Town Office or by email from the Zoning Administrator [london-zoning@vermontel.net].

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Sections 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in the local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

Sharon Crossman, Interim Zoning Administrator

We Are Growing! Toolmaker/Machinist Sought

Mack Molding, a leading plastics molder and contract manufacturer located right here in Vermont, is looking for a toolmaker/machinist for its Cavendish, Vt. facility.

If you are a team-oriented tinkerer - a machinist who knows your way around hand tools, huge tools and dies, manual lathes, mills and surface grinders - Mack wants to discuss this exciting opportunity with you. The ideal candidate will have strong mechanical aptitude and an associate degree or certificate from a two-year college or technical school, particularly focused on tools and dies. An equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered.

APPLY TODAY!

www.mack.com/job/toolmakermachinist

Or send your resume and a letter of introduction to:

Mack Molding Company
Attn: Human Resources
P.O. Box 127
Cavendish, VT 05142

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TAKE A BREAK!

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

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- 35 Great Lake
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might feel compelled to get involved on the "right side" of a seemingly unfair fight. But appearances can be deceptive. Get the facts before going forth into the fray.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Bullying others into agreeing with your position could cause resentment. Instead, persuade them to join you by making your case on a logical point-by-point basis.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Resist pushing for a workplace decision you might feel is long overdue. Your impatience could backfire. Meanwhile, focus on that still-unsettled personal situation.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your aspects favor doing something different. You might decide to redecorate your home, or take a trip somewhere you've never been, or even change your hairstyle.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You might want to take a break from your busy schedule to restore your energy levels. Use this less-hectic time to also reassess your plans and make needed changes.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) What you like to think of as determination might be seen by others as nothing more than stubbornness. Try to be more flexible if you hope to get things resolved.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Watch that you don't unwittingly reveal work-related information to the wrong person. Best to say nothing until you get official clearance to open up.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) With things settling down at work or at home, you can now take on a new challenge without fear of distraction. Be open to helpful suggestions from colleagues.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your creativity can help resolve an emotional situation that might otherwise get out of hand. Continue to be your usual caring, sensitive self.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You could impress a lot of influential people with the way you untangle a few knotty problems. Meanwhile, a colleague is set to share some welcome news.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Aspects favor recharging your social life and meeting new people. It's also a good time to renew friendships that might be stagnating due to neglect on both sides.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Congratulations. Your talent for working out a highly technical problem earns you well-deserved praise. The weekend could bring news about a friend or relative.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your sense of justice makes you a strong advocate for the rights of people and animals alike.

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SAT., OCT. 7 CONT. - West Street, and around Charlestown. Watch for the tractors and stop us with your donations of non-perishable food items and paper goods. Food will also be collected at the senior center before this date. Thank you for your generosity. Any questions, contact Mel Wadleigh at 603-542-8191.

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.

SUNDAY, OCT. 8- **SPRINGFIELD, Vt.** - Food Justice and Kids' Garden, Sunday, Oct 8, 10 a.m., with Becca Polk. Becca Polk, a middle school teacher and adult leader of the Lettuce

Grow Food summer camp, will come speak about the summer camp and why she decided as a social studies teacher to begin focusing on food and gardening. Unitarian Universalist Church, 21 Fairground Road, Springfield. All welcome!

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11- **BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - Women's Freedom Center film "Ovarian Psychos" comes to Rockingham Library, Wednesday, Oct. 11, 6:30-8 p.m. The Ovarian Psychos use their bicycles to confront the violence in the Eastside Los Angeles streets. Sponsored by the Women's Freedom Center, free and open to the public. The Women's Freedom Center is the local non-profit organization working to end domestic and sexual violence in Windham and Windsor counties. For more information, go to rockinghamlibrary.org, call (802) 463-4270.

THURSDAY, OCT. 12- **BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - Free

screening of film "Being Mortal," Oct. 12, 4-6 p.m., at the Rockingham Library, 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls, hosted by Brattleboro Area Hospice. A surgeon shares stories from the people and families he encounters, underscoring the importance of planning ahead and talking with family members about end-of-life decisions. For more information or to RSVP please contact Patty Dunn at 802-257-0775, x 102 or patty.dunn@brattleborohospice.org.

MONDAY, OCT. 16- **CHESTER, Vt.** - VNA flu shot clinic at Chester Congregational Church on Main St., Chester, Monday, Oct. 16, 9-11 a.m. Free with your Medicare card. Everyone is welcome.

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 through 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. TFN

FARMERS MARKETS

FRIDAYS- **LUDLOW, Vt.** - Ludlow Farmers' Market is held every Friday, 4-6:30 p.m. on the Okemo Mountain School front lawn, 53 Main St. (Route 103), south of the village, through October 6. Note the earlier closing time for the remainder of the season due to earlier sunset time. For details, a list of vendors, and to sign up for updates and each week's vendor roster, go to 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, 802-875-5004 and follow on Facebook @westriverfarmersmarket.

LIBRARIES

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11- **BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - Women's Freedom Center film, "Ovarian Psychos," comes to Rockingham Library Wednesday, Oct. 11, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Riding at night through the streets deemed dangerous in Eastside Los Angeles, the Ovarian Psychos use their bicycles to confront the violence in their lives. "Ovarian Psychos" is the second in a series of six films by and about women for everyone, sponsored by the Women's Freedom Center on the second Wednesday of each month through February 2018 at Rockingham Library. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, go to rockinghamlibrary.org, call 802-463-4270 or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, 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.

THURSDAY, OCT. 12- **BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - Free

screening of "Being Mortal" Oct. 12, at 4-6 p.m. at the Rockingham Library, 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls. Brattleboro Area Hospice will host the screening. After the screening, audience members can participate in a facilitated conversation about the film, including a focus on the importance of talking about and planning your healthcare wishes throughout one's life. The film follows a surgeon, Dr. Atul Gawande, as he shares stories from the people and families he encounters. RSVP, please at 802-460-1142.

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

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Town Library 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 to register for programs. TFN

WINDSOR, Vt. - Preschool and Toddler Storytime every Wednesday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Windsor Public Library, 43 State Street. Each

week features a theme, music stories and a craft. www.windsorlibrary.org. 802-674-2556. TFN

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

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

BELLOWS FALLS, 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 you will need to use a library computer. If you are joining the club with your own laptop and Minecraft account, you do not need to sign up. TFN

BELLOWS FALLS, 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

TUESDAYS- **BELLOWS FALLS, Vt.** - The Bellows Falls Woman's 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 meets Tuesdays at the Hartness House Inn at 6 p.m. located at 30 Orchard St. TFN

WESTMINSTER, Vt. - Westminster Fire & Rescue

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MEETINGS CONT.

TUESDAYS CONT. - Department monthly meeting on the first Tuesday at 7 p.m. Rescue training is on the second Tuesday and combined drill on the third Tuesday. More information can be found at www.westminsterfireandrescue.org. TFN

WEDNESDAYS- LUDLOW, Vt. - Black River Area Community Coalition meets third Wednesdays in the Community room of the Fletcher Memorial Library, Main St. in Ludlow, starting at 5:30 p.m. More information, visit www.braccvt.org. 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 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. TFN

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

TUESDAYS- SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Breast Feeding Support Group second and fourth Tuesdays at the Springfield Hospital Library Level D. Noon-2 p.m. It is free and no registration is required. For more information call Erin at 802-885-7511. TFN

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

WINDSOR, Vt. - Cedar Hill Alzheimer's caregiver support group. Meet fellow caregivers who really understand because they've been there, too, when things are difficult or isolating. First Tuesdays from 3:30-5 p.m. at 92 Cedar Hill Drive (off Route 5). TFN

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 St. 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.

ASCUTNEY, Vt. - Twin State Depression Support Group meets on the third Wednesday at Martin Memorial Hall, Lower Level (Handicapped-accessible), 5259 Route 5, Ascutney, (near Exit 8 off I-91) at 6:30 p.m. Do you know or think you may be depressed? Have a friend or family member who has depression? Then this group is for you! Support, empathy, sharing, education, confidentiality, peer-led. Contact TwinStateDSG@gmail.com or 641-715-3900 (ext. 650055#). TFN

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

802-289-1982. TFN

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) at Huber

Building, 80 Main St. Weigh-in starts at 8 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9 a.m. TFN

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Send recovery aid to Puerto Rico

REGION - Puerto Rico is in the process of recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Maria. The hurricane knocked out electricity for the entire island and could leave them without power for up to six months. Here are some ways that you can donate to the recovery efforts.

1. **The Hispanic Federation** launched the UNIDOS Disaster Relief Fund to help with recovery in both Mexico and Puerto Rico. One hundred percent of each donation goes to helping children and families. For more information, and to make a donation, go to Hispanicfederation.org/donate.

2. First Lady of Puerto Rico, Beatriz Rosselló, initiated **United for Puerto Rico** for the purpose of providing aid and support. Go to Unidosporpuertorico.com/en/ to find out how you can help.

3. **The Hurricane Maria Community Relief & Recovery Fund** is using 100 percent of donations to support immediate relief, recovery, and equitable rebuilding in the areas of Puerto Rico that were heavily devastated by the storm. Donations can be sent to Mariafund.org.

4. **Americares** provides medicine and medical supplies. With much of the infrastructure de-



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stroyed, health services are limited. There is an urgent need for antibiotics, trauma supplies, medication for patients with diabetes and hypertension, and water purification supplies. Donations can be made at americares.org.

5. **Global Giving** is a crowdsourcing site. They have already raised almost half their goal of five million dollars with over 20 thousand donors. The money they raise will go to organizations that are deeply rooted in the local communities in Puerto Rico to give long-term support to survivors. Global Giving

will also post reports of how the funds are being used to aid recovery. To make a one-time or monthly donation, go to globalgiving.org and select Puerto Rico & Caribbean Hurricane Relief Fund.

6. **The American Red Cross** is providing support to everyone devastated by the recent hurricanes. Donations can be made to help people specifically affected by Hurricane Maria, disaster relief in general, or even where the money is needed the most. To make a donation, go to redcross.org.

Bitcoin: fad or the future?

REGION - An alternative currency that exists strictly as digital code, Bitcoin has received a lot of attention. But is it an investment or a scam? Here's a brief introduction to how it works and some potential pitfalls.

Bitcoin as currency

Unlike printed currency or coins, Bitcoin is created by mining: using complex software to solve complicated mathematical computations. Solving creates a block, and that computer is rewarded with digital bitcoins, each is a set of a public and private cryptographic key.

The number of solutions that can be discovered is limited by the system's software code. Most users, however, acquire them either by buying them with physical currencies or accepting them as payment.

Some of the advantages of the system are: it's not controlled by any central bank, a global virtual currency facilitates global commercial transactions, every block and Bitcoin transaction is recorded, and the payer and payee are anonymous.

However, that anonymity has attracted charges of illegal activities such as money laundering.

How does a Bitcoin payment work?

A digital wallet stores the private software keys that are bitcoins. It makes or receives payments by communicating with other Bitcoin wallets. Physical bitcoins, which have a software key embedded in them, have begun to be minted. Acceptance of bitcoins as payment is entirely at a seller's discretion; there is no guarantee you'll be able to spend them where you want to or get the value you expect.



Unlike printed currency or coins, Bitcoin is created by mining - using complex software to solve complicated mathematical computations.

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Bitcoin payments are irreversible after a completed transaction.

Speculating in Bitcoin

"Investing" in bitcoins simply means acquiring them, but Bitcoin as an investment is volatile. Over its history, its value has fluctuated wildly.

In April 2013, after rising from \$90 to \$260 over two weeks, a bitcoin's value plummeted to \$130 in just six hours. Despite its lack of connection to any central bank, Bitcoin has been vulnerable to actions by individual governments. After China cracked down on virtual currency transactions by financial institutions, Bitcoin's worth in dollars was cut by more than half.

The cyber currency has been subject to cyber attacks that have halted trading. One of the largest exchanges abruptly declared bankruptcy and announced that nearly half a billion dollars' worth of bitcoins held there had vanished.

Because of the accusations of money laundering, scrutiny of digital transactions is increasing. If a law enforcement agency seized the assets of a digital platform or exchange, access to digital wallets could be restricted.

The Wild West rides again
So far, regulatory oversight

of Bitcoin has been spotty. Unlike accounts at FDIC-insured banks, there is no protection for possible loss from a digital wallet.

The IRS has said it will treat Bitcoin holdings as property rather than as a currency for tax purposes. That means that the sale or exchange of bitcoins that have gained in value since they were acquired could potentially trigger a tax liability. Wages paid in bitcoins must be reported on a W-2 form and are taxable as income.

Speculation hasn't been limited to the currency itself. Bitcoin has also spawned startup companies and venture capitalists that want to be part of building out the technology and infrastructure involved in creating and transferring it. In addition to multiple exchanges, companies have begun providing data on the virtual currency's price and status and creating Bitcoin-based products. As with early Internet companies, such ventures are likely to involve a high degree of uncertainty and risk.

If you're considering exploring it, either for transactions or as a speculative investment, you should become far more familiar with it.

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