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## The 5th annual Veteran’s Day assembly

**LUDLOW, Vt.** - The 5th Annual Veteran’s Day assembly is on Nov. 10, 2017 at the Presidential Hall in Ludlow, Vt. from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Doors will open at 10 a.m.  
Please join the students of Black River HS/MS/LES and Mt. Holly Elementary schools as they come together with the community to honor our brave men and women of the military.

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## Opening of the Hearse House museum

BY **LYZA DANGER GARDNER**  
*The Vermont Journal*

**CHESTER, Vt.** - A grand opening ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 28 celebrated the town’s newly renovated, historic hearse house and museum - a triumph for a building whose survival was in jeopardy as recently as 2014.

It was a lovely afternoon, the latest warm afternoon in a long string of unseasonably warm afternoons this autumn. As a breeze tossed around drifts of dry leaves, Chester Select Board Chair Arne Joynas broke the ribbon on the new museum, eliciting applause from a supportive crowd.

During her opening remarks, Lillian Willis, co-chair of the Chester Townscape Hearse House Subcommittee, described the hearse house and its museum as “unique in Vermont, possibly the country...who knows? Maybe even the world.”

The white-painted wooden structure, about the size of a single-car garage, accommodates a historic, horse-drawn hearse, complete with its original set of wooden runners for wintertime travel over snow. The hearse is separated from the “educa-

tional foyer” and its informational displays by a glass-and-wood partition.

A few years ago, the hearse house’s future seemed bleak. It was dilapidated, and the town was considering razing it altogether. “While it was not kept up very well, it was still a landmark at the very center of Chester,” said Willis.

And it was an element within a larger historical context, she explained. “It was a fitting part of the theme here with the Brookside Cemetery [and] the public tomb, where bodies are stored during the winter and where people have to wait until the ground thaws in the spring.”

Community members and organizations stepped up to save the hearse house, raising funds and volunteering. The breadth of the joint effort was evident in the long list of thank-yous delivered by Willis during the ceremony. Chester Townscape members - several present in the crowd identifiable from their matching hats - were singled out for gratitude. Other recognitions ranged from the town itself (the Chester Trustees of Public Funds provided \$5000 toward the project) to smaller - but still vital



**Chester Select Board Chair Arne Joynas (right) breaks the ribbon at the newly-renovated hearse house museum in Chester, with Lillian Willis (left), co-chair of the Chester Townscape Hearse House Subcommittee.**

PHOTO BY LYZA DANGER GARDNER

- contributions. A special thanks was reserved for Hans Forlie, who visited the building “nearly daily” according to Willis - to handle an infestation of mice.

By necessity, the hearse house and its mini-museum will be a seasonal attraction; there’s no heat. The hearse house and its educational foyer will be open 1-3 p.m. on the weekends of Nov. 4-5 and Nov. 11-12 before shutting for the season.

## Weston Select Board compares health care plans and bid results

BY **JEREMY PERKINS**  
*The Vermont Journal*

**WESTON, Vt.** - Oct. 24, 2017 was a wet and balmy night. But it was business as usual at 12 Lawrence Hill Rd. in Weston. As folks got situated, there was a exchanges about dehumidifiers, their tubs, and hoses - probably precipitated by the torrential rains pounding the roof and windows - before the meeting was called to order promptly at 7:40 p.m.

Chair Denis Benson started off with the potential issue that some townspeople of Weston had observed a threat to the town possibly losing its identity do to overregulation and, for lack of a better term, legal nitpicking. “Too many people are bringing their problems to the town instead of settling things amongst themselves like they used to,” commented Benson, alluding to a larger issue not brought to the forefront of the meeting.

With no hard examples and no public comment, Benson concluded by saying he would just like the other board members to consider the issue for a while so that they would revisit it in a future meeting.

The meeting then quickly picked up the pace, moving on the next item of the agenda: health care. Insurance fact comparison sheets were made available to board members. The town of Weston provides health insurance for many of its employees, and, in open discussion, it was established that the line expenditure for the administrative costs associated with this was \$68,000. According to numbers from the town’s plan administrator, Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Vermont, the current coverage was



Weston compares health care plans.

PHOTO PROVIDED

set to increase approximately nine percent in the coming year. According to numbers from the administrator, MVP with Cigna and their own proprietary flavor of “health equity” to offset prescription and out-of-pocket costs submitted a bid for very similar coverage that would result in only approximately a one percent jump in the coming year.

One board member motioned to replace the existing BCBS coverage. A discussion ensued amongst the other board members and Charles Goodwin and Ann Fuji’i expressed concerns about prescriptions and appointments pre-approved by BCBS for this year. An amendment was then offered to say that MVP would be picked up in January pending an investigation into possible roadblock like prescriptions and pre-scheduled procedures.

There was an open discussion on a 17-acre plot that the town had decided to auction off. The winning offer was a \$5,000 bid by Piper Hill Farm, LLC of Weston. Meanwhile, Fred Watkins was awarded the town garage roof repair bid at the cost of a little over \$45,000.

There was also some debate over whether to bring a speed cart to town to deter speeders. With active comments from the public about a similar cart in Chester, Fuji’i begged the question, “Would we get any measurable results?”

The discussion went back and forth for a time and ranged from bringing to issue up at a town meeting to poll the public as to whether to the cart would be an eyesore. Ultimately there was no decision, and the matter was left on the table as the members moved into executive session.

## Community meets about the future of Black River High School



PHOTOS BY JOE HAMMOND

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# Historic United Church receives facelift

LUDLOW, Vt. - The United Church of Ludlow recently upgraded its front entry stairway. Under the supervision of Trustee Andy Ohotnicki, this stairway now has an attractive and safe slate covering, just in time for winter, and the entryway landing has new carpeting. The high quality workmanship performed by Travis Poczubut Masonry and Concrete of Poultney is in keeping with the church's commitment to preserve the building in a manner consistent with its National Register of Historic Places listing.

United Church was awarded registry status in 2004 and keeps making improvements to its 125-year-old building. Recent improvements include: constructing two new unisex restrooms, repairing the fire and low temperature alarm panel, pointing the mortar in the stone basement walls, refurbishing and painting the business office, installing a new chair lift and a new phone system, constructing a French drain to divert water from the building, and providing comfortable new pew cushions.

The United Church traces its founding back 225 years with its first religious services being held in a home near Buttermilk Falls in 1792 - 20 years before Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star Spangled Banner." The first church building was constructed on High Street in 1806. Due to rapid growth, the church constructed a second building on High Street in 1839, just 22 years before the Civil War and 30 years before London's Big Ben clock tower was completed.

The 1839 building included a 1,000 pound-plus bell cast in that year by an apprentice to Boston's Paul Revere specifically for the new Ludlow church. When the current building was erected in 1892 at the intersection of Pleasant and Elm streets, that bell was transferred to the new structure's belfry.

In 1898, the church installed an exquisite pump organ. As there was no electricity at the time, teenagers hand-pumped it during services from a small space located behind the organ - which contains graffiti carved and written during the sermons, some of it by members of Ludlow's leading families. Today, the organ can be hand-pumped or powered by electricity and still is an amazing musical instrument.

Throughout the years, United Church has had an important impact on the greater Ludlow area. Some of the lesser known things about the church are that it:

- Created Ludlow's first free library, a predecessor to Fletcher Memorial Library
- Created and spun off a service that became Black River Good Neighbor Services
- Provided space and support for Stepping Stones Preschool in its formative period
- Founded the Ludlow Area Community Garden at Fletcher Farm



The United Church's new front steps. PHOTO PROVIDED

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There is a wealth of historical information about the United Church of Ludlow, only a smattering of which is described here. If you would like to know more of this history, you can access [www.unitedchurch.us](http://www.unitedchurch.us) or simply visit the church on Sunday mornings for services and fellowship starting at 10:15 a.m. Many members of the church prepare delectable treats for the coffee hour. Questions can be directed to David Almond at [bethalmond@tds.net](mailto:bethalmond@tds.net).

# LPCTV is now Okemo Valley TV

LUDLOW, Vt. - After 16 years of operating as LPCTV, the Ludlow-based community television station and media education center has officially changed its name to Okemo Valley TV. The organization, which serves the region around Okemo Mountain and the Black River Valley, announced the new name at its annual meeting in June, but made the change official in the past few weeks.

Okemo Valley TV is a non-profit organization that was founded in 2001 as LPCTV, after the first letter of each of the three towns it was originally designated to serve (Ludlow, Plymouth, and Cavendish). Over the years, it has grown and broadened its reach, which led to the discussion of the name change. Executive Director Patrick Cody explained, "It's all a result of our current strategic plan, which identified a need to build a stronger identity. We wanted to involve the community in that discussion and involve them in the process."



River Valley Technical Center filed trip to Okemo Valley TV. PHOTO PROVIDED

Last winter, the organization surveyed community members about its name and options for a new one. Okemo Valley TV was a name that was favored by a majority of respondents. It was then formally adopted by the Board of Directors at a May 2017 meeting.

The organization also held a design contest for the new logo. The winning entry came from Cameron Purington, a student in the technology essentials class at River Valley

Technical Center in Springfield. "It was so great to have so much participation in the design process - it showed us that there was a real interest in defining the look of our next chapter," said Cody.

There were 42 entries to the contest. With a logo in place, the switch could officially be made from LPC-TV to Okemo Valley TV. For more information, visit Okemo Valley TV's website at its new address, [www.OkemoValley.tv](http://www.OkemoValley.tv).

# Learn how to heat your home cleanly with Wood Heat Workshop

CAVENDISH, Vt. - Learn about the new clean burning technologies for heating residential and small commercial buildings with Vermont's local, renewable fuel. The Cavendish Energy Committee will hold a free workshop on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 6 p.m. in the Cavendish town office meeting room, 37 High Street in Cavendish.

Are you upgrading your heating system? Would you like to know more about using local renewable energy sources? Learn about the best options for using wood to heat your home, shop, and business.

Emma Hanson, a specialist in wood heat from Vermont's Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, will give an overview of the latest clean burning systems, from wood boilers and high efficiency furnaces to pellet stoves and efficient fireplaces. She will



Collect your wood before the first snow flies. PHOTO PROVIDED

also discuss the boost we can give to local economies by using Vermont trees. Brian Hernon from HB Energy Solutions in Springfield will share his perspective on installation and system design of these wood fired systems.

Bring your questions and get answers from the experts.

Anyone may attend the workshop, no reservation required. For more information, please call Mary Ormrod at 802-226-7783.

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KILLINGTON, Vt. - Please visit [www.killingtonpico.org](http://www.killingtonpico.org) for more information and a full events calendar.

Saturday, Nov. 4 - Annual Blast Off Party (Lookout Tavern & Basin Sports)

Saturday, Nov. 4 - Job Fair (Killington Resort)

Sunday, Nov. 5 - 2017 Good Guys Party (Sushi Yoshi Chinese Gourmet)

Friday, Nov. 10 to Sunday, Nov. 12 - Veteran's Weekend (Billings Farm & Museum)

Saturday, Nov. 11 - Start Making Sense, a Talking Heads tribute (Pick-le Barrel Night Club)

Friday, Nov. 24 to Sunday, Nov. 26 - Killington Audi Fis Ski World Cup (Killington Resort)

Saturday, Nov. 25 - World Cup Fireworks (The Foundry at Summit Pond)

Welcoming new KPAA members: Collective - The Art of Craft and the Hygge House

If you would like to include your event in the next KPAA Corner, please contact the KPAA at 802-773-4181.

Valley Health Connections assists with healthcare enrollment

LONDONERRY, Vt. - Rose Ann McCarthy from Valley Health Connections will be at Neighborhood Connections for three Wednesdays from 9 a.m. -2 p.m. to register Vermont residents for 2018 healthcare, Medicare, and Supplemental Plans. She will be taking appointments on Nov. 8 and 29 and Dec. 8. Call McCarthy directly at 802-885-1616 to

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Valley Health Connections is a certified navigator organization for Vermont Health Connect and can assist you with enrollment in a Qualified Health Plan, Medicaid, or even Medicare.

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](http://www.neighborhoodconnectionsvt.org).

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# Chester-Andover Family Center lending helping hand

**CHESTER, Vt.** - The Chester-Andover Family Center is pleased to announce a weekly schedule to provide Financial Assistance Intake Appointments for Chester and Andover residents. In keeping with our mission to “provide a helping hand to individuals and families in need,” we believe a consistent, predictable process will best serve our financial assistance recipients and volunteers.

Beginning in December 2017, CAFC volunteers will be available on Mondays, from 10 a.m. - noon and Wednesdays from 3 – 5 p.m. at the family center to assist citizens requesting financial assistance with the intake process.

The CAFC provides financial assistance for heat, utilities, rent, and transportation related needs to individuals and families struggling to make ends meet. Financial assistance recipients are also given an opportunity to work with a Neighborhood Connections professional for help with managing their resources.

Chester-Andover residents can schedule an appointment by calling the family center at 802-875-3236. A volunteer will take your contact information and schedule your appointment.

# Wilder Memorial Library hires new library director

**WESTON, Vt.** - The Board of Trustees of the Wilder Memorial Library is pleased to announce that Randall Szott will be our new library director. Szott has many talents, which made him an outstanding choice for the post. Szott is a writer, chef, and former merchant mariner. He has an M.F.A. in art critical practices, an M.A. in creative arts, and an interdisciplinary B.A. with a minor in philosophy. He has taught college courses and has organized events for arts centers. He recently was invited to participate in a three-week National Endowment for the Humanities summer institute, Space, Place and the Humanities.

Szott has a love of libraries and learning and he will bring new programs and ideas to the library. He recognizes that libraries are no longer just collections of books; they are places for the community to come together and learn and grow. The Library Board of Trustees is very enthusiastic about his ideas for developing the potential of the Wilder Memorial Library as a cultural and community touchstone for Weston and the surrounding area.

Szott lives with his wife, Patricia Fraser, an artist and professor at the University of Vermont, and their twelve-year-old son, Oliver, in Barnard.

His first day at the library will be Nov. 15. Please join the board in welcoming Randall to Weston and to the Wilder Memorial Library.

# The Ludlow Garden Club prepares fresh flower arrangements

**LUDLOW, Vt.** - Each November, the Ludlow Garden Club prepares fresh flower arrangements in teacups for the Gill Home. The flowers decorate the dining room tables and entrance area at the Gill Home during the Thanksgiving season.

This year the Garden Club will meet on Thursday, Nov. 9 at noon at the United Church to create the arrangements. Members and all who are interested in creating the flower arrangements are invited to participate. Flowers and teacups are provided by the Garden Club.

Bring a garden, and refreshments will be served.



Join the Ludlow Garden Club in creating flower arrangements for the Gill Home. PHOTO PROVIDED

# Grace Cottage offers tai chi

**TOWNSHEND, Vt.** - The Grace Cottage Community Wellness Center is offering a free Tai Chi class, “Level 1 Tai Chi for Balance,” on Tuesdays 1:30-2:30 p.m., beginning Nov. 14.

This class, based on the teachings of Dr. Paul Lam, provides instruction in the “Sun” style of Tai Chi. This style lends itself to those with balance issues, as it is very upright. The teaching method involves lots of repetition, with every new move broken down into small steps. Come have fun, improve your balance, strength, and peace of mind, as we move together in a new way. The instructor is Alicia Moyer, certified Fall Prevention Tai Chi instructor, and SASH Coordinator. Please register at 802-365-4115 ext. 108 by Nov. 9.

Classes are held in the spacious and serene community wellness room in the Grace Cottage, Heins Building, 133 Grafton Road, Townshend.

An ongoing level 2 Tai Chi for balance class is also offered for free, for anyone who has completed level 1. It is held on Tuesdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Grace Cottage Wellness Center.

Call 802-365-4115 ext. 108 or write to amoyer@valleycares.org for more information.

# Kelly Brush Foundation

**KILLINGTON, Vt.** - The Kelly Brush Foundation has partnered with the local organizing committee for the Audi FIS Women's Ski World Cup at Killington Resort on a Venue Improvement Initiative designed to improve on-hill safety for the upcoming event.

As part of the Venue Improvement Initiative, the Kelly Brush Foundation has committed \$40,000 to the two day women's alpine ski event, matching a commitment by Killington's parent company, Utah-based Powder Corp., for a total of \$80,000 that will go directly towards the purchase and installation of on-hill safety equipment, including safety netting to line the edge of the race course and impact protection.

“The Kelly Brush Foundation is focused on ensuring that safety in alpine ski racing is modeled at all levels of the sport, from the elite level on the international stage to local clubs at small ski areas across the country. We are honored to partner with Killington to put on an event that sets the standard for venue safety at all levels,” Kelly Brush Foundation Executive

Director, Zeke Davisson said.

The Audi FIS Women's Ski World Cup will take place on Nov. 25 and 26 at Killington Resort. In addition to supporting the world cup, the benefits of the investment will extend to all athletes who race and train at Killington, which includes skiers from Killington Mountain School and Killington Ski Club.

Since its inception in 2006, the Kelly Brush Foundation has supported ski clubs and race organizations by assisting clubs in purchasing safety netting, trail widening projects, and safety awareness campaigns. Overall, the Kelly Brush Foundation has awarded over 20 miles of netting to programs around the country to help keep skiers safe.

The foundation was started after Kelly Brush sustained a spinal cord injury that left her paralyzed while collegiate racing for Middlebury College. Together with her family, Brush started the foundation to improve safety in the sport and to provide adaptive sports equipment to others with spinal cord injuries.

# Free Range restaurant welcomes Chef Tostrup

**CHESTER, Vt.** - Anne and Rick Paterno, owners of the Free Range Restaurant in Chester, announced that Chef Jason Tostrup will be joining them as managing partner and executive chef.


“Anne and I could not be more pleased and excited to have someone with Jason's experience, passion, and creativity joining the Free Range Family,” says Rick Paterno. “This is not only good news for the Free Range, it is great news for our town” added Paterno. Tostrup is a renowned culinary figure in Vermont, who has received numerous accolades both locally and nationally.

Tostrup grew up in Minnesota, where he attended culinary school and ultimately achieved a degree from the University of Wisconsin in hospitality and tourism. He began his culinary career in 1996 in Aspen, Colo. at the Renaissance Restaurant. In 2005, Tostrup moved his family

to Vermont. He has received numerous awards and national recognition including Vermont Chef of the Year. Tostrup will join the Free Range team in mid-November.

“Rick and Anne have really created a special place, which I have admired for quite some time,” says Tostrup. “I am honored and excited to partner with them.”

The Free Range is located at 90 the Common “On the Green” in Chester, Vt. For any questions or additional information, please contact Rick Paterno at 802-875-3346.



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Many people that had been through MacLaomainn's previous haunted houses said this was the best one yet!

One guest wrote a message saying, "I was so impressed by the creativity of the folks that built this fun Halloween haunted house! It is definitely not to be missed next year!"



PHOTO BY SHAWN TAE STILLWELL



Veterans' dance

LUDLOW, Vt. - On Saturday, Nov. 11, The American Legion Post 36 will host a Veterans' Dance at 133 W. Main Street, in Ludlow. The dance will start at 7 p.m., and music will be provided by Sound Investment. Veterans are encouraged to bring a photo of themselves in uniform to be hung on the Wall of Heroes for the night. It's a casual, fun dance, and the bar will be open.

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Local art exhibit



S. LONDONDERRY, Vt. - Local artist Victoria Duffy is exhibiting her abstract prints at the library through November. All pieces are available for purchase, and a portion of all sales will be donated to both the library, and the aid of those affected by recent hurricanes. Contact the library at 802-824-3371 for more information.

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Neil's is open

CAVENDISH, Vt. - Around 6 p.m. on Oct. 26, a car drove right into Neil's Restaurant causing damage to the building and the vehicle. The driver was transported to Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital. No patrons or employees at Neil's were injured, and everyone was evacuated from the building.

Owner Neil Baron and his neighbors were up early the next morning making repairs. Now, the wall is back up, the heat's back on, and dinner is being served.

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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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

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## Remembering Ezra Davis —

Below is a letter Duncan Ogden loaned me. It was written as one long letter without paragraphs. I copied it as written with spelling errors. All I did was break it where I thought a paragraph should be. Ezra Davis could not read or write.

From a letter written by Delmer Davis Nov. 7, 1958:

“Now about Ezra you can figure him two ways. He was either a damn good liar or else he wanted to impress someone of his importance. And he never owned a thing nor did anything either.

“He and his brother were sons of an old woman named Kellogg who married my Grandpop and they like her were not to intelligent. I think in those days it was a damn site more important to have a bull back and a cactus brain. If you were tough enough you could live if you know a damn thing.

“Now Ezra was brought up by my dad and mother but he never made second reader-After he was big enough to work he left dad and went up to Ed Reeds and Ed Reed had just moved from Danby to Peru and as for Ezras working logging or in the woods all he ever did was chop wood--He couldnt measure a log- Ed worked the damn stuffin out of him all he got was clothes Ed and his sons threw out-Dont know how nor why he didnt freeze there.

He never worked a day for MacIntyre nor Hapgood nor Griffith only thru some one who did have a job with those fellows--He couldnt chop--He was no teamster and he hated cows. He never had even a cat-Nor a dog-Hen-Horse-Cow or live animal to my knowledge. He never had a desent home like other guys have.

“He lived by telling people who



Ezra Davis.

PHOTO BY JOHN GILBERTSON

he had been and he told them so much and so often that he believed it too. I dont think any of the stories he ever concocted harmed any one. He lived with Ed Reed untill Ed got a better job with Del Parker--I dont remember whether he went to Jim Wolcotts from Eds or where he did go but he did go from Eds and got up where Axtel Neilson bought the old corner house and all the Wolcotts died off--If I may be right it was about this time he went into Landgrove.

“I dont know who had him where or anything about it. It was the way he got used and ended up that riled me some. A thing I know about Ezra was he would talk to him self. I have heard him nights up stair when if you didnt kno he went up alone you would think he was visiting with some one. And he would always get into a conversation and be telling what he had done.

“Some of it used to please me quite a lot but when you knew he was spinning the yarn out of good yard wide cloth it wasnt so good. One nite

he was talking about some boarding house where he was and he told of a woman that didnt do any thing but bake buiscits and he told what a good cook she was and said “Yes and there was another woman who could make doughnuts and all she did was bake doughnuts. Well by the time he had it all spun everyone was cooks and cooking something. Now I never did figure out what they done for chamber maids.

“One time he went with Frank Slade who goes around the country shoeing horses he was with Frank at old Gus Hilliards in Danby and he started telling old Gus about working for MacIntyre when Mac had 100

horses. Of course Gus knew better for he had sold Mac a few teams but it was a damn good imatation of a big shot any how.

“Probably MacIntyre never owned 100 horses in his lifetime. No Ezra never worked on a log job or at anything where he wasnt with someone like Ed Reed or Jim Wolcott because he could not be trusted to do any thing any way.

“Some how you couldnt get him at any thing with any brain work in it unless you oversee him most of the time. He might mow a lawn if you were stuck on his kind of mowing - He could split and pile wood - Maybe he would have been good in a garden but any thing that had any brain work wasnt in his line.”

If you have any old written stories of men or women from the old Vermont or New Hampshire days I would like to see them. Perhaps we could print them in the paper.

This week's old saying. “His hammer is missing the bell by two inches.”

## Brookside Cemetery tour

BY RON PATCH

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

CHESTER, Vt. - At 2 p.m. on Oct. 28, Ken Barrett led a cemetery tour at Brookside Cemetery on Main Street in Chester. Barrett started with the grave of Jabez Sargent, Chester's earliest settler.

He led the group around explaining what he knew about the graves or the history of the individual buried there. One grave was Aaron Leland. He was not only minister of the Baptist Church but also Lieutenant-Governor of Vermont. Of special interest, Barrett pointed out gravestones carved by the Wright brothers of Rockingham, noting their particular carving style. One grave was “Carved by Moses Wright, \$171.”

Barrett was cemetery sexton in Chester for decades. No one could have done a better job.



Ken Barrett and attendees.

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Ken Barrett explaining the zinc grave marker.

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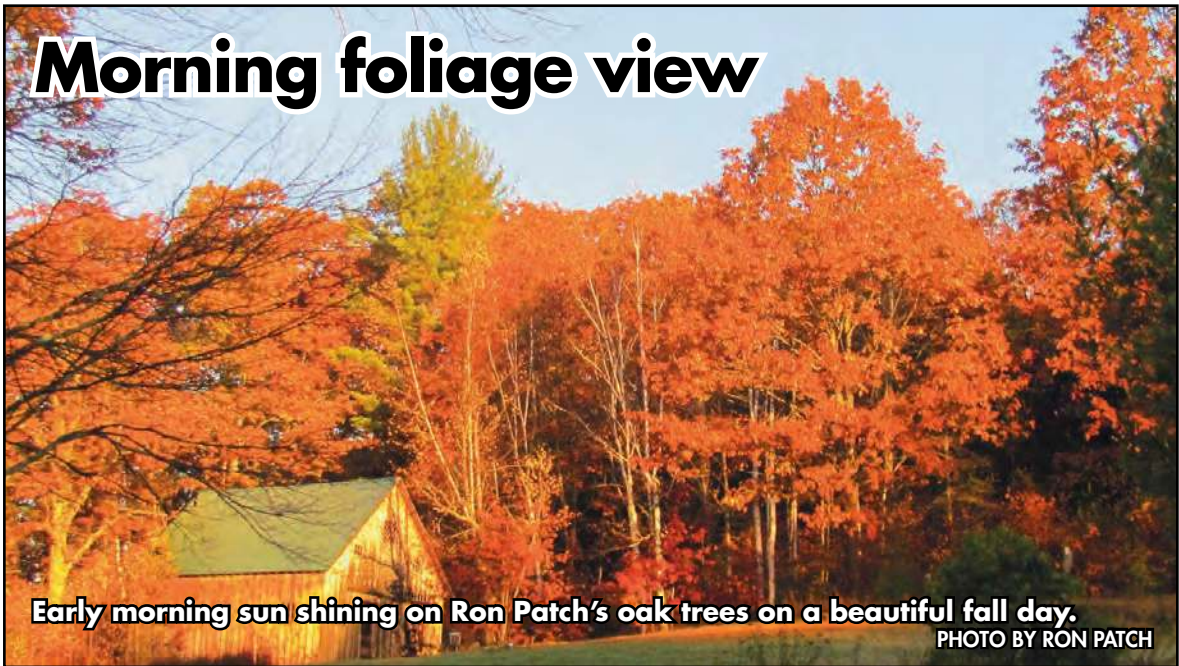
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# Spouses, three things to know about your family’s retirement plans

**REGION** – Here are three things you should know if you’re relying on your spouse’s savings to carry you through retirement.

**Qualified Joint and Survivor Annuities:** If your spouse is covered by a traditional pension plan at work, one of the most important retirement decisions the two of you may make is whether to receive their pension benefit as a “qualified joint and survivor annuity” (QJSA). Should you elect a benefit that pays a higher amount while you’re both alive and ends when your spouse dies (a single life annuity), or a benefit that pays a smaller amount during your joint lives but continues (in whole or in part) to you if your spouse dies first (a QJSA)?

Typically, you’re entitled to a “normal benefit,” payable for your lifetime and equal to a percent of your final pay, if you work for a certain number of years and retire at a certain date. A plan might say that you’ll get 50 percent of your final pay for life if you work 30 years and retire at age 65. If you work fewer years, your benefit will be less. If you retire earlier than age 65, your benefit will also be less, because it’s paid for a longer period of time.

For example, assume Joe is covered by a pension plan at work, and his plan contains the exact formula described above. Joe retires at age 65. He’s worked 30 years, and his final pay was \$100,000. He’s entitled to a normal benefit of \$50,000 per year, payable over his lifetime and ending at his death (a single life annuity).

But in order to protect spouses, federal law generally provides that if Joe is married, the plan can’t pay this benefit to Joe as a single life annuity unless his spouse, Mary, agrees. Instead, the benefit must be paid over Joe and Mary’s joint lives, with at least 50 percent of that benefit continuing to Mary for her remaining lifetime if she survives Joe.

Now, here’s where it gets a little complicated. Because the QJSA benefit is potentially paid for a longer period of time - over two lifetimes instead of one - Joe’s “normal benefit” will typically be reduced. Actuaries determine the exact amount of the reduction based on your life expectancies, but let’s assume that Joe’s benefit, if paid as a QJSA with 50 percent continuing to Mary after Joe’s death, is reduced to \$45,000. This amount will be paid until Joe dies. And if Mary survives Joe, then \$22,500 per year is paid to her until she dies. But if Mary dies first, the pension ends at Joe’s death, and nothing further is paid.

The plan will usually offer the option to have more than 50 percent continue to you after your spouse dies. For example, you may be able to elect a 75 percent or 100 percent QJSA. However, the larger the survivor annuity you select, the smaller the benefit you’ll receive during your joint lives. So, for example, if 100 percent continues after Joe’s death, then the payment to Joe might now be reduced to \$40,000 (but \$40,000 will continue to be paid after Joe’s death to Mary if she survives him).

In some cases, it will be even more valuable than the other options, as employers often “subsidize” the QJSA. “Subsidizing” occurs when the plan doesn’t reduce the benefit payable during your joint lives (or reduces it less than actuarially allowed). For example, a plan might provide that Joe’s \$50,000 normal benefit won’t be reduced at all if he and Mary elect the 50 percent QJSA option, and that she’ll receive the full \$25,000 following Joe’s death. It’s important for you to know whether your spouse’s plan subsidizes the QJSA so that you can make an informed decision about which option to select. Other factors to consider are the health of you and your spouse.

You’ll receive an explanation of the QJSA from the plan prior to your spouse’s retirement, which should include a discussion of the relative values of each available payment option.

A QJSA may help assure that you don’t outlive your retirement income - don’t waive your rights unless you fully understand the consequences. And don’t be afraid to seek qualified professional advice.

**Qualified Domestic Relations Orders:** While we all hope our marriages will last forever, unfortunately that’s not always the case. Since generally one spouse will have larger retirement plan balances, the issue of how these benefits will be handled in the event of a divorce is especially critical for the spouse who may have little or no retirement savings of their own. Under federal law, employer retirement plan benefits generally can’t be assigned to someone else. However, one important exception to this rule is for “qualified domestic relations orders,” commonly known as QDROs. If you and your spouse divorce, you can seek a state court order awarding you all or part of your spouse’s retirement plan benefit. Your spouse’s plan is required to follow the terms of any order that meets the federal QDRO requirements.

For example, you could be awarded all or part of your spouse’s 401(k) plan benefit as of a certain date, or all or part of your spouse’s pension plan benefit. There are several ways to divide benefits, so it’s very important to hire an attorney who has experience negotiating and drafting QDROs — especially for defined benefit plans where the QDRO may need to address such items as survivor benefits, benefits earned after the divorce, plan subsidies, COLAs, and other complex issues. The key takeaway here is that these rules exist for your benefit. Be sure your divorce attorney is aware of them.

**You can have Your Own IRA:** If you’re a nonworking spouse, your options for saving for retirement are limited. The “spousal IRA” rules may let you fund an individual retirement account even if you aren’t working and have no earnings. A spousal IRA is your own account, in your own name - one that could become an important source of retirement income with regular contributions over time.

Normally, to contribute to an IRA, you must have compensation at least equal to your contribution. But if you’re married, file a joint federal income tax return, and earn less than your spouse (or nothing at all), the amount you can contribute to your own IRA isn’t based on your individual income, it’s based instead on the combined compensation of you and your spouse.

For example, Mary and Joe are married and file a joint federal income tax return for 2017. Joe earned \$100,000 in 2017 and Mary, at home taking care of ill parents, earned nothing for the year. Joe contributes \$5,500 to his IRA for 2017. Even though Mary has no compensation, she can contribute up to \$6,500 to an IRA for 2017 (that includes a \$1,000 “catch-up” contribution), because Joe and Mary’s combined compensation is at least equal to their total contributions (\$12,000).

The spousal IRA rules only determine how much you can contribute to your IRA; it doesn’t matter where the money you use to fund your IRA actually comes from - you’re not required to track the source of your contributions. And you don’t need your spouse’s consent to establish or fund your spousal IRA.

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# sports

## GM girls soccer reaches semi-finals against Vergennes

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

CHESTER, Vt. – Green Mountain girls are the top seeded team. They play the 12th seeded team Wednesday in the Division III State Semi-Finals. They are on their home field and should draw a big crowd. Advantage their way, but they still have to play the game.

“We can’t be thinking about them. We just have to play our game. We weren’t all together at times on Saturday. We have kind of settled into playing a little bit better than they do. We need to play to our potential,” explained Carolyn Hamilton as the Green Mountain Lady Chieftains soccer team prepares to face Cinderella, in the form of number twelve seed Vergennes, on Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m.

Most everyone in every sport recognizes the problem associated with beating the same team three times in a season. GM had shut out Windsor 4-0 and 5-0 during the regular campaign, so it should not have been surprising it was a lot tougher this

time around. Another theory may have been that the Green and Gold used up all their goals blasting BF 10-1 in the post-season opener. In some ways, a win is a win; but in a coach’s eyes, the word potential has to trump everything else.

Hannah Buffum and Kathryn Ravlin were in goal for the quarterfinal shut out (officially the team’s ninth of the season) as both the GM goals were scored in the first half. Avery Prescott opened the scoring early at the 32:41 mark finding the net on her own rebound, while Erin Otis doubled the count

and brought the games scoring to an end with a header off from a Lexi

White cross with 4:40 showing be-



Anne Lamson (10) makes a play versus Windsor in last Saturday's quarterfinal 2-0 triumph over Windsor. Coach Carolyn Hamilton gave Lamson the game ball for her play.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE



On Wednesday, the Lady Chieftains host Vergennes at 3 p.m. in the Division III State Semi-final at Green Mountain

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

fore intermission.

Green Mountain showed their dominance with a 9-0 advantage in corners, just one indication that much of the contest was played in the Yellow Jacket defensive end. The same had been true in the first round game versus Bellows Falls. The scores had come fast and furious, right from the start. Paige Karl had four goals, Avery Prescott had three more and then there was Micah White and Buffum, who started in goal and finished scoring the final goal.

This team of Hamilton's has scored 87 goals and given up 8 and we asked the successful coach the formula. You know, which comes first: the offense or the defense?

Hamilton let us know, “It’s kind of a combination of both. You are making sure the ball stays out of your net and make sure it goes in theirs.”

## Springfield football surprises BFA 18-3

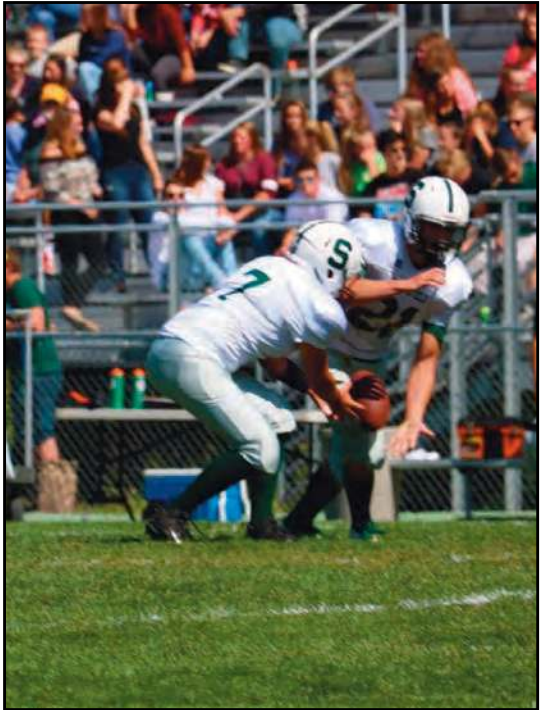
BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - “This team has made Springfield excited about football again. They have shown some pride in getting it turned around. We’re not making as many mistakes. We’re playing some great defense,” Rich Saypack said about his Cosmo football team, who never trailed in knocking off higher seeded Bellows Free Academy of Fairfax last Saturday on the road 18-3.

Neither team scored in the first quarter, but the Green and White found their way into intermission with a 6-0 advantage after Kyle Monier found Ryan McSally on a 30-yard touchdown play with 7:55 minutes showing on the clock in quarter number two. “I told them at halftime, we are playing great defense, keep it up and we will come away with the win,” Saypack said.

BFA went on a long sustained drive to start the second half, which looked like it would make or break the game for both sides. They controlled the ball just short of 11 minutes, until the Cosmos defense stood up and stole the game. The Springfield D put the clamps on the ten minutes of ball control, forced a fourth down, and held



LaChapelle takes a hand-off from Monier.

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

tage of their second one and LaChapelle found the end zone with 5:43 remaining in the contest to give the Springfield team a two score advantage. BFA had to go for it on fourth down on their next possession and failed and the Cosmos once again had LaChapelle go 2 yards moments later, for the final points of the game.

The Springfield win assures this group of Cosmo gridders a three-game winning streak and a date with powerful number one seed Windsor. The Yellow Jackets handled Springfield with ease on opening day 53-22, but this is definitely an im-

proved team facing the top seed and Saypack is preparing his squad for the best outcome possible. “We just need the perfect game,” the coach said.

The two teams then traded possessions and the Cosmos took advan-

## BF field hockey returns to finals

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - In many ways, their field hockey history is nothing alike. But, in some ways, they are very much the same. Bellows Falls and Spaulding meet for the Division II 2017 Field Hockey crown Saturday at high noon at the University of Vermont Field.

Spaulding has most of their history in the sport in Division I. The Terriers have split their time between Division II and Division III. BF has won back-to-back Division III titles and has been to three finals in the last four years. The Crimson Tide had won one field hockey play-off game before this year, since dropping down to Division II back in 2009. This looks like a Purple advantage.



BF Abby Cravinho (1) and Middlebury's Olivia Beauchamps (14).

PHOTO BY DOUG MACPHEE

However... most coaches will tell you, history has nothing to do with what these teams have done in the 2017 season. These are different players wearing the same color uniforms. Neither team has recently been in a Division II title game, so in that sense, history goes out the window.

The Falls had more of a challenge than anyone expected in their 3-0 semi-final win over Burr and Burton. “We played well enough,” two time defending champion Coach Bethany Yates said, and it should be pointed out the two teams had played three times this season, any coaches curse. The Terriers had won convincingly 8-1 and 5-1 the first two times, so to only be a goal closer, the next team is no cause for panic.

Coursen says, “Each game is different. “They are quick and they cut to the ball very well. Having played

us three times, they knew whom to mark and had experience doing it. They are also more use to the surface than we are,” referring to the fact, the Bulldogs play half their games on turf, while BF toils on grass.

The Purple and White scored two goals in the first half as both Molly Kelly and Dani Marchica scored. Abbe Cravinho tallied the second half goal.

Cravinho had an outstanding game in BF’s 6-0 triumph over Middlebury in the quarterfinal game at Bellows Falls last Friday. In a game, which the Terriers outshot the Tigers 18-0, Cravinho had a goal of her own and four assists. Reaghan Baldasaro and Marchica had two goals each, and Kelly also had a goal.

Baldasaro’s goal was the team’s 100th of the season.



BF senior captian Dani Marchica (4).

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## Two-area grid teams advance to semi-finals

BY BILL MURPHY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - It’s flashback time, but this time there is a home field advantage. For the past two falls, Bellows Falls and Burr and Burton have met in the Division II football championship game on a neutral field, and each team has won once. The two will meet in the post season for the third straight year. This time the teams will meet in the semi-final game, and the Bulldogs will host the game, thanks to their 23-6 victory over the Terriers earlier this fall and Fair Haven’s 35-34 nail biter over the same Purple gang.

Bob Lockerby’s team ran through and past Lyndon 61-21 in the first round of this year’s playoffs to set up this week’s game. BF was once again burned by the early pass (a 75-yard pass play), but that was all the scoring the Vikings could manage in the first half as BF ran away and hid 47-7 by intermission.

Six separate Terriers scored touchdowns in the first half with

Logan Cota finding the end zone twice. Three minutes into the game Shane Clark ran 26 yards for a score with Cota running in the conversion. Lyndon’s long pass play made it 8-7 at the 6:45 minute mark. Cota would figure in on two more first quarter scores. A one-yard touchdown run and then a 61-yard Cota pass would find Ryan Kelly for six points. Cota and Clark had 2-point conversion runs following the scores. BF’s other three scores prior to halftime came on a Julian Christiansen 1-yard run (Cota to Clark pass conversion), a McGregor



Kelly (23) is shown running the football above.

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Vancor 4-yard scamper (Cota run conversion) and a Cota 34-yard TD rush. Svent Bossart kicked the final conversion.

The Purple would add two more end zone finding plays in the third quarter. Spencer Clark (44) pictured on his way above, ran 8-yards for a score and Clark had another long run, this one of 45-yards. Bossart kicked both conversions. Then with BF holding a 61-7 lead, the Vikings tallied twice down the stretch.

“I am still concerned that we gave up another long pass play for a score,” said Lockerby, but he continues, “I am pleased how we finished the season strong. I think we are the most improved team in Division II since we lost to Burr and Burton until now, so I am looking forward to playing them. I will tell you one thing though, you just can’t make many mistakes and beat Burr and Burton, but many kids have stepped up since we played them earlier and we are excited about this opportunity.”

The two teams meet at Burr and Burton Saturday at 1 p.m.



Spencer Clark (44) turns the corner for a big gain.

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## Springfield Elks Soccer Shooters shine at States

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Springfield Elks Lodge #1560 sent seven local Soccer Shoot winners to St. Albans to compete in the Vermont Elks Soccer Shoot. Three of the seven came back as state champions.

They will be competing in the Elks Regional Soccer Shoot in Nashua, N.H. on Nov. 3, 4 and 5 with all expenses paid by the Elks.

Springfield’s lucky winners:

U-8 group - Addelyn Snide, daughter Jason Snide and Jennifer Go-



Shown left to right: Tristin Parker, Addelyn Snide, and Jake Tostrup will be competing in the Elks Regional Soccer Shoot in Nashua, N.H. representing Springfield Elks Lodge #1560.

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odrich of Springfield U-10 group - Jake Tostrup, son of Janet and Jason Tostrup of Springfield

U-14 group - Tristin Parker, the son of Kristin Parker of Springfield

These three competitors will be treated to a great weekend by the Elks and will meet kids from all over New England and New York. Springfield Elks Lodge is very proud to be sending them to Nashua and wish them luck.



# arts & entertainment

## “Lila & Theron” featured in Vermont Voices

CHESTER, Vt. – Phoenix Books Misty Valley will host Bill Schubart on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 2 p.m., for a discussion of “Lila & Theron.” This is the third event this year in the store’s annual Vermont Voices series. Event attendees who purchase “Lila & Theron” at the event will get a complimentary CD of Bill Schubart reading five of his favorite picks from “Lamoille Stories.” The genesis story of Lila and Theron, “Lila’s Bucket” is on the CD.

Set in rural America and spanning much of the 20th century, “Lila & Theron” captures the spirit of the American rural experience, as it relates to their personal stories of love and sacrifice. Award winning author and public radio commentator, Bill Schubart, first introduced us to Lila and Theron characters in his 2008 short story collection, “The Lamoille Stories.” Seven years later, he’s returned to finish their stories. “Lila & Theron” plumbs the depth and triumphs of the human spirit in a way now lost in today’s obsessions with consumerism and celebrity culture, immersing us in a receding world where neighbors and nature are the gifts and love is often comes with

great hardship.

“In a time all too rich with bombast and noise, Bill Schubart gives us a quiet tale of love, commitment, and utterly human interdependence - at once hard and graceful, plainspoken and eloquent. This is a romance that sidesteps shopworn clichés for sometimes painful truths and leaves the reader moved, thoughtful, and mourning the rarity of such honesty,” praises Archer Mayor, bestselling author of “Presumption of Guilt.”

“I have long considered Bill Schubart to be the wisest columnist in America. That same wisdom, deep life experience, and empathy come shining through on every page of his new novel, ‘Lila & Theron.’ Full of joy, sadness, humor, and insight, ‘Lila & Theron’ is a clear-eyed celebration of our almost boundless capacity, despite all our human frailties, to love both one another and the place we call home. Over the years I have known many true and good country people like Lila and Theron whom I have been proud and honored to call my friends. This is a beautiful book,” says Howard Frank Mosher, bestselling author of “Marie Blythe” and “Walking to Gatlinburg.”

“Through the eyes of Lila and Theron, Schubart manages to not only give us a great love story, but also an homage to an icy hard-scrabble Vermont, and a portrait of an evolving rural America in the 20th century. This book is both heartbreaking, tender and as real as a winter day. I loved it,” says Thomas Christopher Greene, bestselling author of “The Headmaster’s Wife.”

Bill Schubart is an award-winning novelist and political and cultural commentator heard weekly on Vermont Public Radio and a frequent public speaker on writing and entrepreneurship. He grew up in a small town in Lamoille County in Northern Vermont. In his largely French Canadian family, he heard countless stories.

Vermont Voices events take place at 2 p.m. and are free and open to the public. Phoenix Books Misty Valley is located at 58 Common Street in Chester, Vt. Copies of the featured title will be available for attendees to purchase and have signed. For more information, please call 802-875-3400 or visit [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz).

## BFUHS drama club presents “Arsenic and Old Lace”

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – The Bellows Falls Union High School presents their fall drama club production of “Arsenic and Old Lace” on Friday, Nov. 10 and Saturday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. on both nights.

Meet drama critic Mortimer Brewster, played by Alden Parmelee, as he discovers a dead body in the window seat of the Brooklyn home where he and his two brothers were raised by their kindly spinster aunts, Martha played by Grace Thompson and Abby played by Emily Wunderle. Thinking at first it’s the work of his off-kilter sibling Teddy, played by Andrew Malshuk, who believes himself to be Theodore Roosevelt, Mortimer is stunned when he learns his sweet elderly aunts have been poisoning sad, lonely old men for years.

The two sisters consider their murderous acts mercy killings and can’t understand Mortimer’s panic. Matters are complicated further by the arrival of Mortimer’s other highly disturbed brother, Jonathan, played by Zoe



Bellows Falls Union High School’s fall production of “Arsenic and Old Lace.” PHOTO PROVIDED

Schemm. Jonathan, a cold-blooded murderer with as many corpses to his credit as his aunts, arrives with his creepy little partner in crime, Dr. Einstein, played by Jackson Maiocco, a plastic surgeon who while intoxicated transformed Jonathan into the spitting image of Boris Karloff.

In comparison, Mortimer appears to be the craziest of the bunch, running around desperately trying to cover for his aunts, commit one brother, and have the other arrested. Performances will be held on Friday, Nov. 10 and Saturday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. in the BFUHS auditorium. Tickets will be for sale.

## Ladies’ Night Out women’s chorus to present two fall concerts

WESTON, Vt. – Ladies’ Night Out women’s chorus, directed by Lucy Al-

len Tenenbaum, will present their 8th annual fall concert with Heidi Soons, Vermont Symphony harpist. Entitled, Searching for Something Greater, the concert features John Rutter’s “Dancing Day Cycle.” There is also contemporary music by Cyndi Lauper, the Beatles, Coldplay, and Michael Trotta’s “Veni Emmanuel.” The program also includes the loveliest Irish tune “Slane,” with the text “Be Thou My Vision” arranged by Dan Forrest for harp and cello, featuring choir member cellist Marina Smakhtina.

The first performance will take place at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11 at the Old Parish Church on Route 100 in Weston. The second is scheduled at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 12, at the UU Church on West Street in Rutland. There is a requested donation for both concerts.

The choir includes singers from Pawlet, Cornwall, and Rutland area. The ladies have worked very hard to prepare this program - which is the first that is not an Advent/Christmas program. Lisa Knickerbocker Sears, the newly hired music director at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Rutland, has assisted the choir in re-



Ladies’ Night Out women’s chorus, with Heidi Soons, rehearsing for their 2015 concert in Weston.

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hearsal with learning the music thoroughly and intensively. Sears will also be singing with the choir and helping with the percussion parts. Ladies’ Night Out is a Vermont Arts 2017 affiliate.

There will be a Christmas caroling

group scheduled to form following the concerts. There will be two Saturday morning rehearsals on Nov. 18 and Dec. 2 with the caroling on Dec. 9. Contact Lucy Tenenbaum at [lucytunes@me.com](mailto:lucytunes@me.com) or 802-342-8348 to join.

## Next Stage Speaks: emerging poets reading and brunch

PUTNEY, Vt. – Next Stage Arts presents a poetry brunch as part of its ongoing literary series, Next Stage Speaks, on Sunday, Nov. 5, at 10 a.m.

After editing the new Vermont anthology of contemporary poets titled “Roads Taken, Contemporary Vermont Poetry,” Chard deNiord and Syd Lea discovered that there are many fine poets throughout Vermont who have yet to publish a book but have published poems in literary journals. Next Stage Arts project will host a reading for poets



Poetry reading at Next Stage Arts.

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from Vermont who have published poems in literary journals but have yet to publish a book. This reading will take place at Next Stage, 15 Kimball Hill, in Putney starting at 10 a.m. and a light brunch will be served. Poets will read in alphabetical order.

Next Stage Speaks is hosted by Vermont Poet Laureate Chard deNiord. He is the author of numerous books of poems and a book of interviews with seven senior American poets. A co-founder of the New England College M.F.A. program in poetry, he works as a professor of English at Providence College and lives Westminster West.

There is a suggested donation at the door. For more information, contact Chard deNiord at [c@charddeniord.com](mailto:c@charddeniord.com) or [nextstagearts@gmail.com](mailto:nextstagearts@gmail.com) or call 802-387-0102. For more information about Next Stage Arts, check out the website [nextstagearts.org](http://nextstagearts.org).

Next Stage Arts Project, winner of a National Endowment for the Arts and ArtPlace America grants, is a non-profit organization dedicated to revitalizing Putney’s cultural and economic village center through the programming, development and operation of Next Stage. The newly renovated performance space at 15 Kimball Hill is now accessible, comfortable and air-conditioned.

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# arts & entertainment

## Nunsensations: The Nunsense Vegas Revue

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Please join the Springfield Community Players for their final performance of the 2017 season, "Nunsensations: The Nunsense Vegas Revue!" Directed by Cindy Hughes, this hilariously witty show is just what you need to make you laugh.

"Nunsensations" takes you on a silly journey to a club in Las Vegas, where the sisters have convinced Mother Superior to perform, following a generous offer from a parishioner. If the sisters agree to perform at The Pump Room at the Mystique Motor Lodge in Las Vegas, they will receive a \$10,000 donation to the school. In this lovely tale of "what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas," the sisters get a taste of "show-biz" like never before. Audiences will meet Sin-City Sue, find out who's Black and White with Her Money on Red, and try to win a new car with the Holy Rollers Giant Slot Machine. What sort of hijinks will these nuns get into? And will they take the money and run?

In this rendition of "Nunsensations," the Springfield Community Players has brought back four local talents to reprise their roles. The cast is made up of Kay Burge as Mother Superior, Cindy Hughes as Sister



Don't miss the silly fun of Nunsensations. PHOTO PROVIDED

Hubert, Deb Robling as Sister Robert Anne, Pam Shaughnessy as Sister Amnesia, and newcomer Samantha Holmberg as Sister Leo. Evening performances for Nunsensations will be Nov. 3, 4, 10, and 11 with shows starting at 7:30 p.m. and a special afternoon matinee on Sunday, Nov. 5 with the show starting at 2 p.m.

Doors for the evening performances will open at 7 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.

for the special matinee performance. The performances will be hosted at the Springfield Community Players Studio on 165 South Street in Springfield, Vt. Tickets are for sale. Reservations can be made in advance by visiting the Springfield Community Players website at [www.springfieldcommunityplayer.org](http://www.springfieldcommunityplayer.org) or by calling the studio at 802-885-4098.

## Women's Freedom Center presents "Small, Small Thing"

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - On Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m. the Women's Freedom Center presents the documentary film "Small, Small Thing" at the Rockingham Library. The film opens at JFK Hospital in Monrovia, the capital of Liberia and urban center of this West African country.

Olivia Zinnah is nine years old, severely malnourished and handicapped. Her condition is life threatening. Believing her injuries to be the result of witchcraft, Olivia's mother had been hiding her in their village for years. The doctors conclude her condition is the result of a brutal rape that took place when Olivia was seven years old. This diagnosis has severe consequences.

Originally from deep in the Liberian jungle, Olivia and her mother are shunned from their tribe for seeking outside help. They are left stranded in Monrovia at the mercy of President Sirleaf's government, facing the most difficult decision of all. What price are they willing to pay for justice?

"Small, Small Thing" is the third in a series of six films, sponsored by the Women's Freedom Center running the second Wednesday of each month from September 2017 through February 2018 at Rockingham Library.

If you were not able to make it to Brattleboro for the Women's Film Festival, the Women's Freedom Center is bringing the festival films to

you. The Women's Freedom Center is the local non-profit organization working to end domestic and sexual violence in Windham and Southern Windsor counties. They are a feminist organization committed to offering support and advocacy to all survivors of violence, as well as prevention and educational activities to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated. The center's 24/7-hotline number is 1-802-885-2050.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, go to [www.rockinghamlibrary.org](http://www.rockinghamlibrary.org), call 802-463-4270, email [programming@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org), or stop by the library at 65 Westminster St., Bellows Falls, VT.

## Claremont students and community performs "The Hobbit"

CLAREMONT, N.H. - Stevens High School, the Claremont Opera House, and World Under Wonder have teamed to produce the classic tale of J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit." Bilbo Baggins sets out on an adventure with Gandalf the Grey and the party of dwarves to reclaim the home and wealth of the dwarves. This is a great community production directed by Larissa Cahill and the youth director Hannah Lane McFadden. Sean Edward Roberts from World Under Wonder serves as mentor to Lane.



A hobbit hole. STOCK PHOTO

The three organizations have brought together many fantastical costumes to be used in this show. Characters will not just use the stage but will, at times, come from or exit to the audience. Special effects such as projections and a haze machine will be used in the show. Youth Sound Manager, Adam Moody, provides the theatrical soundtrack for the show.

The performances are on Nov. 3 and 4 at 7 p.m. There will be concessions available a half-hour before the show in the lobby of the Claremont Opera House. Ticket sales, concessions, and all donations will go towards all three organizations.

Advanced tickets are for sale at the Claremont Opera House website [www.claremontoperahouse.info](http://www.claremontoperahouse.info). For more information about World Under Wonder, visit their website at [www.worldunderwonder.webs.com](http://www.worldunderwonder.webs.com) or check them out on Facebook.

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## Bonnie Watters' Bundles Dolls at the Whiting Library

CHESTER, Vt. - The featured exhibit at the Whiting Library on Main Street for the months of November and December will be the legacy journey of local doll artist Bonnie Watters. Approaching 50 years, 43 of them in Chester, Watters will share some of favorite designs, some with motif eyes and others with real eyes, all classically dressed in layers of at least four calicos. Suzy and Grace have been selected to issue the invitation on posters around the community.

Watters is supported by her husband Lew, who takes photographs and maintains her



Suzy and Grace appear on the invitations to the event. PHOTO PROVIDED

website. They will share not only the dolls but also their incredible historic journey with links to Butterick Pattern Co., craft fairs, and teaching workshops at Chester-Andover Elementary School. You will learn who has sewn with Watters and how many dolls have found homes.

On Wednesdays, Watters will be present from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. for the after school program, and a reception will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Come meet the Bundle family and their parents. For more information, call 802-875-2114 or visit [www.bonniebundlesdolls.com](http://www.bonniebundlesdolls.com).

## The 25th annual Festival of Trees at the Springfield Garden Club

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Please join Springfield Garden Club members in celebrating the 25th annual Festival of Trees at the Great Hall on 100 River Street. The holiday kickoff event will be held Friday, Nov. 17 from 6-8 p.m., and the theme this year is "Silver Bells."

There will be fresh Christmas wreaths for sale as well as floral arrangements for your Thanksgiving table, holiday centerpieces, and much more. Twenty baskets filled with products donated by local businesses will be raffled off in addition to a broad array of wonderful silent auction items also donated by local civic-minded businesses. A ticket includes your choice of wine, microbrews, apple cider, and hors d'oeuvres.

All proceeds go directly back to support town beautification efforts, scholarships, and other community programs. Entertainment will be

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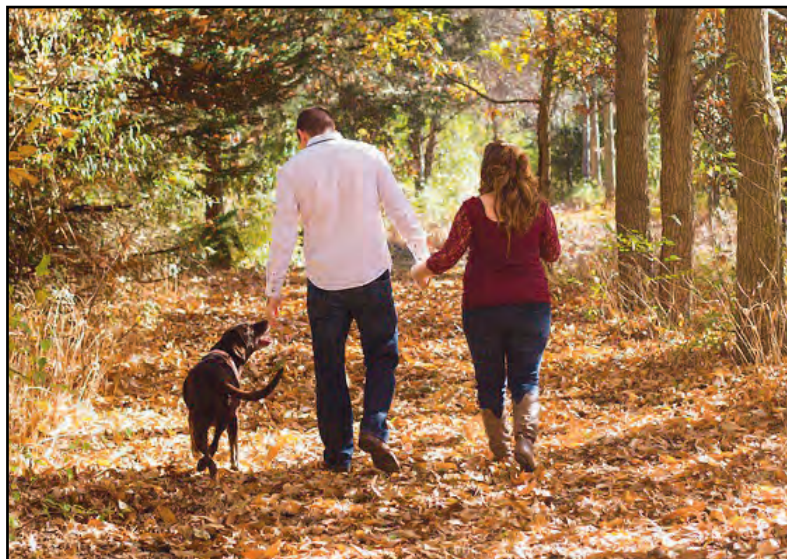
# outdoor news

## Keep pets safe during this trapping season

**REGION** - Trapping season starts on the 4th Saturday of October each year in Vermont and runs through March 31. Each trapping season there are dogs, cats, and other non-targeted animals, including endangered and protected species, which are injured or even killed in traps.

Traps may be set on private and public land, including National Wildlife Refuges that are home to federally protected species, including Canada lynx. Trappers are not required to erect signage as to where they're trapping, nor are they required to set their traps away from trails. Baits and lures are used with traps, so a trap set for a coyote can just as likely trap a curious dog or cat. Trappers are not required to report if they catch a non-targeted animal, even if it's someone's pet. The two trap types that are used in Vermont that pose the greatest risk to pets are leghold and Conibear™ traps. Dr. Peggy Larson, retired Vermont veterinarian, stated, "I am a veterinarian who has treated dogs and cats caught in traps. The injuries they suffer were horrendous and most lost their legs."

Just two weeks after the official start of trapping season last year, a black lab from Orleans county was injured in a trap that had been set to kill beavers. Luckily, the dog was found and recovered from her injuries. Cats are at the greatest risk since



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they are often left outside unsupervised. Earlier this year we reported on a black and white cat that was found in Fairfax with his leg painfully caught in a "kill" trap. Thankfully, he was rescued and while his recovery was a long one, he survived. Each day we learn of cats and dogs who go missing in Vermont, and since trappers aren't required to report if they trap companion animals, it's unknown how many of these animals might've perished in traps that were intended for wildlife.

On Protect Our Wildlife's website

you will find a video tutorial with instructions on how to release a companion animal from a leghold and a kill-type trap. If an animal is caught in a Conibear™ trap, survival is less likely. These traps are designed to kill animals but that would require the "proper" animal entering the trap to ensure that the trap triggers properly. Animals like dogs and coyotes have been documented with Conibear™ attached to their heads, indicating slow, painful deaths.

### Quick Tips

- Know when trapping season is, but remember that traps set out of season, as allowed per Vermont's "wild animals doing damage" statute, or traps left behind after the season ends, still present a threat.
  - Remember that traps can be set in water, in rivers and streams - especially on banks, so always check the area before allowing your dog to swim.
  - Keep cats indoors or create a cat-proofed fenced-in yard.
- Visit [www.protectourwildlifevt.org](http://www.protectourwildlifevt.org) and learn how to keep your pets safe this trapping season from traps.

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## Vermont's rifle deer season starts Saturday, Nov. 11

**REGION** - Hunters are gearing up for the start of Vermont's traditionally popular 16-day rifle deer season that begins Saturday, Nov. 11 and ends Sunday, Nov. 26.

A hunter may take one buck during this season with at least one antler having two or more points one inch or longer. A point must be one inch or longer from base to tip. The main beam counts as a point, regardless of length. Spike-antlered deer, mostly yearlings, are protected during this season.

"Vermont's pre-hunt deer population is estimated at approximately 157,000 this year with the greatest numbers of deer found in the southwest, east-central, and northwestern regions of the state," said Deer Project Leader Nick Fortin.

Vermont's regular hunting licenses, including a November rifle season buck tag and a late season bear tag cost are available on Fish & Wildlife's website and from license agents statewide. A 2017 Vermont Deer Hunting Guide can be downloaded from the department's website at [www.vtfishand-wildlife.com](http://www.vtfishand-wildlife.com). The guide includes a map of the Wildlife Management

Units (WMUs), season dates, regulations, and other helpful information. Fish & Wildlife urges hunters to wear a fluorescent orange hat and vest to help maintain Vermont's very good hunting season safety record.

Hunters who get a deer on opening weekend of rifle season can help Vermont's deer management program by reporting their deer at one of the biological check stations listed below that will be staffed from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., unless the store closes earlier, on Nov. 11 and 12:

- Marty's Sports & Gunsmithing - Bennington
- Jericho General Store - Jericho
- St. Marie's - Swanton
- Wright's Enterprises - Newport
- Keith's Country Store - Pittsford
- R&L Archery - Barre
- Guilford Country Store - Guilford
- Bernie's Market - Concord

Biologists are collecting middle incisor teeth from November season deer in order to evaluate regional differences in ages and antler characteristics of bucks as well as to help estimate population size, growth rate, health, and mortality rates. Each tooth will be cross-sectioned to accurately determine the deer's age, and the results will be posted on the Fish



Rifle season starts Nov. 11.

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& Wildlife website next spring.

Hunters who don't make it to a biological reporting station are asked to obtain a tooth envelope from their regular reporting agent. Write your name, Conservation ID number and date of kill on it. Remove one of the middle incisor teeth, being careful to include the root. Place the tooth in the envelope and give it to the reporting agent.

## Audi FIS Women's Ski World Cup returns to Killington

**KILLINGTON, Vt.** - The Audi FIS Women's Ski World Cup is returning to Killington this Nov. 25 and 26. After a successful 2016 event, Killington locals are gearing up for what should be another booming weekend. Last year, Killington saw over 30,000 people at the first World Cup skiing event in New England in over 20 years. The numbers are only expected to grow this year.

Killington's Superstar trail will be used to host the slalom and giant slalom events to 90 participating athletes representing 20 countries. The 2016 Killington World Cup winner and Olympic gold medalist, Mikaela Shiffrin is expected to return this year.

Killington business owners are already in preparation mode for the spike in numbers that the World Cup brings. Owner of the Summit Lodge & O'Dwyers Irish



Participants from over 20 different countries are in it to win it this year.

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Pub, Emmett O'Dwyer said that his business "increases about 80 percent during that weekend."

Not only does the business heighten in town but so does the comradery. O'Dwyer said, "It is a wonderful event for the entire mountain community and it is a great marketing tool for bringing people to Killington who haven't been here before."

With the success that last year brought, the bar is set high for 2017. Killington Resort President Mike Solimano is prepared to meet and surpass last year's standards. He will do so by enhancing bussing and bathrooms and introducing a free concert, an athlete presentation, and a Teton Gravity Research movie premier all on Friday night.

This year a Killington World Cup

Committee (KWCC) was founded by Killington Mountain School and operates through Killington Resort. According to their Facebook page, the "KWCC will consider and award grants to qualifying 501(C)(3) organizations to facilitate competition and training infrastructure in the Northeast and to increase participation in competitive winter sports programs throughout the Northeast."

The free concert after the Saturday races has also brought a lot of attention. Last year, O.A.R. headlined following the band's 20th anniversary. This year patrons can expect to see Dispatch, an indie band who originated in Middlebury, Vt. Patrons who plan to attend only the concert should be prepared to park at either Pico Mountain or at the Skyship Lodge.

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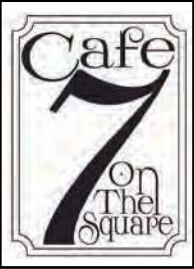
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Jonathan and Karen Wright opened Café 7 on the Square, a New World café in Bellows Falls this past winter, serving breakfast, lunch, drinks, and regular coffee and tea in a casual atmosphere.

They keep fresh produce in their menu items, and source products locally as often as possible, especially during Vermont's farming months. They also offer many items that cater to dietary restrictions, including gluten free, vegetarian and vegan options. The breakfast tacos are made with homemade tortillas, and can be made with substituted ingredients for dietary needs, while the 'Falafel Waffle' is another popular choice. They also have almond milk as a healthier alternative to whole or skim milk.

Café 7 supports the local arts community by hanging local artists' works throughout the space on a revolving basis. The artwork collections were just changed over to feature a new artist this past week.

Stop in to visit the Wrights at Café 7 Monday - Saturday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on the ground floor of the Opera House on the Square. Dine in and enjoy the community artworks, or take out.



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**Case Manager(s) I/II – Adult Services Division (37.5 hours/week) (SIGN ON BONUS)** - HCRS is accepting applications for a Case Manager position, based at the Hartford and Springfield locations, to provide service coordination, access to resources and direct supports to adults living with mental health and/or substance abuse issues. The ideal candidate will be strengths-based, highly organized, understanding of co-occurring issues, and solid in their computer and communication skills. Bachelor’s degree in psychology, social work, or related field is required; Reliable transportation is required, as the person needs to have the ability to travel.

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Please send resume and letter of interest via our WEBSITE at [www.hcrs.org](http://www.hcrs.org), by fax to 802-886-4530, or by mail to:  
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**Division Director-Children’s Program** - HCRS, a community mental health agency located in the green mountains of S.E. Vermont with easy access to Boston and NYC is currently recruiting for a Division Director for our dynamic and multifaceted Children’s, youth and Family Division. Reporting to the CEO and as a member of the Senior Leadership Team this position is responsible for an operating budget of \$10M and leading a staff of approximately 170 employees. HCRS is looking for an individual who will share the passion and appreciation for the work performed by their employees while setting clear performance expectations. The Children’s Division has an outstanding history of innovation and growth and currently has a number of new initiatives underway which will require the strong leadership of this position. Proven leadership skills and the ability to inspire employees to develop programs that transform the lives of children, youth and families.

Working with the Division’s leadership team and with other team’s strong collaboration and teambuilding skills as well as the proven ability to communicate clearly and concisely in both written and oral formats is critical. Demonstrated critical thinking and problem solving skills of complex problems and situations is required.

This position regularly works with and is expected to maintain strong working relationships with representatives from other community providers, counterparts at other Designated Agencies and state officials. With staff and community partners in locations within a seventy mile radius regular physical presence is important.

Extensive technical subject knowledge and a desire to continually improve the quality of services provided to clients and their families is a must.

This position requires at least five years of demonstrated success in a senior leadership role of a large complex division. Master’s Degree in a related field is required. Prior experience working with local and state officials is a definite plus.

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CLUBS CONT.

**SATURDAYS CONT.-**  
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, through 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 youths@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

**SATURDAY, NOV. 4 –**  
**CHARLESTON, N.H. –** There will be a turkey supper at the Charlestown Senior Center on 223 Old Springfield Rd. This is the last turkey supper of the season. You'll get potatoes, squash, stuffing, green beans, gravy, cranberry sauce, rolls & butter, and homemade pies for dessert. Tickets go on sale at 4 p.m., and the event starts at 5 p.m. For take-outs please call 603-826-5987 between noon and 3 p.m. on the day of the supper; pick up between 4-4:30 p.m. Come enjoy the food and the company.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 5 -**  
**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -** Any and all Veterans with a guest are invited for spaghetti with meatballs luncheon. Bread, salad, and desert will also be served. This event is open to the public. It will be held on Sunday, Nov. 5 from Noon to 2 p.m. at the Bellows Falls Elks Lodge #1619, located at 18 Bridge St., Bellows Falls, VT 05101. Call 802-463-4555 for more information.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 11**  
**WINDHAM, Vt. -** Windham's Annual Harvest Supper and Square Dance begins at 5 p.m. at the historic Windham Meeting House. The traditional dinner is hosted and prepared by the Windham Community Organization. Get ham, butternut squash, baked beans, scalloped potatoes (plus a gluten-free version), salad, sweet breads, rolls and assorted homemade pies. After dessert, Sally Newton will be directing our youth ukulele players, and then calling the moves for an incredibly lively square dance. All proceeds benefit Windham area residents through WCO. Come on out for the last big fling before winter!

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** The Springfield Unitarian Universalist Church on 21 Fairground Road will hold a Thai Dinner from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Benefits go to Planned Parenthood's Claremont office. The cooks, including folks who have lived in Thailand, are planning a delicious meal with gluten-free, vegan, and vegetarian choices as well as standard Thai dishes. Space is limited, though, so you-must register in advance. Contact uspringfieldvt@gmail.com or 802-885-3327 for more information. uspringfieldvt.org facebook.com/UUSpringfieldVT

**TUESDAYS-**  
**PERKINSVILLE, Vt. –** Monthly polluck, 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 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

**WEEKDAYS-**  
**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –** The Bellows Falls Area Senior Center serves lunch 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. 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

MEETINGS

**TUESDAYS-**  
**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. -** The Bellows Falls Woman's Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month, through 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 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

EVENTS

**FRIDAY, NOV. 3 –**  
**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. -** "The Brainwashing of my Dad" will be the first Friday Film for Nov. 3 at the Springfield Unitarian Universalist Church at 21 Fairground Road. Filmmaker Jen Senko explores the rise of the right wing media, and how it affected her once-Democratic father who became an angry right-wing fanatic after his immersion in talk radio and Fox News. This award-winning documentary discovers this to

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**SATURDAY, NOV. 4 –**  
**BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. –** On Saturday, Nov. 4 the First Baptist Church of Bellows Falls, will hold an annual holiday bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tables of gift items, food and craft items. There will be a raffle with many gifts and a lunch menu that features chicken n' biscuit, corn chowder, sandwiches and hot dogs. We are handicap accessible look forward to

seeing you there.

**SPRINGFIELD, Vt. –** On Saturday, Nov. 4 the First Congregational Church UCC, 77 Main St. will be hosting a quilt show and bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The show is in our historic sanctuary with quilts from our creative community. The Bazaar features quilted items, books, jewelry, crafts, food, and Back Room Bargains. Lunch is available. Admission is free. Handicapped accessible.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 5 –**  
**LUDLOW, Vt. -** Black River Good Neighbor Services will

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The schools in the Two Rivers Supervisory Union (Mount Holly Elementary, Ludlow Elementary, Cavendish Town Elementary, Black River High School and Green Mountain Union High School) are looking for great people to work with our staff in our schools! Have fun, support our local children and earn a little money. Be a Substitute! We pay full day and ½ day rates. You must be at least 18 years old, Background check will be required.

Send a letter of interest with a resume and we will send you an application packet, or stop in on Wednesdays to pick one up. You are required to provide ID and proof of employment eligibility when you apply.

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802-875-6438 (fax)

**Bus Drivers Needed – Green Mountain Union High School and Cavendish Elementary School**

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Successful candidates will have a CDL with school bus and passenger endorsements, as well as DOT Medical Card. Background Checks Required.

**Please forward a letter of interest and references to:**

Todd Parah  
Maintenance & Transportation Supervisor  
Green Mountain Union High School  
716 VT Route 103 South  
Chester, VT 05143  
802-875-2146

**OR**

George Thomson  
Cavendish Town Elementary School  
P.O. Bo 236  
Proctorsville, VT 05153  
802-875-7758

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**LUDLOW ELEMENTARY & MOUNT HOLLY SCHOOL DISTRICTS 706B MERGER STUDY COMMITTEE**

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING & HEARINGS:**

November 7th @ 6:00 PM—Tuesday  
Mount Holly School—Gymnasium

November 16th @ 6:00 PM—Thursday  
Ludlow Elementary School—Gymnasium (Presidential Hall)

November 21st @ 6:00 PM—Tuesday  
Mount Holly School—Gymnasium

Be informed for the November 28, 2017 Town votes, proposing that the  
**Ludlow Elementary School District and the Mount Holly School District and the Union #39/Black River School District become a part of a newly formed:**  
**Ludlow-Mount Holly Unified Union School District**

Polls will be open: 10 AM to 7 PM on November 28, 2017 at your regular polling place

**TAKE A BREAK!**

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**King Crossword**

**ACROSS**

1 Eye layer  
5 Poorly illuminated  
8 Answer an invite  
12 Send a naughty photo  
13 Environmental prefix  
14 Elevator name  
15 Goblet part  
16 Carrion-eating birds  
20 Highly ornate  
28 Most up-to-date  
21 Satan's purchase  
23 Pod occupant  
24 Snapshots  
28 Omit  
31 Web address  
32 Diarist  
34 Samuel  
34 A Gabor sister  
35 Settled a debt  
37 False teeth  
39 Wire measure  
41 Kitchen, e.g.  
42 On the schedule  
45 Tropical fruit  
49 Blends  
51 "American —"  
52 Sandwich

**DOWN**

1 Letters on old  
2 Asian maps  
3 Kill a bill  
3 One of the brass, for short  
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8 GPS findings  
9 One who jogs  
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10 Competes  
11 "Hey, you!"  
17 Spigot  
19 Masterstroke  
22 Shunned person  
24 Young dog  
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33 Old portico  
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38 Baseball arbiter  
40 Roman money  
42 Urban blight  
43 Old Italian coin  
44 Sketch  
46 Hebrew month  
47 Relaxing discipline  
48 Brewery products  
50 Away from WSW

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**Salome's Stars**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Your work requires increased effort during the next few days. But it all will pay off down the line. Things ease up in time for weekend fun with family and/or friends.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your genuine concern for others could prompt you to promise more than you can deliver. It's best to modify your plans now, before you wind up over-committed later.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A situation that seems simple at first glance needs a more thorough assessment before you give it your OK. Dig deeper for information that might be hidden from view.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Careful: Right now, things might not be quite what they appear. Even the intuitive Crab could misread the signs. Get some solid facts before you act on your suspicions.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Your energy levels are high, allowing you to complete those unfinished tasks before you take on a new project. A social invitation could come from an unlikely source.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You might think you're helping, but unless you're asked for a critique, don't give it. If you are asked, watch what you say. Your words should be helpful, not hurtful.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your attempt at mediating disputes might meet some opposition at first. But once you're shown to be fair and impartial, resistance soon gives way to cooperation.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Go ahead. Reward yourself for helping settle a disturbing workplace situation. On another note: A personal relationship might be moving to a higher level.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A sudden change of heart by a colleague might create some momentary uncertainty. But stay with your original decision and, if necessary, defend it.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Rely on a combination of your sharp instincts along with some really intense information gathering to help you make a possibly life-changing decision.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Instead of worrying if that new person in your life will stay or leave, spend all that energy on strengthening your relationship so it becomes walk-out resistant.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A sudden financial dry spell could reduce your cash flow almost to a trickle. But by conserving more and spending less, you'll get through the crunch in good shape.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your ability to keep secrets makes you the perfect confidante for friends, family and co-workers.

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# calendar

EVENTS CONT.

**SUN., NOV. 5 CONT.-** holds its eighth annual Stick Season Social this year on Sunday, Nov. 5, in the Roundhouse at Jackson Gore, with the silent auction and bar at noon and a buffet lunch at 1 p.m. This is our major fundraiser of the year. It will help the BRGNS' Food Shelf with program costs so it can

continue to help local people in need of food, rent, utilities and heat assistance.

CHESTER, Vt. - Join Bill Schubart for a talk on his new novel, "Lila and Theron" on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. This is the third event this year in the annual Vermont Voices series. Set in rural America and spanning much of the 20th century, "Lila and

Theron" captures the spirit of the American rural experience, as it relates to their personal stories of love and sacrifice. Bill Schubart is an award-winning novelist and political and cultural commentator heard weekly on Vermont Public Radio. This event is free and open to all. Phoenix Books Misty Valley is located at 58 Common Street, Chester. For more information, go to [www.phoenixbooks.biz](http://www.phoenixbooks.biz) or call 802-875-3400.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 13 -** LUDLOW, Vt. - American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Ludlow Community Center Gymnasium, 37 Main St., 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. Please give blood. It's desperately needed. Walk-ins welcome, but you can take advantage of "RAPIDPASS" on your computer at home before you arrive to save time! For more info contact Abi Karner, Ludlow Blood Drive coordinator by phone at 802-345-9132 or by Email at [abi.clearlake@gmail.com](mailto:abi.clearlake@gmail.com).

**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

**SATURDAY, NOV. 11 -** WINDSOR, Vt. - There will be a Christmas Bazaar at Old South Church from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. that features The Christmas Attic, with new and gently used Christmas items, handicrafts; vendor booths, and the "10,000 Villages" sale (with Fair Trade items from third-world countries). In addition to a bake sale, a soup & sandwich luncheon will be served from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more info, contact Kathryn Prevo at 802-674-6489.

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

**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

Thursday, Nov. 2 from 7-9 p.m. Friends of the Library presents a short version of the renowned breakthrough writing workshop as a fundraiser for a suggested sliding-scale donation. Please bring a laptop, notebook, and pens. We'll move back and forth between interactive discussion and writing practices. The workshop turns apparent obstacles into the material: for writing, but from which to build a thriving and resilient life. Registration is recommended. To register or for more information, email [programming@rockinghamlibrary.org](mailto:programming@rockinghamlibrary.org), stop by the Library at 65 Westminster St. in Bellows Falls or call 802-463-4270.

**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

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Rockingham Library hosts 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. These events are free and open to the public. For more information, go to [rockinghamlibrary.org](http://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.

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**LIBRARIES**

**THURSDAY, NOV. 2 -** BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. - Don't miss Fearless Writing's Greatest Hits: a 2-Hour Mini-Workshop with Crescent Dragonwagon at the Rockingham Library on

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honest, I may prefer to be the only dog, or at least be top dog, but no cats! I have been around teens and would love children over 12 years old to play and cuddle with. If you are looking for a bundle of love that really enjoys people, and you are a feline free zone, then I am the girl for you! Stop by Wednesday thru Saturday from noon to 4:30.



Hi! I'm Mittens. I am 10 years young and far from "over the hill." I enjoy catnip and batting around toys. My most favorite thing is food! If you can't find me, just shake a treat bag and I will come running. My family had to move for medical reasons and sadly I couldn't go too. I was very upset for a long time, but now I am loving life. I need a quiet indoor home because I am

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**WEDNESDAYS CONT.-**  
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. – Story time at Whiting Library from 10:30-11:30 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

## 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

BElLOWS FALLS, Vt. - TOPS

Chapter Vermont #12 meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Social Center, 39 Green Street in Bellows Falls. Come to TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) a non-profit, non-commercial, weight loss support group that really works. Every week there are interesting programs that touch on topics that help us in our quest for weight loss. We share healthy recipes for main meals and snacks. Your first meeting is free. Bring a friend; you

won't be disappointed. Visit our website www.tops.org for more information. 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. TFN

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

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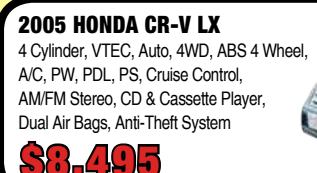
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# Hunger Free Vermont receives second grant from Newman’s Own Foundation

**REGION** – Hunger Free Vermont has been awarded a \$30,000 grant from Newman’s Own Foundation, the independent foundation created by the late actor and philanthropist, Paul Newman. Hunger Free Vermont is dedicated to ending the injustice of hunger and malnutrition for all Vermonters.

Newman’s Own Foundation made the award for the second year in a row to Hunger Free Vermont as part of a broader commitment to support programs that increase access to fresh food and nutrition education in underserved communities.

This funding will help Hunger Free Vermont to offer nutrition education in communities across Vermont, teaching Vermont youth and adults how to shop for and prepare nutritious meals on small budgets. It will also as-

sist in training childcare providers so that our youngest children get the crucial nutrition they need for their early childhood development.

“We are honored and incredibly grateful to receive such significant support from Newman’s Own Foundation for our early childhood nutrition work and our cooking and nutrition education program, which have both been serving Vermonters for nearly two decades,” remarks Marissa Parisi, Hunger Free Vermont’s executive director. “Many of our neighbors struggle to make ends meet to afford healthy food for themselves and their families. Helping kids get good nutrition in childcare relieves the family food budget and can often extend nutrition education into the home when kids share what they have tasted or learned about healthy food. Plus, The Learning Kitchen program directly

teaches skills for eating well on a small budget.”

“As the board chair of Hunger Free Vermont and an employee of Cabot Creamery, I am thrilled to see this partnership with leaders in their respective businesses,” remarks Amy Levine, Hunger Free Vermont’s board chair. “Newman’s Own Foundation is a leading example of how philanthropy and food production can go hand-in-hand with Hunger Free Vermont’s model for tackling food insecurity. Thank you to Newman’s Own Foundation for investing in Hunger Free Vermont.”

Newman’s Own Foundation turns all net profits and royalties from the sale of Newman’s Own products into charitable donations. To date, Paul Newman and Newman’s Own Foundation have given over \$495 million to thousands of charities around the world.



The Learning Kitchen teaches students how to cook and eat healthy.

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